



**Luncheon Outing, Waurm Ponds duplication works & new Deer Park station,
Phoenix Geelong hotel for Lunch Tuesday 4th March 2025**

On Tuesday 4th March 2025, we will inspect the new duplication works on the line to Waurm Ponds. This will include the new elevated station at Deer Park. From Geelong to South Geelong the single-track tunnel has proven too much to deal with & so this duplication project has been put off to the never-never! Thus, the double track starts at South Geelong with 2 platforms, steps, lifts & ramps. The double track runs all the way to the Barwon River bridge over a new double track bridge above Fyans St. It is single track over the river to Marshall station.

At Marshall the double track starts again with 2 platforms, lifts, steps & ramps. We arrive at Waurm Ponds & then return to Geelong for lunch at the Phoenix hotel. On our return to Melbourne, we will stop off at Deer Park to note the roof top garden on the new station

We gather at 8:45 am at Southern Cross waiting room then catch the 9:10 VLocity to South Geelong, arriving at 10:18. We look at the new Platform, Lifts & Overhead Walkway, we then catch the next Down train to Waurm Ponds at 10:37 am arriving at 10:49 am.

We've looked at the new Waurm Ponds station on a previous trip, so we'll catch the next train back departing at 11:01. There are toilets at Waurm Ponds as well as on the train. We get off at Marshall at 11:05 & inspect this stations Ramps, Stairs & Lifts with the added 2nd Platform.

There will be a terminating Marshall VLocity at 11:34 (part of a partial new timetable) that will be crossed by the up express Warrnambool pass. This is one of the few surviving loco-hauled trains still running! If the terminating train is running late the pass may have to stop at the end of the double track. After this bit of excitement, we'll catch the return VLocity from platform 2 at 11:46 & arrive back at Geelong station at 11:57.

It is a short 10-minute walk to lunch at the Phoenix hotel or non-walkers can catch one of several buses that head to the nearby Moorabool St stop for a short 5-minute walk to the hotel.

At 2:00 it is the reverse walk back to Geelong station where we catch the 2:38 to Deer Park arriving at 3:16.

Here we can note the roof-top garden on the new station... & the total lack of symmetry between platform 1 & 2! The fancy orange wave roof over the steps at platform 1 isn't repeated on the other side at platform 2. Maybe they had 2 completely different contractors!

We then catch the 3:36 back to the city arriving at 4:00.

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

Bookings close Thursday February 27, 2025.

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

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