

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

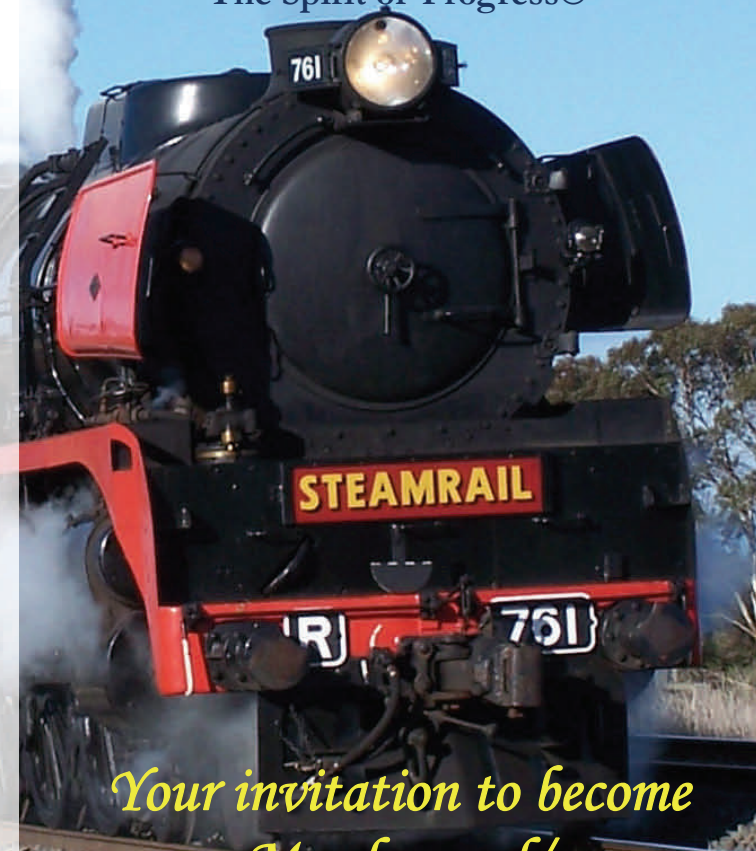
Mail your application form to:

**Membership Officer
Steamrail Victoria
PO Box 160
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Steamrail Victoria

Operator of
The Vintage Train® and
The Spirit of Progress®



*Your invitation to become
a Member and/or
Volunteer Worker*

www.steamrail.com.au

I wish to apply Membership:

Single / Family / Overseas / Junior / Mailing List*
Strike out those not applicable

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Phone B/H A/H

Email:

I agree to abide by the rules of the organisation

Signed: Date:

Note: For family membership, all members must sign

I enclose a cheque/money order for \$

Or debit my **MASTERCARD / VISA**

Strike out those not applicable

Expiry Date:/.....



Pro-rata Subscriptions	Single	Joint	Overseas
Jan - Dec	\$47.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Apr - Dec	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00
July - Dec	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$43.00
Oct - Dec	\$22.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
Mailing List (12 months)	\$20.00	Receive all tour notices	
Junior Membership	\$25.00	Includes 12 month subscription to newsletter	

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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

In Victoria during the 1950s, diesels were introduced to replace steam locomotives. The various railway societies in the state started to organise steam-hauled excursions for enthusiasts using the general pool of steam locomotives still in service. By the early 1960s however, it became apparent that all trains would soon be electric or diesel-hauled. This brought about the establishment in 1965 of the “Steam Preservation Co-ordination Committee”, the birth of what was to become Steamrail Victoria.

The committee realised there was more to preservation than just servicing and maintenance: it would need to retain and upkeep facilities such as turntables and water columns, and acquire and restore rolling stock. It was decided to operate regular monthly excursions. Titled, *The Vintage Train*®, these regular excursions using historic carriages began running in January 1966.



Steamrail was registered as a non-profit organisation in 1980. By this time, preservation had expanded rapidly with Steamrail completing its first locomotive, K190, at Bayswater. Soon after, a new home was found at the historic Newport Railway Workshops and since 1981, several steam locomotives have been restored and returned to service. These include K153 in 1983, the huge 4-6-4 R761 in 1984, 1903 veteran D3 639 by the Steamrail Ballarat division in 1984, and K183 in 1992. Vintage diesels and countless carriages have also been preserved. Steamrail's *Elecrail* division have restored an electric locomotive, L1162; many old electric suburban Tait cars (also known as “Red Rattlers”); and some older original suburban swing door carriages.

STEAMRAIL TODAY

More than thirty years after its inception, *The Vintage Train*® still operates monthly to destinations throughout the state and is regularly chartered by many groups and organisations for a special day out. It travels all over the Victorian broad gauge network offering a variety of tours for all tastes, including weekend excursions to interesting and popular destinations. The Steamrail carriage fleet comprises some thirty cars including sitting, sleeping and specialist vehicles such as the ‘Moorabool’ club car and ‘Hobson’s Bay’ multi-function car.

The Newport Railway Workshops were built in the 1880s and were the birthplace of many of our locomotives and carriages. These facilities enable us to keep our historic fleet in tiptop shape, and to carry out restoration projects.



We welcome new members as well as new volunteer workers. We are always in need of assistance in a huge variety of tasks that keep Steamrail operating. People interested in visiting the workshops to see preservation in action are always welcome.

MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- all forthcoming brochures and the monthly newsletter
- discount travel on all trains (two \$15 vouchers)
- 10% discount on all Steamrail souvenir items
- the opportunity to assist in the restoration and operation of our trains.

Adult Membership: Anyone over 18 years old

Joint Membership: 2 adults at the same residence

Overseas Membership: Anyone living overseas

Junior Membership: Children from ages 14 - 17

- No voting or nomination rights
- One discount voucher to travel on trains (\$15)
- Monthly Newsletter

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT STEAMRAIL

Steamrail relies on a small core of highly dedicated specialist staff supported by a large team of volunteers. It doesn't matter what you do in your day job, we can use your assistance. You can dedicate as much or as little time as you wish. Whatever your skill level, there is a job for you.

Steamrail needs engineers, fitters and turners, boiler makers, mechanics, cabinet makers, carpenters, upholsterers, glaziers, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, painters, forklift drivers, backhoe operators, crane operators, draftsmen, sign writers, welders, tool makers and other skilled professionals.

Other tasks include publicity, marketing, advertising, tour planning, designing brochures, writing, distributing the newsletter, managerial responsibilities, answering telephones, purchasing, stock control, budgeting, staffing the kiosk, membership responsibilities, preparing locomotives and carriages, track work, gardening, and cleaning.

There are also a number of roles which require training and certification such as locomotive driver, fireman, shunter and train officer (depot only).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email us with your details, including a contact phone number. We will then contact you and arrange a guided tour.

CONTACT DETAILS

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We look forward to hearing from you!