



Mayor Tania Mihaluk gets into the vintage spirit and welcomes the Veteran steam locomotive.
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Families go loco for old steam train

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A PIECE of history chugged into Bankstown railway station on Sunday when a heritage steam train opened its doors to the community.

Families jumped on board the Veteran steam locomotive 3237 to catch a glimpse of its carriages and engine, which is more than 100 years old.

The train ran joy rides, sponsored by Bankstown Sports Club, through the

inner west to Central station.

Club marketing manager Chris Passanah said it was an exciting day for the families.

"It gave parents the chance to show their children the elegance of a bygone era because one of the carriages was a dining lounge and they could see the quality of it," he said.

The club sponsored the event and named it The Bankstown Sports Express.

he said, because of the club's connection to heritage trains.

"The club's fine dining Platform One restaurant and Greenfield Station Bistro both have an excellent collection of genuine railway memorabilia, such as cutlery, crockery and silver service," he said.

Bankstown Mayor Tania Mihaluk welcomed families when the train stopped at Bankstown station and fed coal into the engine's boiler.

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