



AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MELBOURNE BRANCH

NAVIGATIONAL TIME BALL, SEAWORKS MARITIME MUSEUM & HMAS CASTLEMAINE

Wednesday 10th January 2024

For the January outing we have decided to go with a Nautical theme with a visit to the Navigational Time Ball, SEAWORKS Maritime Museum and the HMAS Castlemaine in Williamstown, followed with a Ferry trip back from Gem Pier to Port Melbourne, where the outing will end at Station Pier opposite the Tram Stop.

We will meet at the Concourse at the Flinders Street Station at 9:00am and depart on the 9:20am Williamstown train to Williamstown Station arriving 9:46am. We will then walk via the old rail formation (1.45 km) stopping at the Navigational Time Ball at the Point Gellibrand Lookout, with great views back to Melbourne. After a short break we will continue to the Seaworks Museum 82 Nelson Place arriving just before 10:30am.

Those not wanting to walk to the Navigational Time Ball can walk straight to SEAWORKS from the Williamstown Station, have a coffee at one of the many cafes or catch a later train and meet us at 10:30am at the main entrance. Please let us know when you book your arrival time with the Group.

After the visit at 11:45am we will walk across the Street to the Customs House Hotel for lunch. At 1:30pm we will then walk back across the Street to Gem Pier for an inspection of the WW 2 Corvette (Ship) HMAS Castlemaine. After the inspection of the Ship, we will board the Williamstown to Port Melbourne Ferry at 3:10pm arriving at Station Pier, Port Melbourne opposite the tram stop to the City, at approximately 3:30pm, where the outing will end.

You will need your MYKI or a V/line paper ticket covering at least Zone 1. The admission to SEAWORKS is \$5.00 Adults, HMAS Castlemaine \$10.00 and Ferry one way to Port Melbourne \$17.00 Concession (\$26.00 full fare) Lunch and Drinks at the Customs House Hotel are at your expense. There will be a \$5.00 Administration charge covering the cost of administration and photocopying of notes.

As we are using a Ferry from Williamstown to Port Melbourne and space is limited, we are limiting the outing to the first 25 bookings to return on the Ferry. All bookings after that will have to return by train from the Williamstown station or other means. If you don't want to return by ferry and go home by train or other means, please let us know when making your booking.

To book, confirm diners and ferry passengers contact John Ruddock 0418 384 718 between 7:30pm and 9:00pm or Email johnesma@outlook.com with your name, phone number, Email address and where you will be joining the outing and how you will be leaving the Group via Ferry or other means. If boarding the train after Flinders Street, we will be traveling in the second carriage from the front.

BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3rd 2024.

If you must contact John or Geoff on the day of travel only, John 0418 384 718 Geoff 0412 056 033.

NOTE: This is a Wednesday outing due to SEAWORKS operational days.

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