



# Members' newsletter

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## August 2017

Tue 1	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Warren Miller: French rail speed record programs-1955 to 2007</b>
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks Book Launch 6pm</b>
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 19/Sun 20	Tour of Mines & Lines of Lake Macquarie with Ed Tonks
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open

## September 2017

Sat 2	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 5	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: R Mc Killop: Heritage Railways of Australia</b>
Sat 9 & Sun 10	Our Town Model Exhibition Broadmeadow
Sat 9	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Chris Harding Swiss Rlys</b>
Sat 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19 to 21	Luncheon Club Central West Tour
Sat 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 30	Bookshop & RRC closed (Liverpool Exhibition Long Weekend)

## NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 4 October 2017 commencing at 6.30pm

Venue: Mitchell Room, 1st Floor, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

Calling for Nominations for Council

Nominations are called for the position of president and five councillors. The Society's Constitution provides that:

- Nomination forms are available from the Society's Registered Office and must be signed by two financial members of the Society as well as the nominee. If required, a nomination form can be obtained by calling (02) 9699 4595.
- The nomination form must be received by the Secretary at the Society's Registered Office by 5pm Monday 4 September 2017.

Members note that the Annual General Meeting has had to be deferred by one month.

Grahame Thurling, Secretary, Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division

Registered Office: 67 Renwick Street, REDFERN NSW 2016

Sydney meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Sydney on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings commence 6.30pm (seating available from 6pm)		At the 'Mitchell Room', 1st floor, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney (between Park & Bathurst Sts)
Newcastle meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Newcastle on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.		At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Redfern Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB**

Our outing on 19 July was to look at Sydney's newest station buildings, at Cheltenham and Concord West. These new buildings, completed in 2016, were both as a result of major track amplification works associated with the northern freight corridor.

Today Cheltenham exhibits the outcome of community opposition to the proposed large overhead structure incorporating the staff facilities and station amenities. This was replaced by a modest overhead structure providing access to both platforms, and an imposing, but modest, station entry to the Up platform facing Sutherland Road. Staff facilities and passenger amenities are now located on the Up platform.

Concord West on the other hand faced no community opposition to its large overhead structure incorporating staff facilities and all amenities. There are awnings on both platforms but no major buildings. We then contemplated on what we had seen over lunch at the Hotel Concord.

The next outing is Wednesday 16 August, Ed Tonks will show us Newcastle's east end as it used to be. For this outing, we meet outside the Customs House in Watt Street, opposite the former Newcastle Station, at 11.04am, after the arrival of the shuttle bus service (Route 110) which connects at Hamilton with the 8.15am Central to Hamilton rail service due at Hamilton at 10.47am. Lunch will be at the Queens Wharf Hotel.

On 19, 20 and 21 September we are embarking on a three-day tour to the Central West. The booking form for this is in this Newsletter.

*Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club*



*The large overhead station structure now at Concord West.  
Image: John Beckhaus.*

**Members' Photo Competition#**

July's competition's title 'Named Trains' was very successful with 35 entries received from seven contestants. Chris Sim won the competition with his image of 3801 on the *Newcastle Flyer* at Fassifern in 1965. The image is reproduced directly below. Nev Pollard was the runner-up with his 1972 image of The *Indian Pacific* on the Nullarbor Plain waiting to cross a freight.



Upcoming subjects are:

**August**—Climbing the grade

**September**—The Whitton Era

**October**—Water Tanks

**November**—Fettlers

**December**—Best digital image from the monthly competitions.

# Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au) Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and to know when and where the photo was taken. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** digital images only.

No prize will be given on the night but the winning image and the runner-up will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner-up will be awarded.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

**Expressions of Interest**

**Positions of: General Manager  
Railway Resource Centre Manager**

Expressions of interest are invited for the above paid positions which will be become vacant due to the retirement of the present incumbents.

For a copy of the relevant Position Description, please contact by email Grahame Thurling, the ARHSnsw Secretary at:

[grahame.thurling@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:grahame.thurling@arhsnsw.com.au)

**Tour Schedule**

**Aug 19/20: Mines & Lines of Lake Macquarie with Ed Tonks**  
*(Booking form on Page 3 of this newsletter)*

**Sept 19/21: Luncheon Club Central West Tour**  
*(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)*

**October 8: 'General Gordon' Hawkesbury River Cruise**  
*(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)*

**November 9/13: 402 Club Cruise to Southern Branch Lines**  
*(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)*

**December 10: Railcars to Moss Vale & Robertson**  
**(Moss Vale Station 150-year Anniversary)**

*For more information contact: ARHSnsw Tours on:  
02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.*

# A LOOK AT THE RAILWAYS, ASSOCIATED COALFIELDS AND HISTORIC SITES AROUND LAKE MACQUARIE WITH ED TONKS

## Saturday and Sunday 19 & 20 August 2017

Enjoy another weekend looking at the life and times that included the mining, associated railway workings and sites of significant historic interest around the Lake Macquarie area with our noted historian, Ed Tonks. On Saturday, catch the 7.15am Intercity Service from Sydney due to arrive at Fassifern at 9.29am to join our tour bus to take us on our journey. For local Newcastle patrons only, join the coach at Club Macquarie, Cockle Creek at 9am.

We will travel to Awaba where the Wangi Wangi Branch left the main line, checking out the branch and its destination, the old Wangi Wangi Power Station. Hear about the mine site at Awaba then travel to Rathmines to view the World War II Air Force Base that was home to the Catalina Flying Boats. After lunch, return via the Toronto Rail precinct and then to Teralba to hear of its history and associated railway activity. We continue on to Speers Point to see where the steam tram from Newcastle terminated, before checking in to the Club Macquarie Motel located adjacent to Cockle Creek Railway Station for our overnight accommodation.

After breakfast on Sunday, we visit Cockle Creek Railway Station to learn of its significance to transport history in times past. We will explore the changing scene around Lake Macquarie, viewing abandoned mine and railway sites at Rhondda, Killingworth and West Wallsend where the associated branch lines, sidings and tramway were once prominent. While learning of the pubs and their architects, owners and licensees, Ed also informs us of the many associated features that made up the lifestyle and activities at the time. We then travel to Mount Sugarloaf for an overview of the Lake Macquarie area. We have lunch at a local hotel before viewing the Mines Rescue Station and adjacent monument. Continuing on to Edgeworth (Young Wallsend) and Wallsend, we check out sites relevant to the mining and railway history of the suburb.

The weekend includes overnight accommodation at the Club Macquarie Motel at Cockle Creek, dinner Saturday night and full breakfast Sunday morning at Club Macquarie. Lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be at your own expense.

Return to Sydney on Sunday on 4.43 pm Intercity Train from Broadmeadow.

### Booking Form:

## A Look at the Railways, Associated Coalfields & Historic Sites around Lake Macquarie with Ed Tonks on Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 August 2017

<b>Mail to:</b>	ARHS <sup>s</sup> <i>ns</i> w Tours	or <b>fax</b> (02) 9699 1714	or <b>Book at:</b>	ARHS <sup>s</sup> <i>ns</i> w Bookshop
	67 Renwick Street			67 Renwick Street
	REDFERN, NSW, 2016			REDFERN, NSW, 2016

Please book the following for this tour:

.....Weekend Package Twin Share Accomodation Members and guests	@	\$230.00	\$.....
..... Weekend Package Twin Share Accomodation Non-Members	@	\$255.00	\$.....
.....Single Supplement (limited availabiltiy)	@	\$85.00	\$.....
..... Saturday and/or Sunday day tour only (no accomodation) available	@	\$75 per day	\$.....
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$..... (GST incl.)</b>

I require Single.....Twin Share.....Double Accommodation.....

Name.....Membership No. ....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone (home).....(mobile).....E-mail.....

I will join the tour at.....

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Please note your **special dietary** or other requirements.....

**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/EFT Transfer/CASH** for \$.....or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No.  Expiry  /

Signature .....Date .....

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure

**ARHS<sup>s</sup>*ns*w Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443**

ABN 96 000 538 803.

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Refunds: up to 30 days prior-90 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-50 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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# **RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB - CENTRAL WEST TOUR**

**19, 20 & 21 September 2017**

This year marks the 140th Anniversary of the opening of the Western Line from Blayney to Orange.

The Railway Luncheon Club invites members and their guests on a tour to experience some of the railway infrastructure which was integral with the Central West region of NSW. Our tour will be led by Neville Pollard, Dr Stuart Sharp and Gary Hughes.

The tour will depart Sydney Central at 7.18am on Tuesday 19 September 2017, travelling to Blayney on the Central West XPT and due to arrive at 11.38am. Here we join our tour coach to enjoy the next three days. After lunch at Blayney's Exchange Hotel, we travel on to Molong, Cumnock, Wellington, Geurie and then Dubbo for our first night stay at the Quality Inn International. On day two we inspect Dubbo Railway Station before travelling to Narromine and then Peak Hill for lunch. We then continue on to Parkes, Goobang Junction and Forbes before returning to Parkes for our overnight stay at the Park View Motel. Departing on day three, we inspect Parkes Railway Station then on to Mungincobel Wheat sub-terminal, Manildra, Borenore and on to Orange for lunch. The last section of our journey will see us visiting Millthorpe before returning via the Sea Link Depot at Blayney. We join the 4.21pm Central West XPT at Blayney for our homeward journey, which is due to arrive at Central at 8.44pm.

The tour cost for the three days includes two nights' dinner (two-course), bed and breakfast accommodation at both Dubbo and Parkes, lunches for the three days and coach travel. The tour cost does NOT include rail travel to and from Blayney, or drinks and items of a personal nature.

To keep the group to a manageable size and within the limits of available accommodation, we are limited to 40 participants, so book early to avoid disappointment.

## **BOOKING FORM: Railway Luncheon Club Central West Tour – 19, 20 & 21 September 2017**

Mail to: ARHS<sup>nsw</sup> Tours  
67 Renwick Street  
REDFERN NSW 2016

or Fax to (02) 9699 1714

or Book at: ARHS<sup>nsw</sup> Bookshop  
67 Renwick Street  
REDFERN NSW 2016

Please book me on this tour:

Name.....Membership No. ....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone (home).....(mobile).....E-mail.....

I require Single.....Twin Share.....Double Accommodation.....

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Please note your special dietary, accessibility or health requirements.....

.....ARHS<sup>nsw</sup> Members and guests Twin Share @ \$475.00 \$.....

.....Single Supplement (limited availability) @ \$130.00 \$.....

**TOTAL \$..... (GST incl.)**

**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH** for \$.....

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD No.:

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Signature .....Date .....

**A confirmed itinerary and connecting train timetable information will be sent 10 days before departure.**

**ARHS<sup>nsw</sup> Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 (ABN 96 000 538 803)**

ARHS<sup>nsw</sup> is not responsible for any last minute changes to arrangements by the organisers or any associated tour operators.  
Refunds: up to 30 days prior—full refund; less than 30 days to 7 days prior to tour departure 90%; less than 7 days—NO REFUND

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**402 CLUB****A FIVE-DAY RAIL CRUISE OF THE NSW SOUTH WEST BRANCHES  
IN RAIL MOTOR DPH 402**

Thursday 9th to Monday 13th November 2017

Here is your chance to travel for five days in the South-West of New South Wales. Five days of travel on some recently re-opened branch lines for wheat on your own private train in Rail Motor DPH 402.

There will be a very early departure for those travelling from Paterson and Broadmeadow. Our Sydney pick-up will be at Concord West at 09.00hrs. Then travel via the Southern Sydney Freight Line to the junction at Macarthur, continuing along the Main South through Picton, Moss Vale, Goulburn, Yass Junction, Harden and on to Cootamundra for the first night stay.

Over the following days we will travel through Stockinbingal, Temora, Barmedman, West Wyalong, Lake Cargellico, Naradhan, Griffith, Hillston, Leeton, Narrandera, Junee, Wagga Wagga, The Rock and Boree Creek before heading home via the Main South.

Your fare includes rail travel from Paterson, Broadmeadow or Sydney, morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling, twin share dinner bed and breakfast accommodation for four nights and transfers to motels where required. Single Supplement may be available on application.

***BOOK EARLY, AS THERE ARE ONLY 16 SEATS AVAILABLE IN DPH 402***

**BOOKING FORM: FIVE-DAY RAIL STH WEST CRUISE 9 to 13th NOVEMBER 2017 ON DPH 402****Mail to:** ARHSnsw Tours  
67 Renwick Street  
REDFERN, NSW, 2016or **fax** (02) 9699 1714or **Book at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop  
67 Renwick Street  
REDFERN, NSW, 2016

.....Seats @ \$2550.00 \$.....

.....Single Supplement (limited availabilty) @ \$175.00 \$.....

**TOTAL \$.....** (GST incl.)

I require .....Single.....Twin Share.....Double Accommodation

Name.....Membership No. ....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone (home).....(mobile).....E-mail.....

I will join the rail motor at.....Station

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Please note your **special acomodation, health or dietary** requirements.....**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/EFT Transfer/CASH** for \$.....or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (2% charge)Card No.  Expiry  / 

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