

Victorian Goldfields Railway

This award for excellence demonstrated a carefully considered and cross-disciplinary project and the dedication of an amazing group of volunteers. Victorian Goldfields Railway identified a need for a carriage to cater for wheelchair users. Volunteer Bill Coates led a team of eight volunteers to modify the 43BPL carriage, supported by a grant from Strategem Community Fund. The highly specialised modification was integrated with best practice restoration principles which included secure storage of the fabric taken out of the carriage. This project is a great example of volunteer led innovation at the local level, for the benefit of those who may not have had the opportunity to experience our railway heritage.

