AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MELBOURNE BRANCH

ARHS Melbourne Luncheon Outing Group, Jacks Magazine Maribyrnong & new Maidstone Tram Depot with lunch at Pancake Parlour Highpoint West Wednesday 7th May 2025

We are going to visit Jack's Magazine (also known as the Saltwater River Gunpowder Magazine) which is located on the Maribyrnong River at Maribyrnong, Victoria. The complex opened in 1878, to provide safe storage for bonded gunpowder and explosives imported into the colony of Victoria.

After lunch we will visit the new Maidstone Tram Depot being built to house & service the new G Class Trams.

Meet on Wednesday 7th May at 8:40 am at the Waiting Room opposite Platform 6 at Southern Cross Station to travel by Metro Train to Footscray Station departing at 9:00 am.

We then walk to the Route 82 tram terminus departing at 9:18 am alighting at Lyric Street Stop 55.

Then we walk to Jacks Magazine for a 10 am start to the Tour.

After the Tour through Jacks Magazine, we walk to the 409 Bus Stop at Edgewater Boulevard & Jacks Way to catch the Route 12:14 pm Bus to Highpoint West Bus Terminal. Lunch is at the Pancake Parlour.

After lunch we walk back to the Bus Terminal to catch the 1:55 pm Route 215 Bus and go to Wattle Road & Hampstead Road Maidstone.

We cross the road & view the new Maidstone Depot under construction and the tram tracks leading to the new depot from Hampstead Road and a driveway next to the site.

We then walk up to Wests Road looking at the new T Junction for the Tram Tracks and the relocated tracks in the Tram Reserve leading to Raleigh Road.

Then we catch a tram from stop 50 in Williamsons Road for the trip back via Route 82 tram to Moonee Ponds Junction.

We then walk up Puckle Street to Moonee Ponds Station, one of the few left, with a level crossing adjacent to the Station.

There is a lot of walking on this tour, on the dry run we walked 6.8 km, but made a few wrong turns and did not go inside Jacks Magazine.

There is a maximum of 20 people allowed on this tour, book early please to secure your spot. Bookings for the Tour cost \$25 plus \$5 Tour Notes & Administration charge.

Payment of \$30 can be made at the next outings by cash or by direct Deposit to JT & EF Ruddock BSB 083-363 Account 13-775-5266, make sure you include your name when making the payment.

For booking and enquiries please contact Geoff Wallace 0412 056 033 between 7:30 and 9:00 pm or email MelbourneLOG@arhsnsw.com.au

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 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.

Bookings close Thursday May 1st, 2025.

If you want to contact Geoff or John on the day of travel, Geoff 0412 056 033 or John 0418 384 718. E&OE

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