IN THE WAKE OF THE 'GENERAL GORDON' and RIVER HISTORY TOUR REVISTED

Sunday 8 October 2017

Following many expresions of interest from members to re-run this facinating tour, you now have the opportunity to come and join us on a special three and a half hour historical cruise on the Hawkesbury River with local historian Peter Rae.

Departing from Brooklyn at 9.30am, Peter will be providing a commentary as we follow the route of the *General Gordon* paddle wheeler along the river. We will learn about the West Head defences during World War II and its interesting inclined railway together with other items regarding WWII installations including; the river bed minefield, the Woy Woy WWII airfield, *HMAS Hawkesbury*, Juno Point defences, the Japanese submarines rendezvous and view the wrecks of WWI naval ships *HMAS Parramatta* and *Swan*. Due to the silting of Mullet Creek we are unable to sail by a regular ferry to the Mullet Creek Station site located at the bottom of the 1 in 40 grade south of the Woy Woy Tunnel.

You will learn how the two railway bridges were built and why the first bridge failed. Our Railway Resources Manager, Bill Phippen OAM will contribute his vast knowledge of both bridges and about the involvement that Dangar Island played in the construction of the first bridge.

We return to Brooklyn at 1.00pm in time for your lunch. Particpants travel to Hawkesbury River by the 7.45am service from Central or the 7.50am Sydney service from Wyong and walk the short distance to the Brooklyn Ferry Wharf. The return Sydney service departs Hawkesbury River at 1.37pm and 2.37pm. The Wyong service departs at 1.45pm or 2.45pm.

Morning tea is included on board the ferry. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch from the hotel or cafés at Brooklyn. Tour notes will be distributed on board the ferry. We are limited to 50 passengers on the ferry, so please book early.

Bridge engineer Samuel Ryland surveys his handiwork after the successful flotation of the original bridge's first span on 25 May 1888. Image: RRC Collection #507519

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Name.....

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

Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No. .....

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....E-mail.....

I will join the train to Hawkesbury River at.....Station (Should you decide to drive, parking is limited at Brooklyn)

Please book for me.....Tickets (ARHS*nsw* Members and guests) @ $55.00 $..... (GST incl.)

.....Tickets non-members @ $60.00 $..... (GST incl.)

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

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

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

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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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