

Association of Railway Enthusiasts Limited

Luncheon Outing Group - 10th Anniversary Outing Tuesday 7th February 2023

Luncheon outings run by the ARE is based on a similar concept that has been operating for many years by the ARHS NSW Division. Brought to Melbourne by Hugh Waldron, ARHS Vic. Div. introduced these outings on Tuesday 4th February 2013 with an excursion to Kinglake. The idea was that the excursion would start in the City after the AM peak and would finish before the start of the PM peak, usually in the City. Originally, the tours would operate on the first Tuesday of each month from February to December. Over the years some extended excursions would operate by starting before 9.00 AM and/or ending after 5.00 PM. Most excursions operate within the metropolitan area but some have operated to regional parts of Victoria. The operating days of places of interest made Tuesdays impractical so excursions operated on other days of the week including weekends. In some instances, a second excursion took place within some months. With projects planned and advertised a few weeks in advance, some were abandoned or postponed due to Covid-based lockdowns that were introduced at short notice.

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For the February 2023 10th anniversary outing, we proceed to Hurstbridge for lunch then return to Melbourne using combinations of suburban trains and buses.

Meet at Flinders Street station, near the Metro Trains' Information Kiosk at 09 45 then travel to Greensborough on a Hurstbridge service departing 09 59 and arriving 10 48. Next we board a bus on route 343 which terminates near Hurstbridge station. A short walk brings us to the Post Office Café where lunch will be served.

The Hurstbridge railway station is opposite the café. We board another train as far as Eltham departing 13 20 and arriving 13 41, then board a bus on route 579 departing 13 55 and travel to Webb Street, Warrandyte. We then board a bus on route 364 and travel to Ringwood station arriving at 14 39. Finally we travel by train departing 14 55 to return to Flinders Street arriving at 15 34.

To confirm the number of diners, please contact the booking officer Hugh Waldron, either by email hugh.waldron@bigpond.com or by 'phone on (03) 9889 5140 between 19 30 and 21 00, by Thursday 26th January 2023. If boarding after Flinders Street please, at the time of booking, advise the booking officer of your boarding station.

There will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of administration and the photocopying of tour notes. Lunch and drinks are at your own expense. For all public transport mentioned, you will need either a myki, mobile myki or V/Line paper ticket covering Zones 1 & 2. Please ensure the booking officer has your latest email address and/or 'phone number. On the day of travel, please check in with the ARE booking officer or assistant when you arrive at Flinders Street. If boarding after Flinders Street, we will be travelling in the second carriage.

If you wish to contact Geoff or Hugh on the day of travel only, Geoff's mobile is 0412 056 033 and Hugh's mobile is 0499 176 770. *These numbers are for use on the day of travel only.*