

# 50th Anniversary of the re-opening of Puffing Billy between Belgrave & Menzies Creek

*Come and join us - be a part of this historic occasion.*

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1962, after several years of volunteer effort and hard work, the Puffing Billy Preservation Society ceremonially re-opened the Railway between Belgrave and Menzies Creek.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012 we plan to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this milestone occasion when we re-create the events of that momentous day in 1962. Come along and take part in the ceremonies at Belgrave and Menzies Creek on this special day; details are as follows:

## Belgrave

A special train will depart Belgrave at 1.30pm, following brief speeches on the platform. This train, hauled by 7A will use the same formation as the original re-opening train and 7A will be in 1962 red and black paintwork and will carry a suitable headboard. *Please note that travel on the special train is by prior invitation only.* The Victoria Police Pipe Band will be playing on the platform before and during the ceremonies.

On this special day, the Belgrave workshops will be open for inspection, giving people a rare

chance to see the almost completed *Climax* locomotive as well as other PBR locos under repair. It is intended to have 861, one of our "small engines", in steam here also. Well known author Nick Anchen will be signing copies of his new book *The Narrow Gauge* at the

workshops between midday and 1.00pm. Copies are available to members and volunteers on this day only at the special price of \$60. (Normal price \$80).



## Menzies Creek

The special re-enactment train will arrive at Menzies Creek at 2.00pm and the invited guests will transfer to the new Museum building for the unveiling of a ceremonial plaque. Limited access to the Museum will be available during the unveiling ceremony.

During this time, 7A and her train will be stabled at Menzies Creek, offering further photo opportunities. In addition, the Casey Community Band will be playing on the platform, where the Menzies Creek CFA will be running a BBQ. A steam roller will be moving around the site and Peckett will be paying a special visit. Nick Anchen will be signing copies of

his new book inside the Museum between 2.00 and 3.30pm.

The special train, for invitation holders only, will leave Menzies Creek at 3.40pm for the return journey to Belgrave.

For more information visit... [www.puffingbilly.com.au](http://www.puffingbilly.com.au)



TOP RIGHT: The new headboard for 7A.

TOP MIDDLE: Original ticket issued for the Belgrave-Menzies Creek run.

ABOVE: The fireman keeps 7A in practice for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

LEFT: Volunteers prepare 7A for its trip. *The Herald* 28<sup>th</sup> July 1962

