Pick My Project is a recent Victorian Government initiative with \$30 million available to fund local projects.

The Grampian Model Railroaders submitted a project to relocate the Duke of Gloucester which was a dining railway, car to the Stawell Goods Shed.

Once renovated it will be open to the public on club days, during special community events and available for private bookings.

You can view the "Dukes" history here, which is listed as "NDH 2" <u>http://</u> www.comrails.com/cr_locos/r_ndh.html

An eligible voters in the local community is anyone over 16 who resides within 50km of the project's location.

Project ideas with the most votes in each of the metro and regional partnership areas will then be invited to enter into a funding agreement with the State for their project. Our area is Wimmera Southern Mallee region.

Online voting opened at 9am on Monday 13 August 2018 and close at 5pm on Monday 17 September 2018.

To vote, you must register at <u>https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/</u> and click on the "Register for updates" button. More detailed information is also available there.

Pick My Project also has a Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/pickmyproject</u>.

Our budget (\$74k) includes the relocation of "The Duke" from its current location in Western Victoria to Stawell, the laying of a railway line to accommodate the carriage and the restoration into a train memorabilia museum and tea room.

It's now up to the local community to cast a favourable vote.