

TULLAMARINE LIVE STEAM SOCIETY

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Operating the 'Bulla Hill Railway' Location – Green Street Bulla.
Melways Map 177 – B7

Annual Convention of the Australian Association of Live Steamers 2023

WELCOME.

The members of the Tullamarine Live Steam Society welcome you, your family and friends to this the A.A.L.S. Convention and we hope you enjoy a pleasant Easter with us.

REGISTRATION OFFICE.

Located next to the TLSS clubrooms. The AALS personnel will be available. An after-hours contact for TLSS will be provided. See Club notice board for details. If you require assistance, or advice and can't find a convention Marshall, visit the TLSS club rooms, we will be happy to see you, and provide information to assist.

PARKING.

All car parking near club rooms is limited. Public area car parking is located near station, or other designated areas. T.B.A.

Car and trailers are NOT permitted, once unloaded, to remain within the compound of the club grounds.

Campers, tents, and trailer parking are also to be in designated areas as directed by Marshall.

THE WEATHER.

Although we have ordered Fantastic Sunny Weather for the Easter period, delivery may be unpredictable, so please bear with us, there is a large station area with cover, club rooms, and workshop areas etc. for some shelter.

EVENT PROGRAM.

Your Program of events is on a separate page, on noticeboards. The TLSS PA system will be in use to let you know, where and when, events announcements.

TRADE STANDS.

Trade Stands are Mini Trains and E.J. Winter.

LOCOMOTIVE UNLOADING.

There are 2 main unloading areas, to cater for large gauges and small gauges engines. Follow directions via the Track Marshall on site. Steaming up bays, storage areas, and turntables cater for all locomotives gauges and rolling stock. 3.1/2, 5 and 7.1/4 inch gauges + G gauge!

For steamers we advise correct steam up bays, for other locos / engines, please use storage and sidings where available, so as to not unload / store engines in these areas.

All locomotives are required to have adequate brakes and a warning device fitted. Our tracks have grades on which may require brake use.

Carriages or rolling stock also need adequate means of braking to avoid rolling stock causing collisions with other locomotives.

BOILER CERTIFICATES.

Prior to operation of Steam locomotives, Current Boiler Certificates MUST be shown to our convention Boiler Inspector(s). An inspection of all locomotives will be carried out to ensure it is safe to operate.

The Inspector will add the details to the Register list, and the locomotive will be tagged to show

inspection has been issued. ID tag will be placed on a buffer area.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. All locomotive boilers **MUST** be in current test. No re- testing or certificates will be issued at this convention.
2. Steam locomotives are to be fitted with spark arrestors.

AALS STANDARDS

Wheels, profiles are to conform to the AALS Standards, any outside of them may have problems on the tracks, points and radius of the tracks. Non-conforming locos or rolling stock may be asked to not operate or have adjustments completed to conform to track standards.

STEAMING UP.

Supplies of lighting up timber, steam oil, char, etc. are available for use. Melbourne tap water is safe in boilers, however there are rain water tanks in the club compound area if you wish to use. Supplies are located around the steaming areas and located at the station. Steam up bays are plumbed for water, air (you need a male JAMEC fitting), and 12 volt DC points via a transformer are fitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Petrol or Diesel powered engines must supply their own fuels for this event. Fuel on site is for TLSS engines and equipment only. Private fuel must be stored in a safe manner.

PLEASE NOTE: As the grounds are very dry, spark arrestors and ash pans are **A MUST**

RUNNING DIRECTION.

The track is set up for a standard / clock-wise running or as directed by the Track Marshall.

MEALS.

Not provided at the convention. BBQ, Microwave and Hot water etc. are available. Tea and Coffee is available all day at the club room's veranda area.

Evening meals are being catered for by the Black Horse Hotel, 80 Bulla Road, Bulla. (03) 9307 1182. This is a 200 metre walk using the short cut on the road opposite the Fire Station which adjoins the Bulla Track. Meals are being served from 5.30pm to 8.00 pm. The Hotel Management strongly encourages groups of three or more to book a table, sooner than later. Being Easter, they will also be catering for the public, so it will be quite busy.

Light lunches are available for Friday/Saturday/Sunday at the Station Kiosk and will open from 1200 noon till 1.30 pm. Pre-ordered food only supplied (order forms available at Kiosk and to be in before 11.30 am each day) and available for pick-up at 12 noon, 12.30 and 1.00 pm. (Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls are \$5.00 each). Sauce 30c. Potato Chips and ice creams are also available. **NON** pick ups of orders will still be charged!

CAMPERS.

While all caravan sites have been booked, there is plenty of room for tent camping. There are no powered sites available at this stage. Assistance will be given if required. All campers must supply their own generation if required.

RUBBISH COLLECTIONS.

Bins are placed around the grounds, and will be emptied as we can, please use them for all unwanted matter.

NAME TAGS.

All visitors are requested to wear their registered name tags while on the club grounds, so we know you are invited guests. If you lose the tag, or damage it, see the staff in the registration office for replacement.

RUNNING RULES. *Read in conjunction with club running rules on map sheet.*

These are Simple and good practice is expected.

1. Please familiarize yourself with the tracks by operating at slow speeds until you know the tracks, and places for access on and off the main circuits.
2. All Drivers are responsible for train safety.
3. Courtesy is requested at all times.
4. Track Marshall decisions will be final. Operating in a dangerous manner will get the Track Marshall attention.
5. Beware of Road and other rail crossings.
6. Points on the track are not made as slip points even though some actually do SO make sure the switches and point blades are set for you to proceed.
7. The only signals in place when operating are out around blind corners, in cuttings, otherwise running space between trains is Driver controlled.
8. Night running is to be carried out using white headlights, red tail lights, and adequate Cab lighting.
9. Drink Driving is not permitted. Track Marshall will be watching.
10. Operators of trains must be a minimum of 18 years of age by State law, persons under this age driving trains must be supervised, by an operator in charge of the train, and on it.

AREAS OF INTEREST NEARBY.

Local activity of the Rose garden is a walking tour, beside the local OLD SHIRE OFFICE, within 100 meters of the club room.

Near the airport is the retirement for Race horses, called LIVING LEGENDS, where a tour of the old homestead can be organized, and in the paddocks beside are some of the horses from the various cups.

In Sunbury township, at the grounds of Salesion College is the home of the Birth of the Ashes, and there in the town is many eating places, Supermarkets, Sunbury Railway Station, Fuel supplies, MACAS etc.

SHOPPING CENTRES Within easy reach.

In Bulla itself is The Black Horse Pub, a Servo centre for fuel, and Hungry Jacks behind the Servo. Melway online Map 177 B7

Sunbury has some shops for supplies, Big W, Target, Coles, Woollies etc. An Information house is on the right side as you drive into Sunbury,

Many local sights are listed within.

Electric Train services start at Sunbury and travel to Melbourne CBD. Melway Online Map 382 F4

Broadmeadows Shopping centre, similar to Sunbury.

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Melway Online Map 6 H7

Gladstone Park shops, smaller shops, has a Pub there, local eating places nearby. .

Melway Online Map 5 K9

Watergardens shops. Bigger shopping site, nearby with eating facilities, Movies as does Most of the Local shop centres.

Train services from Sunbury have a stop here. .

Melway Online Map 3 F12

Airport West is a Westfield site.

Buses from here travel local and to the CBD,

Trams run from here to the CBD as well as the Tullamarine freeway beside the Essendon Airport.

Melway Online Map 15 K4

Highpoint is a larger Westfield. With all facilities.

Myer, DJ's, etc. are all here.

Food courts, restaurants in outdoor access for night-time as well as all day.

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