



**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Luncheon Outing, inspection of the Gippsland line upgrade  
with lunch at The Grand Junction Hotel Traralgon  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

This month we travel to Traralgon to see the new duplication works and new platforms at Bunyip, Longwarry, Morwell & Traralgon. At Bunyip the double track now passes through the station with a new up platform. The track becomes single line with a rather nasty 60km dogs-leg in the track! At Longwarry the double track starts again, on the upside of the station there is a new down platform.

At Morwell the crossing loop has been extended past the current station with a new up platform (or possibly a down platform) to the east of the current station. The new arrangement allows 2 passenger trains to cross whilst a freight or special train waits in the loop. Finally, at Traralgon the old platform has been restored but the old station building is not part of the works. There is a giant new footbridge with stairs & lifts.

We will meet at the waiting room opposite platform 4 & 5 Southern Cross Station at 9:00 & board the 2<sup>nd</sup> carriage of the VLocity at 9:25. We pass through the new stations at Narre Warren & Pakenham & whizz past the new East Pakenham station on the down VLine avoiding line.

Look out on the south side of the train after leaving Morwell for the old Morwell freight siding near the Mid Valley shopping center. You can still see the remains of some SEC narrow gauge wagons... bogies & underframes for coal wagons... just dumped in the long grass!

We arrive at Traralgon 11:51 & cross The Princess Hwy to The Grand Junction Hotel for lunch.

We catch a train back to Melbourne at 13:27

An alternative for the adventurous is to get off at Bunyip at 14:20 to look at the new station & the nasty kink in the track that was DELIBERATELY put there! Then board a train to Longwarry at 14:47 to look at the new station there. Finally, we board a train for home at 15:16 & whizz past East Pakenham on the up avoiding line.

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 28th November 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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