

## Q150 Steam Train – Writers Train June 2009

There were so many positives to come out of this excursion across Queensland that they far outweigh any problems we might have had. Accommodation was sometimes basic but always comfortable, occasionally luxurious. We ate well. We met wonderful people including some very colourful characters, on and off the train.



The journey on the train was a delight and a true highlight of the trip.

It was comfortable and inspiring. Sessions were always received enthusiastically.

Some groups were very small but always there was enthusiasm from the participants.

Occasional lack of local advertising reduced the possible attendance at some sessions. But there were some “magic moments” when locals realized some hidden potential in themselves or we were able to recognize it in their work. I came away with as many story ideas as I was able to share with the participants.

In almost all cases we were warmly welcomed and the organization of transport and facilities was efficient and obliging. It was a great comfort and reassurance to have the constant support of Prue and Odette from the promotional team looking out for our needs along the way. This was a once in a lifetime journey.

We three presenters found each other wonderful, warm, supportive and sharing company.

We were a perfect match in travel and especially in the presentation of our joint sessions where we discovered, to our delight, that we worked in concord, despite our different specialties.



I am honoured to have been included on this “writer’s train” journey. The impact and importance of it on me personally and professionally will be felt for a considerable time to come.

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