MELBOURNE BRANCH

Luncheon Outing, the old Webb Dock line & the new South Yarra Siding Park Tuesday 3rd September 2024

This month we have a 'walk of discovery' along the old Webb Dock railway & across to the new South Yarra Siding Park between the Sandringham & Frankston lines. There will be a lot of walking for those who can handle it, approximately 2.5 km & a non-walking alternative.

Walkers meet at Southern Cross Station at the Waiting Room opposite Platforms 5 & 6 at 9:15.

Walkers catch a route 11 or 48 tram in Collins St Extension about 9:30 am alighting at the Harbour Esplanade/Collins St stop.

We walk over the old railway bridge now known as the Webb Bridge to the Eighteen Pence Lane stop in Lorimer St to catch the route 237 bus at 10:36. We alight at the Department of Defense Science bus stop in Lorimer St.

Non-walkers will meet at Southern Cross at 10:10 and walk to catch the 237 Bus in Collins St at 10:32 and meet the walkers at the Eighteen Pence Lane stop where the walkers will board the bus.

The bus follows the railway which will be on the right-hand side of the bus from the Bolte Bridge westwards. We all alight at the Department of Defense Science bus stop in Lorimer St. Walkers will cross the road & walk beside the abandoned railway to the Wharf Rd terminus of the route 235 bus.

Non-walkers can catch a 235 bus at the Department of Defense Science bus stop to the Wharf Rd terminus right beside the railway track & wait for the walkers to arrive.

Non-walkers can view the overgrown remains of the track at the Wharf Rd Terminus. Both groups catch the next route 235 bus at 11:13. We then journey back to Spencer St. We will pass through the industrial area of Fishermans Bend along Williamstown Rd... all planned to become high-rise towers & an 'employment' zone.

We then catch a route 12 tram at the Spencer St/Collins St stop at 11:56 down Clarendon St to the corner of Park St for lunch at the Limerick Arms Hotel arriving at 12:06.

We leave the Hotel at 13:30 & walk one kilometre along Park Street. A tram alternative is available for non-walkers.

From there, we continue on a route 58 tram to South Yarra station & walk down the Lovers Walk path beside the railway to Chapel St. We'll pass the new entrance to the Metro tunnel. Note the HCMT trains on the Dandenong line travelling direct to Sth Yarra, from 2025 they will enter the Metro tunnel & not be seen between Sth Yarra & Sth Kensington ever again!

We cross the railway in Chapel St & walk along Arthur St beside the railway to the new South Yarra Siding Park.

With the coming of the Metro tunnel a substation has been built in the junction with this new park built on top of it. We might be in time to see the down steel train or the up Maryvale freight.

Non-walkers can make the shorter journey from the station down Osbourne St to the footbridge over the Sandringham line direct to the park.

To confirm the number of diners, please ring the booking officer Jonathan Scutt on 04 2100 5944 between 19:30 and 21:00 or email him at <jonathanscutt@bigpond.com> by Thursday 1st September 2024. When you book, please indicate your start time either 9:15 or 10:10.

There will be a \$5 for notes & administration charge, payable in cash on the day. Your meal 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 I & 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 Ian on the day of travel only, Jonathan 0421 005 944 or Ian 0406 607 602.

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