



Braybrook Junction railway station and signal box, built in 1896.



Sunshine railway station is located on the Sunbury line in Victoria.

It serves the western Melbourne suburb of Sunshine, opening on 7 September 1885 as Braybrook Junction, and was renamed Sunshine on 15 July 1907.

Sunshine is also serviced by V/Line Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong services, with the station serving as the junction for the Serviceton line, to the state's west.

The Melbourne – Sydney standard gauge line passes to the north of the station.

In 2013/14, the station was rebuilt, as part of the Regional Rail Link project.



SUNSHINE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Calendar of Events

2017

Thursday, 2 February 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.

Saturday, 25 February 2017, 12.45pm—3pm

Excursion: Maribyrnong River Boat Trip on the 'Blackbird'

Commences at the Blackbird's mooring, Maribyrnong River Cruises, Salt River Place, Footscray (formerly cnr of Wingfield and Maribyrnong Streets). Melways ref. 42, E5. Cost \$20 adult; \$10 child. Light lunch and water provided. Tea and coffee facilities available. Bookings essential. Contact Olwen Ford on 9312 2284 or email foford54@tpg.com.au; or Kerry Hewson on 0467 680 780 or email hewsonkerry@gmail.com

Wednesday, 15 March 2017, 9.30am-3pm

Excursion to the Geelong Heritage Centre/Wool Museum.

The Geelong Library and Heritage Centre is a regional library, archive and resource facility in the City of Geelong. Geelong Free Library was begun in 1858. The Geelong Historical Records Centre was established in 1979 as a depository for significant historical records and archives from the district. The centre is a Place of Deposit, as part of the Public Record Office Victoria network of community archives designated for the preservation of Victoria's history. It is described as *...the largest regional archive in Victoria*.

We will be travelling to Geelong via rail. Members wishing to attend need to be at the Sunshine Train Station no later than **9.15am** on the day. Seniors and Pensioners will receive a discount on presentation of their respective cards.

This is a free activity, with the exception of the cost of travel and lunch.

Friday, 24 March 2017, 5.30pm

Exhibition on 'Scouting and Guiding in Brimbank'.

Official launch of the exhibition at the Hunt Club Community Arts Centre, Ballarat Road, Deer Park. All members invited to attend.

Thursday, 6 April 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.

Wednesday, 19 April 2017, 9.15am-1pm

Excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Built in 1934, the Shrine is the Victorian state memorial to Australians who have served in war and peacekeeping operations. We will enter the Classical interior and discover the reverent solitude of the Sanctuary. We will also view breathtaking vistas of Melbourne from the Balcony. Explore the Galleries of Remembrance featuring over 800 artworks, historical artefacts and personal effects. This is a free excursion. Members wishing to travel by train will need to be at the Sunshine Railway Station by no later than **9.15am** on the day.

Thursday, 1 June 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.

Sunday, 23 July 2017, 2pm-4pm

ICI Talk/Presentation

The first explosives factory in the Deer Park area was built in the 1870s. The demand for explosives followed the discovery of gold. Miners had to get through rock, and blasting through with explosives was the easiest way of doing so. To be sure that the explosives were handled and stored properly, magazine stores were constructed in many locations to house the explosives as they were unloaded, and to provide a reliable supply for the mines. Most of Australia's early explosives factories were located in Melbourne's west.

In 1926 the merger of several explosives and chemical companies in Britain resulted in the formation of Imperial Chemicals Industries Ltd. In Australia, Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand Ltd was formed in 1928 from a nucleus of Nobels, Deer Park, Kynoch, West Footscray; and the Spotswood Fuse Factory. In 1951, ICI's complex at Deer Park included five different factories and employed 2,452 people.

We hope you can come along to hear Daryl Richer speak on his time at ICI and its contribution to Australia as a whole.

Thursday, 3 August 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.

Sunday, 13 August 2017

Annual General Meeting of the Society, commencing at 2pm at the Hunt Club.

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

Excursion to the MCG Sports Museum

Nowhere in the world can you find a museum that celebrates a nation's rich sporting history like the National Sports Museum at the MCG.

Across a multitude of sports, the museum features memorabilia from some of the country's biggest heroes and highlights moments that have shaped the traditions of Australian sport. More information on this trip will be provided to members in coming Sunshine Recorder newsletters and via email or mail.

Thursday, 5 October 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.

Sunday, 15 October 2017, 2pm-4pm

History Week Roundtable at the Sunshine Library

More information will be provided in future Sunshine Recorder newsletters and via email or mail.

Sunday, 19 November 2017, 1.00pm-4.00pm

Pioneers' Lunch

An opportunity for all members of the Society to get together to dine and reflect on the year and the area's rich history. A 2-course meal will be provided at a cost of \$25 per person.

The lunch will be held at the Sunshine RSL, 99 Dickson Street, Sunshine. Bookings are essential. Contact Kerry Hewson on 0467 680 780 or email hewsonkerry@gmail.com; or Dianne Mayo on 0418 325 107 or email mayodianne@hotmail.com

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Committee Meeting at 7pm at the Hunt Club.