

VicTrack's and V/Line's community works put the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Group on track

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Recently completed VicTrack and V/Line rail track works at the Beaufort Station Goods Shed have provided additional display space for a local steam-era heritage group's vehicles.

Infrastructure Manager for VicTrack, Mr Andy Santana said the works have delivered the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association extra exhibition spaces next to the refurbished Station Goods Shed.

VicTrack worked closely with V/Line to undertake the works, with \$13,000 provided for materials from the State Government's Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program. V/Line staff then carried out works to install additional tracks at each end of the Goods Shed building.

In early 2014, the Beaufort Station Goods Shed building was upgraded with major refurbishment works to support the operation of an active educational steam-era museum. In September 2014, the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association group became the tenant of the refurbished Goods Shed building under a head lease to Pyrenees Shire Council.

The Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program is managed by VicTrack, custodial owner of Victoria's rail land and assets, on behalf of Public Transport Victoria.

The Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program complements the work VicTrack does under its Heritage and Maintenance programs to restore heritage railway buildings for community and commercial uses.

Quotes attributable to the Infrastructure Manager for VicTrack, Mr Andy Santana:

"The Beaufort Station and Goods Shed Refurbishment works transformed the disused station buildings into community spaces and local tourist attractions.

"Close to a \$1 million was invested under the Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program to restore and repair the buildings for ongoing community use.

"Last year, the Station Goods Shed building was given a new timber platform, ramp and stairs with handrails. Inside the shed there is now an accessible toilet and kitchenette.

"These additional track and ballast works have delivered extra space for the exhibition of their steam-era road and rail vehicles.

"The combined V/Line and VicTrack works deliver added community benefit to enhance this local heritage and tourist attraction."

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