

MARY VALLEY RATTLER

RATTLER RAILWAY COMPANY LTD. **ORGANISATION POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Rattler Railway Company ACN 168 604 975



Position Title: Carriage Maintainer

Department: Infrastructure & Assets

Reports to: Senior Manager Infrastructure

Job type: Contract

Date: January 2026

About the Mary Valley Rattler

The Mary Valley Rattler (MVR) is a not for profit organisation ensuring the public has access to a historic rail experience. We operate with assistance from a large group of volunteers and are administered by a voluntary board.

The Mary Valley Rattler is a heritage rail experience operating with a fleet of fully restored locomotives and carriages and call the beautifully restored Gympie Station home. The train currently departs Gympie Station heading to Amamoor, a 46 kilometre return journey through the scenic Mary Valley.

The Mary Valley Rattler:

- operates a return service to Amamoor aboard our heritage steam train
- provides a variety of experiences for our guests to enjoy (including food and beverage packages, bring your dog packages, ride with the driver)
- runs a café and gift shop located at the Gympie Station
- caters small and large events on the train and at the station

The Mary Valley Rattler is committed to providing a safe and secure operating environment for our staff, volunteers and guests to enjoy.

Position in context

Reporting to the Senior Infrastructure Manager, this role has accountability for supporting compliant, safe and reliable passenger carriages used by MVR.

The Contract Carriage Maintainer is part of MVR's Infrastructure and Assets team and works closely with staff and volunteers to ensure carriage maintenance is completed to a high standard, with a strong focus on heritage presentation, functionality and safety.

Freedom to act

The Contract Carriage Maintainer works according to the policies and procedures of MVR.

The Contract Carriage Maintainer delivers outcomes with operational excellence and a strong commitment to workshop safety and quality workmanship.

Major job responsibilities

Supporting the Mary Valley Rattler by providing compliant, safe and reliable passenger carriages:

- Undertake carriage maintenance activities, primarily involving timber carriage repairs and restoration works.
- Operate woodworking equipment competently and safely, including but not limited to table saws and thicknessers.
- Identify and report carriage defects and deterioration, and complete repairs in line with agreed priorities and timeframes.
- Maintain a clean, safe and efficient work environment, including correct storage and safe use of plant, tools and equipment.
- Support a culture of safety within the workshop environment through strict adherence to WHS procedures and hazard reporting.
- Lead and coordinate a small team, consisting mainly of volunteers, ensuring tasks are clearly delegated and completed to a quality standard.
- Work cooperatively with other Infrastructure and Assets team members to support planned maintenance, corrective repairs and operational readiness.
- Ensure compliance with all legislative requirements including but not limited to Work Health and Safety and Fair Work.

Knowledge, Experience and Requirements

- Trade qualification as a carpenter, coachbuilder, or equivalent demonstrated skills and experience.
- Competent and confident using woodworking machinery and tools, including table saws and thicknessers.
- Proven ability to lead and coordinate a small team, with the capability to guide and support volunteer workers.
- Strong ability to work effectively both autonomously and as part of a team environment.
- High level of commitment to safety, risk management, and safe work practices.
- Passion for rail and heritage rolling stock is highly regarded and considered an advantage.
- Sound knowledge of OHS and strict adherence to all requirements.