



**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**MELBOURNE BRANCH**

## **SEYMOUR RAIL HERITAGE CENTRE**

**Tuesday July 1, 2025**

ARHS Melbourne Luncheon Outing Group will be travelling to Seymour for our July 2025 outing and visiting the Seymour Rail Heritage Centre. The centre was formed in 1983 and has been dedicated to the preservation of a fleet of heritage rollingstock. The carriages cover over a century of history including royal and vice regal cars, well known 'S' types and some that once featured on the iconic 'Spirit of Progress'.

In addition, the Centre operates several ex VR diesel locomotives and is currently nearing the restoration of J515 to service. We will have a chance to inspect several of the historic carriages as well as the carriage shops and locomotive buildings. The Centre has kindly offered to bring out several of the carriages into the open for viewing. There are carriage sets in both broad gauge and standard gauge.

Seymour was also once home to the mighty 'S' class steam locomotives which were exclusively used on the 'Spirit of Progress' between Melbourne and Albury.

We will meet at the waiting room at Southern Cross Station opposite platform 5 at 7:55 am to catch the 8:14 am V/line service to Seymour, arriving at 9:50 am. We will then walk around to the Centre which is a 15 minute walk where Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided in the signal box with an extensive display before inspecting the Centre.

After our visit we will walk back to the Railway Club Hotel for lunch arriving approximately 12:30 pm. After lunch we will catch the 2:05 pm (14:05) V/line service back to Melbourne, arriving at 3:39 pm.

The return trip from Seymour is a Shepparton service which is a reservation service with limited unreserved seats. You can use your Myki with a \$5.50 (seniors) cap for all travel on the day, with no reserved seat from Seymour or alternatively book your return seat on the 1:26 pm (13:26) service from Murchison East to Melbourne Southern Cross, which entitles you to zones 1 & 2 travel in Melbourne and your morning service to Seymour as you have reached your daily cap. You cannot book a paper or electronic ticket to or from Seymour. If you use the paper or electronic ticket option do not use your Myki for any other travel on the day. However, the service is not expected to be crowded and there should be plenty of seats available unreserved.

The cost for the outing is \$25.00 (cash) which includes a donation to the Centre and morning tea, administration charge and tour notes. Payment can also be made by direct deposit to JT & EF Ruddock, BSB 083-363 Acct. 13 776 5266 Also, you will need a V/line paper or electronic ticket, or Myki as explained above.

Lunch is at the Seymour Railway Club Hotel, meal and drinks at your expense.

As the Centre is a working and operational environment, they have requested that you wear safety vests if you have them (orange not essential). These are not expensive to purchase (Kmart, Target, Bunnings all have them or op shops) and could be required on some future outings as well. Solid shoes with no open toes are also required.

There are walkways around the Centre but there are quite a few tripping hazards. This trip requires quite a bit of walking, to & from the SRHC and walking in the Centre & back to the Hotel for lunch.

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 June 26, 2025.

If you want to contact Geoff or Ian on the day of travel, Geoff 0412 056 033, Ian 0418 588 840.

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