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Jim and I had the opportunity to take a short ride on the Lachlan Valley Railway's steam engine when it was in Grafton recently and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Friday evening when it hit town I was up at Heather and Les Weiley's home and got to see it from a great vantage point, their verandah, and was quite excited. The sound and sight of it was great and it reminded me why we have so many train buffs in our community and right across Australia.

My husband Jim, both a rail lover and transport historian was able to accompany me and tell me lots of interesting detail about the line.

I was able to see the new concrete sleepers as we passed by the Rocla Sleepers yard. Minister Albanese and I announced that new concrete railway sleepers would continue rolling out of Grafton thanks to the Australian Government's \$1.2 billion investment in the interstate rail network back in February last year.

Our love of trains is long and I agree with many that it is a great way to travel.

We sat in a carriage with a dad and his toddler son who was absolutely thrilled with the ride, as were we. Many thanks to Lachlan Valley Railway, the event organisers.

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