



## PORT OF SALE HERITAGE CRUISES

Ideal for travellers, families, school groups, birdwatchers, history buffs, boat lovers and those who simply enjoy relaxing on the water.

Cruises depart twice daily for 1.5 hours, with pick up and set down at the Port of Sale. Parking is available. Drinks and light refreshments can be purchased on board.

Charter bookings are also available for special interest groups or functions.

For bookings and enquiries call 0400 933 112



~RUBEENA. 1912~  
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## WELCOME

Welcome to Port of Sale Heritage Cruises, Sale's newest leisure cruise.

Discover the important role the Sale Canal played in opening up Gippsland to the world as you journey from the Port of Sale to the landmark Swing Bridge aboard The Rubeena.

Your hosts, three generations of the Lewis family, have a personal connection to the region's heritage and an expansive knowledge of its history and will share remarkable stories of that past.

Daily departures: **10am and 2pm**

Cruise duration: **1.5 hours**

Cost: **\$19 per person**  
**\$15 children** under 15  
**\$72 family** (2 adults, 3 kids)

Bookings: **0400 933 112 ~ Rachel**  
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## ALONG THE BANKS

Where you find water, you find birds and animals and there is a myriad of different species to be seen along The Rubeena's route.

The Rubeena's quiet electric motor and leisurely pace are ideal for spotting even the shiest creatures. Birdsong provides a constant soundtrack to your journey and keen eyes will spot Whistling Kites, Pelicans, Sea Eagles, Cormorants, Moorhens, and Azure Kingfishers.

The abundant birdlife is significant to the region's first people, the Gunnaikurnai, and a local artist commemorated their creation story of Borun the Pelican and Tuk the Musk Duck in an evocative sculpture set in parkland at the Swing Bridge.

Wildlife are also encouraged by the Sale Game Refuge on the southern flank of the waterway.

Bird and animal sightings are highest at sunrise and sunset, and you can make a charter booking for these times if you have a particular interest in this aspect of the cruise.

## DAYS GONE BY

Forget text books and libraries, the best way to discover history is to immerse yourself in the place where it happened. Experience "a transport system of national importance" cruising from the Port of Sale to the renowned Swing Bridge and back.

Completed in 1890, the transport system connected Sale and the Gippsland Region to the open sea and the rest of the world. The Sale Canal, dug by horse and scoop, was the essential link between rail and road, rivers and lake.

The Lewis family tells of bureaucratic bungalows, settlers struggling against the elements and a vicious conflict between the region's colonisers and its first people, the Gunnaikurnai who have lived in the area for thousands of years.

Today the Swing Bridge is the oldest intact, operational bridge of its kind in Australia and the only bridge of its kind in Victoria. It is opened at 3pm every Saturday and Sunday to allow tall river traffic through.

