



# An Invitation to become a member with Steamrail

## 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 Elecraill 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 tip top 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 bi-monthly newsletter
- 10% discount on all Steamrail souvenir items
- The opportunity to assist in the restoration and operation of our trains
- You can receive information about upcoming tours by email or post

**Adult Membership:** Anyone over 18 years old

**Family Membership:** 2 adults at the same residence

**Overseas Membership:** Anyone living overseas

**Junior Membership:** Children from ages 15-17

- No voting or nomination rights for junior members

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

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. Volunteer assistance is also required for the sale of merchandise and souvenirs.

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:

Website: [www.steamrail.com.au](http://www.steamrail.com.au)

Email: [volunteer@steamrail.com.au](mailto:volunteer@steamrail.com.au)

Phone: (03) 9397 1953 • Fax: (03) 9397 1041

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## SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM TO...

### SCAN AND EMAIL TO:

[membership@steamrail.com.au](mailto:membership@steamrail.com.au)

### OR POST TO:

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

STEAMRAIL VICTORIA

PO BOX 125 NEWPORT, VICTORIA 3015

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*We look forward to hearing from you!*



Steamrail Victoria

Incorporated Association No. A0026264j  
ABN 46 460 156 080

# SRV Membership Application Form

Current or Previous Member

New Member

Member No.....Date.....

Name.....

Street.....

Suburb.....

State.....Postcode.....

Home Number.....

Mobile Number.....

Email Address.....

**MEMBERSHIP** (please select **ONE** membership subscription type only!)

### E-MAIL DELIVERY MEMBERSHIP

*"E-mail Delivery Membership", all your newsletters, tour brochures and updates will be sent to you by E-mail only.*

- Single Adult EMAIL DELIVERY Membership \$.....
- Couple or Family EMAIL DELIVERY Membership \$.....
- Junior EMAIL DELIVERY Membership (15-17 years) \$.....

### POSTAL DELIVERY MEMBERSHIP

*"Postal Delivery Membership", all your newsletters, tour brochures and updates will be sent to you by regular mail.*

- Single Adult POSTAL DELIVERY Membership \$.....
- Couple or Family POSTAL DELIVERY Membership \$.....
- Junior POSTAL DELIVERY Membership (15-17 years) \$.....
- Overseas POSTAL DELIVERY Membership, Airmail delivery \$.....
- Tax deductible donation..... \$.....

**TOTAL PAYMENT** \$.....

### Method of Payment

Cheque  EFTPOS  Cash  MasterCard  Visa

Card No ..... Expiry date ...../.....

Name of cardholder ..... CCV.....

Please circle amount below:

Pro Rata	Jan – Dec	Apr – Dec	July – Dec	Oct – Dec
Single Adult Email	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$37.00	\$27.00
Single Adult Postal	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$52.00	\$42.00
Family Email	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Family Postal	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$50.00
Junior Email	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$25.00	\$23.00
Junior Postal	\$45.00	\$42.00	\$40.00	\$38.00
Overseas Postal	\$85.00	\$72.00	\$61.00	\$50.00