



**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**MELBOURNE BRANCH**

**Wangaratta via XPT & return via VLine SG VLOCITY to visit  
ARTC Inland Railway Information Centre &  
Wangaratta Station & Works for the Inland Railway**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

ARHS Melbourne Luncheon Outing Group will be holding their February outing on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February, to Wangaratta via the XPT and return via SG VLOCITY. The outing will look at the rebuilding of the station with a new platform on the western side to replace the cutting the original standard gauge line was placed in.

On the way we will pass work on the new Intermodal Freight Company freight terminal at Somerton, projected to be “the largest intermodal terminal ever built in Australia.”

It will accommodate port shuttles & 1.8 km double stack trains. It is projected to be finished in 2025.

We then pass an empty paddock south of Wallan that is projected to be the Beveridge freight terminal for double-stack freight trains operating on the Inland Railway.

We will meet Jacinta Piazza from the ARTC Inland Rail Shop Front to show us the work site around Wangaratta Station and then we will visit the Rail Shop Front at 48a Norton St to learn about other parts of the project which is currently being worked on between Beveridge to Parkes.

We will meet at the Southern Cross Waiting Room opposite Platform 5 at 8:00 and depart on the 8:30 XPT to Wangaratta arriving there at 11:06.

Lunch venue is still to be confirmed by a dry run to be made early January 2024, (lunch and drinks at your expense).

We will depart Wangaratta Station at 1:44 and arrive Melbourne Southern Cross 4:36.

You will have to Purchase an XPT Ticket for the 06/02/2024 to Wangaratta, returning 13:44 to Melbourne Southern Cross via VLine arriving 16:36 booked on a VLine Ticket.

Bookings for the XPT can be made online at Trains For NSW website. If you book at least 5 days in advance you should get the best price fare available?

<https://transportnsw.info/regional-bookings>

Adult \$28.36 Concession \$23.64 prices at 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Vic Seniors use Pensioner/Senior Concession tab when booking online and that saves 10%.

Your VLine Ticket will cost \$5.00 and includes Zone 1 & 2 Travel and you must make a booking, it is not Myki Card Territory. Victorian Ticket prices may rise on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024?

Tour notes will be \$5.00 on the day.

For bookings and enquiries please contact John Ruddock 0418 384 718 between 19:30 and 21:00 or email <[johnesma@outlook.com](mailto:johnesma@outlook.com)>

Bookings close on Thursday 1st February 2024.

If want to contact Geoff or John on the day of travel only Geoff 0412 056 033 or John 0418 384 718.

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