



**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

MELBOURNE BRANCH

**Luncheon Outing, inspection of the new stations at Narre Warren,
Pakenham & East Pakenham with lunch at The Pakenham Hotel
Tuesday 6th August 2024**

This month we inspect the two new elevated stations at Narre Warren, Pakenham & the new station at East Pakenham. Narre Warren has 2 side platforms whilst Pakenham has 2 side platforms with a sort of wavy roof train shed... no doubt to win some design award like a Mini-Southern Cross!

East Pakenham (or E Pakenham as it says on the destination signs) has an island platform with 2 express bypass tracks going around the outside, one on each side of the Platform. VLine trains only stop at Pakenham, but now don't have to worry about terminating Metro trains blocking their path. The track arrangement is rather strange as will be seen on the day. It is also in the middle of an industrial estate with little housing near by! It is possibly a park & ride station for those living east of Pakenham. We will then travel to Pakenham for lunch at the Pakenham Hotel.

We will meet at our usual Flinders St concourse location beside the entrance to platforms 4 & 5 at 9:15. We then board the 2nd carriage of the HCMT at 9:33. Will it be one of the modified trains with fire doors at one end? Having made a train with no doors between the carriages they suddenly seemed to have realized that needed some sort of end doors for fire protection! It might even be the HCMT in the 'indigenous' color scheme.

We get off at Narre Warren at 10:25 to inspect the new station there & enjoy the artistic curved stair well & the luxury of 4 lifts. There should be 2 express Velocity's at around 10:30 & 10:50 for photographers.

Then we get back on at 11:04 & travel to Pakenham, passing the level crossing removal works at Beaconsfield station at the down end of the island platform, & the new bridge at Brunt St on the up side of Officer where another level crossing has just disappeared.

We arrive at Pakenham at 11:27 & inspect the fancy new wave roof. Whilst we enjoy the new station we will see a down stopping VLocity at 11:29 & an up at 11:41. We will hopefully see the one & only goods train of the day from Maryvale pass through at 12:13.

Assuming they have installed pedestrian lights at busy Main St, we will cross the street to the nearby Hotel for lunch at 12:30. (If you don't want to photograph trains you can start lunch at 12:00).

We finish a leisurely lunch & take the 14:04 to East Pakenham. There will be a down VLocity at 14:30 & an up VLocity at 14:40 for those who want to stay & get a shot of trains using the 2 new avoiding lines. Then return home whenever the mood takes you & note those other construction works on the way. Some might even want to get off at Beaconsfield to see progress on the Station St Road Bridge where the new road climbs over the railway line in a big circle.

To confirm the number of diners, please ring the booking officer Jonathan Scutt on (03) 9309 2694 between 19:30 and 21:00 or email him at <jonathanscutt@bigpond.com> by Thursday 1st August 2024.

There will be a \$5 administration charge, payable in cash on the day. Lunch and drinks are at your own expense. For all public transport travel mentioned, you will need either a Myki card, Mobile Myki or a VLine paper ticket covering zones 1 & 2. Please ensure the Booking Officer has your email address and/or phone number. On the day of travel, please check in with the ARHS Booking Officer or Assistant when you arrive at your starting point.

If you must contact Jonathan or Geoff on the day of travel only, Jonathan 0421 005 944 or Geoff 0412 056 033.

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