



railway world. Ideal for branch line services. The for what life would have been like back in the day (1880 onwards). Nice not to see any plastic anywhere! Thick leather seats which were very comfortable though a little low – great until you tried to get up! The journey took us around twenty-five minutes through beautiful unspoilt countryside and included part of the Wombat State Forrest. Journeys end was at Bullarto Station, alighting there to view historical bit and pieces, including photos and a detailed

Last Wednesday (1st July 2026) Our esteemed Activities/Outings Coordinator did us proud again by organising a great day visiting Daylesford. Just a half hour drive from Ballan, we met at the station for a train journey straight out of history. We had a there-and-back ride in a Railmotor. Railmotors are self-propelled passenger vehicle combining an engine and passenger compartment in one unit. Effectively they are the buses of the railcar was a step back in time and gave a feel



description of their RM74 rail “car”. The only one left in existence and nearing complete rebuild. Lovingly nicknamed “The Tiger” because of the stripe paintwork. I guess it will be a bumpy ride when operating as it has solid metal wheels – no rubber to cushion things. Maybe good (horsehair filled) leather seats will help. Return journey back to Daylesford was a bit quicker – downhill. Then it was off to the Royal Hotel in Daylesford for lunch. Good menu and wine etc, list but expensive. Where we sat (it’s a huge place) we had a roaring wood fire going. Heaps of wood all around the room – redgum and worth a fortune in todays prices. We had a good day out, slowly collecting out stuff for the journey home. Thanks Ann.