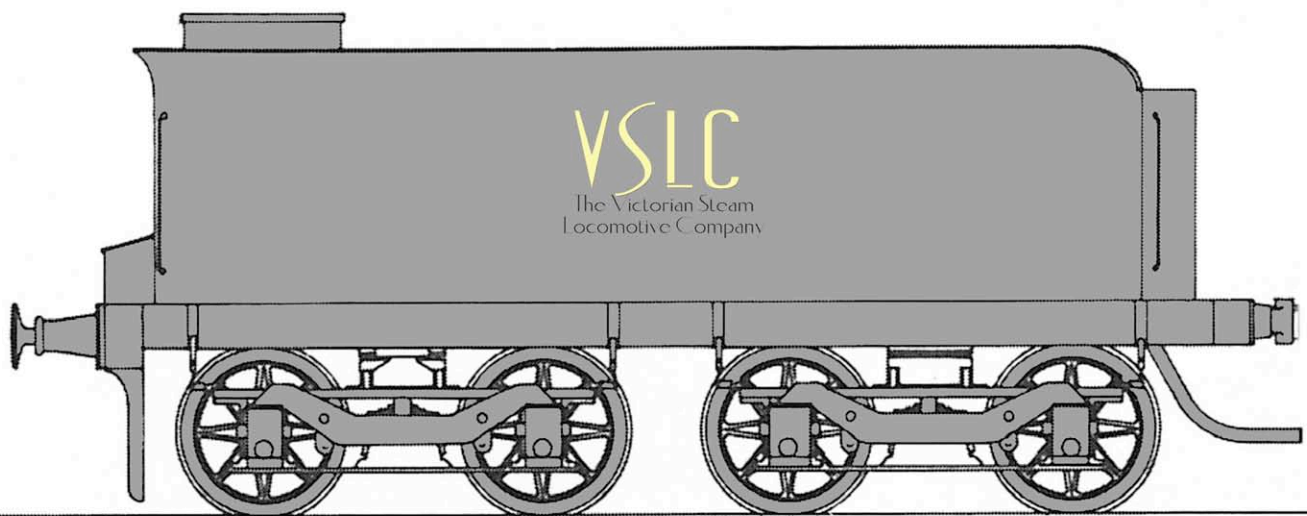


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V499's Tender Tank by 2013 It Can Happen!



V499 Tender Tank built by 2013?

Can you imagine seeing the tender tank for V499 built by late 2013? Yes, this is a very real possibility and a top priority goal for the VSLC.

Being of such simple design, rough estimates price the material needed for the tender tank at approximately \$12,000. For some, this may seem like a lot of money however in reality this is highly achievable. The V499 Project has recently benefited with the donation of \$6,000 from a private individual. This generous donation will go towards the certification of the tender tank drawings and also towards the material cost of the unit.

Combined with the money we have been receiving over the past 12 months from a handful of people giving \$5 a week, the total we have for the project thus far is roughly \$7,600. We are most grateful to all who have been donating to the V499 Project so far and we look forward to inviting them to see the finished tender tank upon completion. If you would like to assist us reaching our goal faster, please click

the Subscribe button on our website to set up your weekly \$5 donation.

With this goal set, we would like to ask for your personal opinion on the livery to be chosen for the tender. As a compound locomotive, V499 carried three liveries in its lifetime. These were:

- * Baldwin Green
- * VR two tone Green
- * Canadian Pacific Red

What livery would you like to see the tender of V499 painted in? Please email us your choice of livery to info@vicsteam.com. The livery that gets the majority of the votes will be the livery that we will paint the tender tank in - simple as that.

If you wish to see examples of the liveries, please have a look at the line drawings in 'The V499 Project' album we have created on our facebook page. You can access our facebook page from our website too. www.vicsteam.com

We Are Collecting Disused Car Batteries

We have been exploring many options to source funds for V499. Most business coaches will tell you that the secret to making money is from multiple sources, not just one.

Another way that we are gathering funds is by acquiring old and disused car and truck batteries to sell for scrap. This has proven to be a great way of making extra income with other groups and has assisted several projects (not all rail related), that we know of, in their aim of raising capital.



If you have, or know anyone who has, any disused batteries that you would be willing to donate to us then we would love to hear from you.

The best way to get in contact with us is by sending at email to: info@vicsteam.com and make the subject line Re: Batteries. As we are based in Melbourne, Victoria, it would be most helpful if you are around the Melbourne region. Having said that we are often finding ourselves around the following areas and their surrounds:

- * *Newport Workshops*
- * *Castlemaine-Maldon*
- * *Healesville*
- * *Geelong*
- * *Mornington*
- * *Dandenong Ranges*
- * *Mentone*

By contacting us at the above email address we can then get in touch with you to arrange pick-up of the batteries.

New Product — V499 Water

To create further awareness and raise money for V499 we will be introducing custom made 600ml water bottles in the next month or so. The water is supplied from one of Melbourne's leading distributors and the labels are being custom designed to promote the V499 Project. The water will be available from us at any events we attend or hold in the future.

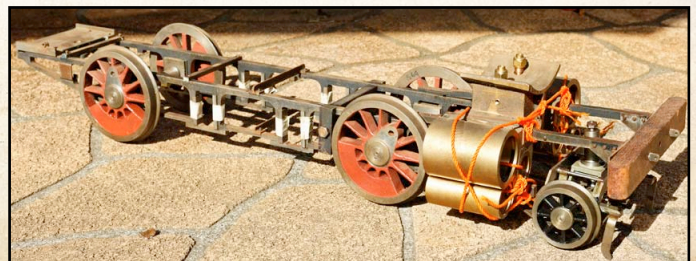
World Wide Promotion

Over the past two months we have been promoted around the world through some fantastic organisations. The V499 Project was given a 4 page article in the Puffing Billy Railway's in-house magazine 'Narrow Gauge'. This has led to an increase of visitors to our web pages and has also boosted the number of people who subscribe to this newsletter.

Another form of awareness has come through the web-based business SteamTube. SteamTube is a great site for railway enthusiasts from all over the world, and news about the V499 Project featured in their 'On-Shed' news in early May. Many thanks to Peter Lewis from SteamTube for this great promotion. SteamTube is free to join and can be found at <http://steamtube.ning.com>

5 inch Live Steam V499 - Update

A few issues ago we announced that a 5inch gauge V499 was under construction. This model was commenced by the late Jeremy Johnstone and the work carried out by him was fantastic. The locomotive is now owned by another individual and they have supplied us with images of a part of it. Below is just one of the photographs.



Apart from the driving wheels having 12 spokes instead of the 13 the V classes had, what has been built so far is of a very high standard and reflects the skills of the late Mr. Johnstone. To see more photographs of the 5inch V499 have a look at the albums on our facebook page.

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