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# Members' newsletter

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## March 2010

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| Tue 2        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| <b>Wed 3</b> | <b>Members' Meeting: John Ward: UK Railways &amp; Canals</b> |
| Sat 6        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Tue 9        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| <b>Tue 9</b> | <b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ron Drummond's slides</b>     |
| Sat 13       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Tue 16       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Wed 17       | Stuart Sharp's Railway Luncheon Club: Canterbury Station     |
| Fri 19       | ARHSnsw NZ Tour to 30 March                                  |
| Sat 20       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Tue 23       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Sat 27       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |
| Tue 30       | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open                            |

## April 2010

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| Fri 2         | Good Friday: Bookshop Closed   |
| Sat 3         | Bookshop and Railway Resource Centre Closed  |
| Mon 5         | Easter Monday: Bookshop Closed   |
| Tue 6         | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| <b>Wed 7</b>  | <b>Members' Meeting: Bill Laidlaw &amp; Max Michell</b><br><i>Asian Metro Systems, Maglev and High Speed Rail in China</i> |
| Sat 10        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| <b>Tue 13</b> | <b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward UK Rwy/Canals</b>   |
| Tue 13        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| Sat 17        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| Tue 20        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| Wed 21        | Stuart Sharp's Railway Luncheon Club: TBA  |
| Sat 24        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| Tue 27        | ARHS Railway Resource Centre open  |
| Fri 30        | Powerhouse Museum Discovery Tour: Castle Hill  |

## FEBRUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER

On 3 February Shane O'Neil presented images, past and present, of his trips to the Darjeeling Railway, India, in 1986 and 2009 and Thailand, also taken in December last year.

In respect of the Darjeeling Railway, the incursion of diesels into the day-to-day operations was the notable change in operations with steam being mainly used on tourist trains on the top end of the line from Darjeeling to Ghum and Kurseong. The vistas had changed too over the decades between Shane's visits with development and haze spoiling once scenic vistas. The population of the Darjeeling area has increased from about half a million to 1.2 million from 1986 to 2009.

His Thailand images provided insights into railway operations that are not too well known at all. Shane's advanced photographic skills were well illustrated in his presentation with almost every image showing careful composition. Society President George Gettens presented Shane with a bookshop voucher in appreciation.

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

A thorough review of this Division's magazine publishing operation has just been completed. It identified that mailing costs have increased, yet again, but we are able to absorb these for the time being.

While Council has yet to make a final decision we expect that there will be no change to the cover price for both magazines: *Australian Railway History* or *Railway Digest*. Subscription costs for the year May 2010 to April 2011 will also probably remain unchanged from last year.

Members and subscribers will be receiving invitations to renew their subscriptions in the mail in early March for payment by mid-April. We would appreciate members and subscribers renewing as soon as possible to spread the load on our volunteers who are very busy in this period.

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| Sydney meetings:               | Members' meetings are held in Sydney on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings commence 6.30pm (seating available from 6.00pm) | 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 8.00pm.   | At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton   |
| Bookshop:                      | Monday to Friday:<br>8.30am to 5.30pm<br>Saturday:<br>9.00am to 4.00pm   | Phone: 02 9379 6633 • Fax: 02 9379 4745<br>Email: sbo@arhsnsw.com.au  |
| Rail Resource Centre:          | Tuesdays:<br>12.00pm to 4.00pm<br>Saturdays:<br>10.00am to 3.00pm  | Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au<br>(Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, Please note requests not taken by phone)   |
| Administration and Mail Order: |  | Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714<br>Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au   |
| Tours:                         | As advertised  | Infoline: 02 8394 9019  |
| www.arhsnsw.com.au             |  |   |

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## RAILWAY DIGEST PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

As we go further into 2010, it is probably worth updating readers on a number of issues and changes that have come to affect the way *Railway Digest* accepts photograph submissions for publication in the magazine.

We no longer can accept hard-copy prints or slides for publication in *Railway Digest* (our sister magazine, *Australian Railway History* is, however, another matter). Although, I'm certain this will be a direction some photographers will not greet with enthusiasm, the sheer number of digital CD/DVD and email submissions we receive, have propelled us to the point where the work and responsibility required to scan and manage both prints and slides is simply no longer efficient.

Scanning and preparing prints and slides for publication is an extremely time-consuming process compared to the simplicity of working with submissions that arrive already in digital form.

Another issue that has arisen is the increasing size of digital images, growing as photographers move to cameras capable of shooting higher and higher megapixel 'sized' files. While this does not trouble us in terms of posted CD or DVD submissions, a number of 'monster' sized emails have been causing out internet service provider a number of issues in recent months, with the result that email traffic to and from both the [editor@railwaydigest.com.au](mailto:editor@railwaydigest.com.au) and [photos@railwaydigest.com.au](mailto:photos@railwaydigest.com.au) addresses have become blocked, sometime for a day or two at a time.

While we will always gratefully receive and accept digital submissions, we do ask that email sizes be kept under 6MB in size (note: sometimes a 4-5MB photo, when attached to an email, can blow out a message size to more than 6MB). This being the case, we would ask that contributors submit only low-res images initially, and we will contact you regarding high-res versions should we need them.

We are working on plans to streamline and adapt the digital image submission process to make it a little more robust, however in the interim, we would greatly appreciate your support.

On a final note, we should also point out that we would much prefer to receive 4 or 5 captioned images at a time, rather than 20 or 30 non-captioned images. We unfortunately receive many fine images that contain no caption details, which can sometimes put us in a position of being unsure of the photo's 'appropriateness' for whatever news item or report we might otherwise consider it for.

If we have the caption on hand at the time of looking at publication, that image stands a far better chance of being published straight away, lest we have to try and work towards identifying the image's topical and timeliness credentials. In many cases, it is also hard to assume a location from uncaptioned images also.

As always, we deeply appreciate the support of our readers and contributors.

Chris Walters

ARHSnsw is proud to announce the release of Brian Robert Andrews'

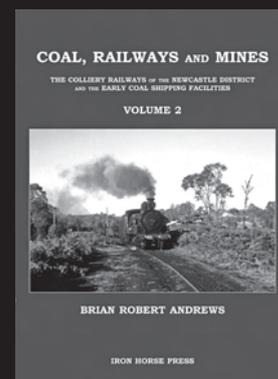
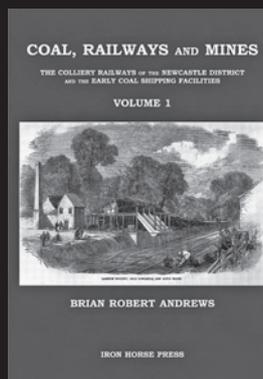
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## Position Vacant

ARHSnsw is calling for expressions of interest in full or part-time work in an editorial capacity at the magazine office in Redfern, NSW.

Proficiency in graphic design software (Adobe InDesign in particular) is desirable.

Interested applicants are advised to contact General Manager Ross Verdich on (02) 9699 4595 or email: rossverdi@arhsnsw.com.au



## Forthcoming tours

- Mar 19–30 12-day New Zealand Tour**—South Island and Wellington. Includes the *TranzAlpine*, *TranzCoastal*, Taieri Gorge Railway, Weka Pass and Ferrymead Heritage Park. *You can still participate in our railway/tramway/trolleybus-focussed tour with expert guidance from expatriate Kiwi Murray Harper! The scenery is delightful too! Bonus: Tour cost includes breakfasts & dinners incl. some speciality dinners. Late bookings accepted! Booking form attached. Itinerary on ARHSnsw website.*
- April 30 Visit to PHM Castle Hill Repository:** *Visit to Store H (Model Collection) Bookings filling fast. Booking form attached.*
- May 16 Lovedale Long Lunch/Maitland with 3801Ltd.** *Booking form attached.*
- June 4/5/6/7 West & North West Wanderer Tour by CPHs.** Due to ARTC Nth Coast track work closure the proposed Brisbane tour is postponed. The long-weekend tour using The RMS's CPHs1 and 7 (and maybe CPH3) will now travel from Broadmeadow, Muswellbrook, Ulan, Merrygoen, Dubbo, Binnaway, Werris Creek, Narrabri, Tamworth, Armidale to Telarah. *Booking form attached.*
- July 24/25 Ed Tonks' Mines and Lines Weekend Tour.**  
Sat: Mines of Lake Macquarie.  
Sun: Hexham to Richmond Main
- August: 621/721 Sydney Suburban tour**
- September: Three Day visit to Dorrigo Steam Museum,** travel by XPT and Coach.

For more information call our Tours Hotline on 02 8394 9019

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

On 17 February last about 40 luncheon club members had an enjoyable time visiting Sutherland Station.

In quick fashion, the members engaged the Station Manager, Charlie Kataieh, in a spirited conversation about the impact of the new junction arrangements once the duplication on the Cronulla Branch is opened. From April, all Up Branch trains will now be required to occupy the Down Main to gain access to No. 3 platform. This arrangement will substantially change the pattern of train movements.

Members were also able to inspect the interlocking frame in Sutherland signal box, thanks to Noel Barber and Peter Emmett, the top two CityRail operational staff for the Illawarra line. All the CityRail staff were extremely pleasant and helpful and the Society is most appreciative for the time of these key officers.

Peter Neve, Life member and resident of Sutherland since 1955, made a valuable and engaging contribution by his comprehensive history on the history of the station, including the 1886 platform face, the former branch to Woronora Cemetery and the extant 1911 tramway waiting shed.

The next outing of the Luncheon Club will be to Canterbury Station on Wednesday 17 March. Members are invited to meet on the overhead concourse at 11.00am. Bring your name badge.

## Slide Competition

The slide competition topic for the February meeting was 'NSW locomotive hauled passenger trains' and it was very well supported with some very good images in city, suburban and country scenes. The eventual winner was Chris Sim with a well-composed image of electric loco 4617 hauling a newly refurbished Cub Set through Redfern circa 1970.

Upcoming subjects are:

- March . . . South Maitland Railways
- April . . . Southern Aurora
- May . . . Gone but not forgotten—NSW branch lines
- June . . . XPTs in the landscape
- July . . . Rails at the state borders especially dual gauge.

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images but submissions need to be in at least 24 hours beforehand. Images submitted via CD are to be sent to our Redfern office and images via email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

# POWER HOUSE MUSEUM REPOSITORY DISCOVERY TOUR

Friday 30 April 2010

Come and join us for an outing to the Power House Museum Repository at Castle Hill for a Discovery Tour through their extensive collection. It will include a special inspection of H Store.

The tour departs Tempe Bus and Truck Museum in a vintage bus at 9.30am. The bus will pick-up at Strathfield at 10.00am and Parramatta at 10.20am for a run to Castle Hill for a 11.00am start for our special guided tour. The tour takes about two hours. Bring along a picnic lunch or join the group for lunch at the nearby Castle Hill RSL Club. Return to Tempe is expected by 4.00pm. **Book early as group size is limited to 50.**

**Please book me on the  
POWER HOUSE MUSEUM REPOSITORY DISCOVERY TOUR at Castle Hill  
on Friday 30 April 2010**

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| Please reserve me | ..... seats ARHSnsw Members & Guests | @\$26.00 | \$.....GST incl. |
|                   | ..... seats non-members              | @\$32.00 | \$.....GST incl. |
|                   |                                      | Total    | \$.....GST incl. |

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

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

Telephone contact no. ....(home)..... (mobile)

Name(s) of accompanying persons.....

I would like to join the tour at .....or I will make my own arrangements to get to Castle Hill.....

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

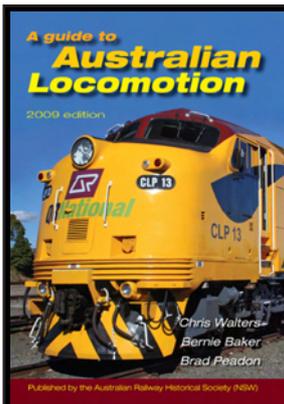
Or please DEBIT my VISA / MASTERCARD No. .... EXPIRY ..... / .....

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(dealer enquiries welcome!)

# LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010

Join ARHSnsw Tours and 3801 Ltd for this event of good food, good wine and a great day out.

A heritage restored train will be hauled by a vintage diesel locomotive to the Heart of the Hunter to this annual classic event, the *LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH*. You will visit three of the wineries that produce exquisite wines in the Lovedale region of the Hunter along with great local chefs providing a diverse range of food to accompany the wines.

You can join the train at Sydney Terminal (Central), Strathfield or Hornsby and travel in style to Morisset where you will be transferred by coach to the Lovedale region for this event. Three wineries will be visited, each producing classic wines and at each winery you will enjoy a different food course. You will be given your own wine glass to use throughout the day and keep as a memento of your visit.

With no RBT worries, your coach will return you to Maitland Station to rejoin the train for the relaxing journey back to Sydney. Our train is timetabled to depart Sydney at 8.21am, Strathfield at 8.34am and Hornsby at 9.06am to arrive at Lovedale by 11.30am.

The return journey will depart Lovedale at 3.15pm. and timetabled to reach Hornsby at 6.48pm, Strathfield at 7.14pm and Sydney Terminal (Central), at 7.30pm. Morning and afternoon teas and other light refreshments will be available on board the train throughout the journey.

If you don't wish to join the Lovedale Long Lunch you can stay with the train and spend the 4-hour train lay over time visiting historic Maitland. Have lunch in one of the classic hotels or picnic in Maitland Park.

## Booking form

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BOOKING FOR THE LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH TOUR - SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010

|                |  |                       |         |   |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Mail to:       | ARHSnsw Tours<br>PO Box 4083<br>EDGEWORTH NSW 2285 | or fax (02) 4956 3370 | Pay at: | ARHSnsw Bookshop<br>Rail Heritage Centre<br>CENTRAL STATION |
| Please book me | .....Seats ARHSnsw members and guests              | @ \$140.00            | \$..... |   |
|                | .....Seats non-members                             | @ \$150.00            | \$..... |   |
|                | .....Maitland Rail Tour only                       | @ \$85.00             | \$..... |   |
|                | Credit Card Payments attract a 2% surcharge        |                       |         | \$.....   |
|                |  |                       | TOTAL   | \$ .....GST incl  |

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# WEST, NORTH WEST and NEW ENGLAND RAIL CRUISE

PATERSON – TELARAH – SINGLETON – MUSWELLBROOK – DENMAN - SANDY HOLLOW - ULAN – GULGONG - MERRYGOEN - DUBBO – BINNWAY - WERRIS CREEK - GUNNEDAH – NARRABRI – QUIRINDI - TAMWORTH – ARMIDALE – TELARAH- PATERSON

## JUNE LONG WEEKEND 11/12/13/14 JUNE 2010

Take this opportunity to travel on a 4-day rail cruise travelling over some familiar tracks, be it in a different direction and explore the frosty delights of the Main North Line to Armidale in winter in the restored CPH Rail Motors from the Rail Motor Society, Paterson. Due to a Short North and North Coast Line shut down over the June Long Weekend, our tour will depart and finish at Paterson.

On Friday our expected departure from Paterson is at 7.30am, then Telarah Station arrive 8.00am to follow the Main North Line to Singleton and Muswellbrook and then travelling in a westerly direction on the line to Denman, Sandy Hollow, Ulan and Gulgong where we will be stopping for lunch. Continue on to Merrygoen to reverse and journey on to Dubbo for our first night's stay. After a hearty breakfast rejoin the rail motors to travel on to Binnaway to again reverse and take the cross-country line to Werris Creek, stopping for lunch at Spring Ridge. Reverse again and head north west through Gunnedah to Narrabri for our second night. Sunday will be a leisurely run back to Werris Creek to again reverse and head north into the New England Region of the State stopping for lunch in Tamworth. We continue in a northerly direction climbing into the more mountainous New England Region for our third night stay in Armidale. Monday morning our run will be to Werris Creek for lunch and a visit to the Australian Railway Monument and Rail Journey Museum. Rejoin the train for the final leg of our rail cruise to return to Telarah and Paterson.

Should you wish to join the train at Paterson, parking will be available in the museum yard. Accommodation and meals can be arranged in Paterson for Thursday night 10 June and Monday night 14 June. upon request.

Accommodation in Dubbo, Narrabri and Armidale will be on a twin share, dinner, and bed and breakfast arrangement. Limited single supplement will be available upon request.

Tour cost includes rail travel, transfers to accommodation if required, dinner bed and breakfast accommodation, lunches, morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling. Items of a personal nature and drinks are at your own expense.

### Booking form for the WEST, NORTH WEST & NEW ENGLAND RAIL CRUISE 11/12/13/14 JUNE 2010

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| Mail to:             | ARHSnsw Tours<br>PO Box 4083<br>EDGEWORTH NSW 2285 | or fax (02) 4956 3370                       | Pay at:  | ARHSnsw Bookshop<br>Rail Heritage Centre<br>CENTRAL STATION |
| Please book me ..... | Seats ARHSnsw members and guests                   | @ \$875.00                                  | \$.....  |   |
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|                      |  | Credit Card Payments attract a 2% surcharge | \$.....  |   |
|                      |  | <b>TOTAL</b>                                | \$ ..... | GST incl.   |

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

I require Accommodation at Paterson on Thursday Night 10 June..... Monday night 14 June .....  
at either CBC B&B ..... or Courthouse Hotel ..... (Cost & details on application)

I require dinner on Thursday Night 10 June ..... I require dinner on Monday Night 14 June .....

I require coach travel to Sydney on Monday night 14 June .....

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

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