



# Members' newsletter

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## February 2018

Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Peter Sage: The NSW Rail Scene 1958-60</b>
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: High Speed Trains</b>
Sun 14	Tour: Holdsworthy Army Base & Engineers Museum
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	DD Bus to Heritage Trams at Sydney Tramway Museum
Tue 27	Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre open

## March 2018

Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Ross Blundon - My Lithgow Career</b>
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks: Rail Touring in UK</b>
Fri - Sun 16,17,18	Temora Book Launch Tour
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 27	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	Railway Resource Centre open

## Members Update

With 2018 well underway, here at ARHSnsw, we have been busy during January making sure that the plans for the coming year are falling into place. We have looked at all areas of the Society and there are changes to look out for.

In the Newsletter, we will have an update from the Bookshop and Railway Resource Centre each month, so you can stay in touch with all things new. There will be the regular articles, Luncheon Club, Tours and the Photo Competition which I do encourage more of our Members to get involved with.

Behind the scenes, we are currently reviewing our Website, Operating Systems and business processes to improve the experience all our Members and the public have with ARHSnsw. I will continue to update you as we progress in this area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to meeting more of you throughout 2018.

Paul Scells  
General Manager

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
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)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

**Tour Schedule**

**February 14: Holdsworthy Army Base & Engineers Museum**  
(Tour full: contact office for waiting list)

**February 25: Heritage Trams at Sydney Tramway Museum**  
(Heritage double decker bus from Central) (Booking form on p4)

**March 16, 17 & 18: Temora Book Launch Tour**  
(More details on page 5)

**April 7: Newcastle Auchmuty Library & Harbour Cruise  
on William IV paddle wheeler**  
(Booking form on page 6)

**May 7/20: Northern Japan by Rail for enthusiasts**  
(Special itinerary for ARHSnsw. Contact office for flyer.)

**May 26: Exploring 1 Year Later, the Construction and  
Station Sites Along the Route of the CBD and South East  
Light Rail Line**

For more information and booking forms contact: ARHSnsw  
Tours on:  
02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

**Members' Photo Competition**

The January topic was "The Last Train" and the winner for the month was Chris Sim. His entry pictured below was the Great South Pacific Express at Stanwell Park 2003.

The runner-up was James Dalton, his image of the last steam train arrival into Newcastle station, an LVR special on 16 November 2014



Upcoming subjects are:

**February**—Levers, lamps and lavatories

**March**—Suburban trains.

**April** - Poor Working Conditions

**The photo competition is now held for the submission of digital images only. Slides or prints cannot be accepted.**

The Society's Board hopes this will encourage more entries in this digital age. Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au . Digital images cannot be submitted on the night.

Contestants who cannot scan and email their print/slides may come to the Redfern Bookshop no later than seven days beforehand to have their photos scanned. In most cases the print/slides will be returned at the Members' Meeting.

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 will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner up will be awarded.

Note: Images submitted from throughout the year will be considered, not just the winning entries.

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

**New Book: Due February**  
**Neville Pollard's**  
**Crown Land to Closer Settlement:**  
**Railways and land reform**  
**in the Temora region.**

**264 pages \$92\***  
**(\*less 10% member's discount)**

**Crown Land to  
Closer Settlement**

Railways and land reform in the Temora region



**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB**

The Luncheon Club is now in recess. Outings resume on 21 March 2018 when Bill Phippen will show the features of the Long Cove viaduct at Lewisham We meet outside Lewisham Station on the down platform near the Sydney end at 10.30am. Lunch will be at the Summer Hill Hotel. Notes for this outing are on the Luncheon Club page of the website.

There will be no outing in April and in May we are going to Oatley Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club.

## Update from the Railway Resource Centre (RRC)

The RRC is a unique and comprehensive record of railways in Australia and particularly NSW. The collection supports much of the research that produces Australian Railway History magazine as well as books published by the Society and others. In addition, the RRC responds to the many queries we receive each week, from family history researchers, to commercial heritage consultants and Sydney Trains themselves.

The collection continues to grow – over the last month three sizable photo and slide collections have been donated and are currently being scanned and indexed. The total number of images in the public collection is now over 330,000; however almost 300,000 more are in the process of being indexed. New volunteers are always welcome to help with scanning and indexing to accelerate this process.

An example of a recent “gem” found in the collection was 146 images from the Mechanical Branch Testing Laboratory taken in the years 1946 – 1970, showing how well equipped the laboratory was and the wide range of tests that could be performed there.

Recently, new servers were installed enabling the collection to be securely stored and backed up, whereas previously we were relying on portable hard-drives.

For the last seven years, the RRC has been very ably managed by Bill Phippen OAM. Bill retired at the end of 2017, but is still active at the RRC for two-days per week and will continue to maintain the image collection. It is difficult to fill Bill's shoes as he so effectively performed the many functions of the RRC Manager. James Dalton has stepped-in to the RRC Manager role until the future needs of the RRC become clearer.

James Dalton  
RRC Manager

## Update from the Bookshop

The ARHSnsw bookshop in Redfern welcomes you from Monday to Saturday and has about 3,500 individual titles currently available. Everything you want to know about the railways in NSW or overseas, just ask our experts at the counter! The ARHSnsw bookshop stocks many titles from Asia, Europe, the UK, USA and of course Australia, with an emphasis on NSW.

New books: Get the latest local and global news about railways. A variety of new titles, from engineering to photography, industrial archaeology and history are now available.

The Collector's corner: hundreds of titles available, rare and collectable second-hand books or out-of-print books. If you wish to purchase a book please phone us to determine its availability as in almost all instances, the title will be a one-off only and out of print.

DVDs: Travel the world by rail, allowing you to see some amazing scenery or discover the wonders of old steam and track construction.

This month features our “Explorer” DVD collection: Get a tour around New-Zealand, Austria, Tibet, Germany, Sardinia, Scotland, Switzerland and get yourself acquainted with extraordinary engineering systems and railway landscapes.

Please follow our Facebook page to get the latest arrivals in the shop, or play a Trivia game every Saturday:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ARHSRailBooks/>

The ARHS NSW bookshop offers you various ways to order your selected products:

1. Mail order: Check the yellow pages at the end of your latest Railway Digest edition and fill out the Mail Order form, then send it to ARHS NSW Bookshop, 67 Renwick St, Redfern 2016.
2. Online Store: <http://www.arhsnsw.com.au/bookshop.htm> (Currently second hand titles are not available for purchase online).
3. Ebay: <http://stores.ebay.com.au/Railway-Bookshop>
4. Via phone at 02 9699 4595

Sophie Nicolas  
Bookshop Manager

# HERITAGE TRAMS AT THE SYDNEY TRAMWAY MUSEUM

## Sunday 25 February 2018

You are invited to come and join us for a unique day's adventure utilising some of Sydney's oldest collection of transport heritage vehicles.

Our tour will depart at 9.00am from the Sydney Bus Museum at Leichhardt in David Griffith's wonderfully restored red and cream liveried 1937 vintage Leyland TD4 Double Decker Bus No. 1597.

Passengers will also be picked up at the Railway Square Bus Stop before proceeding to the Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus.

We will join in with the Museum's Heritage Tram Day with the opportunity to ride in some of Sydney's oldest trams. The classes of trams expected to run throughout the day include the C, F, J, N, and O class travelling on the Sutherland and The Royal National Park lines.

Inspect the static exhibits in the Museum featuring the recent restoration to operating status of the Tramways Freight Car 24S.

Learn about the plans for future restorations and check out current activity in the workshop.

A sausage sizzle lunch is included in the day's activities. Our return journey will depart the Museum at 4.00pm. Book early, as seats are limited.



### Booking form for:

## Heritage Trams at the Sydney Tramway Museum: Sunday 25 February 2018

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours 67 Renwick Street REDFERN NSW 2016 or fax (02) 9699 1714 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop 67 Renwick Street REDFERN NSW 2016

Name..... Address.....Postcode..... Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No. .... E-mail..... Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

I will join the tour at Leichhardt Depot.....Railway Square Central Station.....

Please book me .....ARHSnsw Members and guests @ \$55.00 ..... Non-members @ \$65.00 ..... copies of Bondi to the Opera House at special tour price @ \$22.00 ..... TOTAL ... \$..... (GST incl.)

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

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD Card No.

Grid for card number and expiry date.

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

EFT payment is available on application to the ARHSnsw Redfern office.

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

ARHSnsw Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 ABN 96 000 538 803

ARHSnsw is not responsible for last minute changes to the route or destination nor arrangements at the Sydney Tramway Museum. 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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TEMORA BOOK LAUNCH TOUR

Crown Land to Closer Settlement by Neville Pollard
16/17/18 March 2018

Come and join us on a special tour to Temora to launch Neville Pollard’s new book ‘‘Crown Land to Closer Settlement’’ giving a definitive history of how the Railways in the South West of NSW became a major factor in the settlement of the region.

On Friday 16th March, travel by the 7.42am Melbourne XPT from Central to Cootamundra, due to arrive at 12.50pm. A coach will meet the train to take us on tour with local historian Steve Baker to view the now closed Tumut Line to Gundagai and the deteriorating Murrumbidgee River rail bridge. We will also look at Coolac, the only accessible station location along this section of the line. Tour notes on this line will be available on the day of travel.

On return to Cootamundra, settle in to the Cootamundra Gardens Motel for our 2 nights stay. Departing on Saturday Morning we will travel to Temora stopping at Cootamundra West, Stockinbingal and the Temora Wheat Sub Terminal before arriving at the Temora Railway Station Museum. The Museum Heritage Walk opening and Book launch will take place at 11.00am followed by a BBQ Lunch in the grounds. During the afternoon we will visit the Temora Aviation Museum and The Temora Rural and Ambulance Museum including an Aboriginal interpretive display before returning to our Motel in Cootamundra. Our return travel to Sydney on Sunday 18th March will be on the Griffith to Sydney Explorer Train departing Cootamundra at 10.30am.

You will need to make your own Rail Travel Booking with NSW Trainlink after completing this Booking Form.

Please book me on: TEMORA BOOK LAUNCH tour on 16/17/18 March 2018

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours 67 Renwick Street REDFERN, NSW, 2016 or fax (02) 9699 1714 or Book at: ARHSnsw Bookshop 67 Renwick Street REDFERN, NSW, 2016

Table with 4 columns: Item description, Quantity, Price per unit, and Total price. Includes rows for Members and guests, Non-Members, Single Supplement, Signed copy of Crown Land to Closer Settlement, and Members’s Tour Special Price.

Form fields for Name, Address, Telephone, E-mail, and Name(s) of accompanying person(s). Includes a section for special requirements.

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

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for \$.....or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Form fields for Card No., Expiry date, and Signature.

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

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**RAIL ARCHIVE FILM & PHOTO PRESENTATION  
AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY THEN CRUISE  
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR ON THE 'WILLIAM IV'  
PADDLE WHEELER**

**Saturday 7 April 2018**

Join the 7.21am Intercity Train from Central to Broadmeadow due at 9.43am to join the coach departing at 10am to transfer to the Newcastle University's Auchmuty Library for a very special presentation of associated rail footage from the recent acquisition of NBN Channel 3 Newcastle's film archives, arranged by Greg Anderson. Ed Tonks will again be giving a commentary on the showing. Refreshments will be served on arrival.

Transfer to the Newcastle harbourside for lunch at leisure at 12.30pm from the variety of food outlets along the wharf precinct. Board the recently restored replica of the 'William IV' paddle wheeler for a cruise around Newcastle Harbour noting the various shipping movements and activities around the harbour foreshore. Rejoin our coach at 4pm before the return to Broadmeadow to connect with the Intercity service to Sydney at 5.01pm, due to arrive at Central at 7.32pm.

Tour cost includes coach transfers, your 'William IV' cruise and a donation to the special project fund at the University.

Rail travel to Broadmeadow is at your own cost.

**Booking form for:  
A Newcastle Harbour Cruise on the Replica 'WILLIAM IV' Paddle Wheeler  
and Newcastle University's Auchmuty Library NBN Channel 3 Rail  
associated Film & Photo Archive Presentation on Saturday 7 April 2018**

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 9699 1714 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop  
67 Renwick Street 67 Renwick Street  
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Please book for me.....Seats (ARHSnsw Members and guests) @ \$75.00 \$.....  
.....Seats non-members @ \$85.00 \$.....  
**TOTAL** \$..... (GST incl.)

Name.....  
Address.....Postcode.....  
Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No. ....  
E-mail.....  
Accompanied by.....

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

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No.                      Expiry   /

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

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