

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom discovered one of the tourism gems of the West Coast during a two day visit to the region last week – the Wee Georgie Wood.

Mr Sidebottom met with the dedicated volunteers behind the steam railway at Tullah last Thursday, on the second day of the tour which also took him to Queenstown, Strahan, Zeehan and Rosebery.

He was able to hear about the efforts to upgrade the railway and plans to train more drivers for the small tourist operation.

“The Wee Georgie Wood is just another of the gems I’ve discovered in the West since the changes to the electoral boundaries earlier this year,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“I was happy to be able to chip in \$200 toward the group to help with their costs, but will also try to lobby for assistance in other areas.”

Mr Sidebottom was able to take a ride alongside two trainee drivers on the railway, which is the only operational two-foot steam locomotive in the West.

“I’ve been to the West five times since Australia Day and I keep coming across wonderful little surprises like the Wee Georgie Wood.”