



Members' newsletter

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April 2010

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
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Bill Laidlaw & Max Michell <i>Asian Metro Systems, Maglev and High Speed Rail in China</i>
Sat 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward UK Rwmys/Canals
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: Denistone Station
Sat 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 25	ANZAC Day Holiday-Bookshop Closed
Fri 30	Powerhouse Museum Discovery Tour: Castle Hill

May 2010

Sat 1	Bookshop closed for stocktaking
Sat 1	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 4	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 5	Members' Meeting: Jim Longworth <i>Railway Infrastructure</i>
Sat 8	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Annual Meeting and quiz
Sat 15	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 16	Tour: Lovedale Long Lunch/Maitland with 3801 Ltd.
Tue 18	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 19	Stuart Sharp's Railway Luncheon Club: Mascot Station
Sat 22	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 29	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

MARCH'S GUEST SPEAKER

On 3 March John Ward presented images, past and present, of his trips with friends to the UK in the 1970s and again in 2005.

It was not just a review of John's railway encounters but also his images of a boat trip on some of the UK's canal systems. Books can be read about the canal system but John's first hand experience was good to hear about. The engineering required to construct the canals was quite extraordinary (but it helps to have a predominately flat landscape). Even so, John showed us images of the The Falkirk Wheel located in Scotland, UK, connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. It is a rotating boat lift opened by the Queen in 2002 and the vertical difference in height between the waterways is some 24 meters.

Some 140 images, from slides and recent digitals, were shown. George Gettens thanked John for another entertaining presentation.

MEMBERSHIP & MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a thorough review of this Division's magazine publishing operation identified that mailing costs have increased.

The Society's Council has ratified the decision that we are able to absorb these for the time being and not to increase membership or domestic subscription costs nor change to the cover price for both magazines: *Australian Railway History* or *Railway Digest*. However, overseas mailing costs have risen considerably and so these have risen after careful examination of the convoluted charging system that Australia Post now employs.

Members' and subscribers' invitations to renew were mailed in early March (for payment by mid-April). We would appreciate members and subscribers renewing as soon as possible (as some have already done!), thank you!

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: 8.30am to 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am to 4.00pm	The bookshop is located at Rail Heritage Central on the Concourse of Sydney Central Station
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12.00pm to 4.00pm Saturdays: 10.00am to 3.00pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
Administration and Mail Order:		67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (no general access—by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019
www.arhsnsw.com.au		

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NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

We warmly welcome Bruce Belbin into the role of *Railway Digest* Editor. He will be the principal designer of the magazine but will share general editorial responsibilities with Shane O'Neil.

Bruce is well-known in railway circles for being the long-serving editor of the LRRSA's bi-monthly magazine *Light Railways*. Of course, the Belbin name is also well-known through the artistic talents of his father Phil (deceased) and younger brother Graeme's railway videos/DVDS. The Belbin brothers share a passion for narrow gauge steam and both own ex-sugar cane steam locomotives.

Bruce will formally take over the reins of *Railway Digest* Editor from Chris Walters in mid-April.

Railway Digest will continue to be the quality rail magazine for well-balanced Australia-wide news, image and article content.

Chris has advised that he will continue to actively contribute articles and images to *Railway Digest* as he follows his new, less-hetic, career path. A profound thankyou is due to Chris for his enthusiasm and dedication in his tenure as RD's editor.

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

On 17 March, approximately 30 luncheon club members visited Canterbury Station. Aply led by Stuart Sharp, the group was informed of the history of Canterbury Station and the origins of the name which came from the UK.

Canterbury Station was opened on 1 February 1895 with the completion of the line to Belmore. Belmore and Marrickville Stations were opened at the same time. The line to Belmore was the first to be opened in Sydney as a double track for its entire length. These three station buildings represented the most magnificent platform structures built since the the first line was opened to Parramatta in 1855. These three stations were also:-

- the first major use of an island platform
- last major use of Victorian influence in station architecture on the system
- Canterbury also marked the first full scale introduction of a linear floor pattern in building design, and represented the epitome of political interference, especially with the rail access to the adjacent racecourse.

After the inspection of the station and its architecture, the group went to the former signal box (now closed and not accessible) and observed an old lamp box which is believed had a former life as a ship's fresh water tank. These became numerous around NSW, and were utilised as a storage place for kerosene and kerosene lamps. They are now rare in Sydney.

The next outing is on Wed 21 April to Denistone. We meet on the Newcastle end of the Down platform at 11am. Future outings are planned to Mascot on 19 May, and Ingleburn Infrastructure Camp on 16 June. We are also now planning to go to Lithgow on 14 and 15 of September.

Gary Hughes

Forthcoming tours

April 30 Visit to PHM Castle Hill Repository: *Visit to Store H (Model Collection) Bookings filling fast.*

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 *Booking form attached.*

August: 621/721 Sydney Suburban tour

September: Three Day visit to Dorriggo Steam Museum, travel by XPT and Coach.

For more information call our Tours Hotline on 02 8394 9019

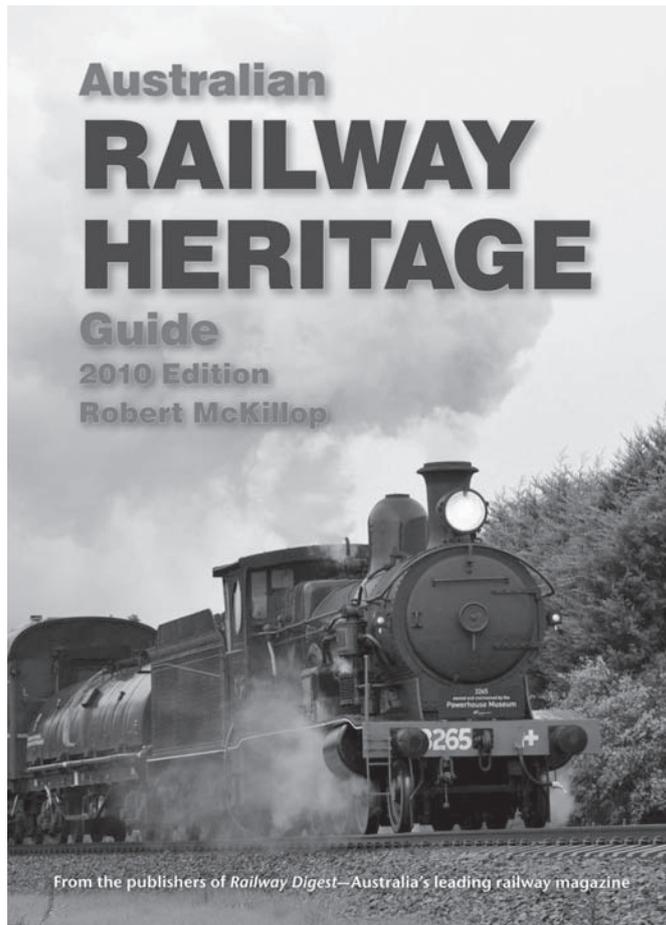
Slide Competition

The slide competition topic for the March meeting was 'South Maitland Railways' and it was very well supported. The eventual winner was Terry Flynn with a nicely composed shot of SMR No.23 at East Greta Junction. Upcoming subjects are:

- 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

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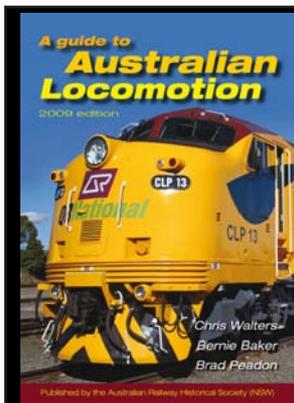


ARHSnsw is proud to announce the forthcoming release of the

Australian Railway Heritage Guide 2010 Edition

This release updates the former *Guide to Australian Heritage and Railway Museums* (Year 2000, 7th Edition), and forms the most concise and up-to-date guide to Australia's heritage railways, museums, displays and attractions.

The 320-page paperback guide is due for release during May 2010, and includes state-by-state, and region-by-region coverage, including display listings and contact information. The *Australian Railway Heritage Guide—2010 Edition* will be available for \$35.00. To order your copy call the ARHS Bookshop at Sydney Central on 02 9379 6633.



A Guide to Australian Locomotion

This book is the ultimate and up-to-date field guide to modern Australian diesel and electric locomotives operating today! Listings are builder by builder, and covers major main line operators, small private fleets, and Queensland's vast sugar mill networks.

The 288-page book is now available in A5, card-cover format, and contains over 280 photographs (most in full-colour), tabulation lists, glossary and preserved locomotive indices!

Priced at only \$35.00*.

Order now through the ARHSnsw bookshop at Sydney Central Station.

(dealer enquiries welcome!)

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

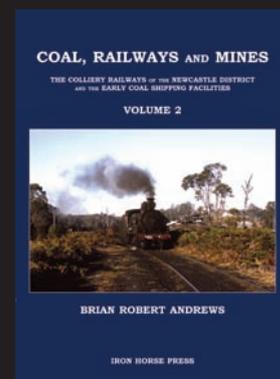
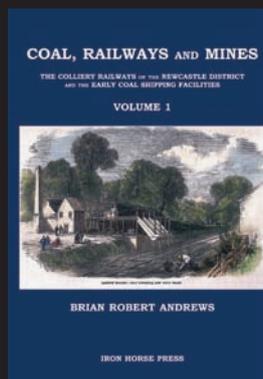
COAL, RAILWAYS AND MINES

THE COLLIERY RAILWAYS OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT AND THE EARLY COAL SHIPPING FACILITIES

This massive 1136 page limited edition double volume book is now available at a recommended retail price of \$265*.

(Sorry, no dealer discounts, direct sales only.)

Enquiries to ARHSnsw Bookshop on (02) 9379 6633.
Email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au



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 PO Box 4083 EDGEWORTH NSW 2285	or fax (02) 4956 3370	Pay at:	ARHSnsw Bookshop Rail Heritage Centre 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

Name.....Membership No.

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

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

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

I will join the train atStation

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SignatureDate

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 14 days before to departure

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WEST, NORTH WEST and NEW ENGLAND RAIL CRUISE

PATERSON – TELARAH – SINGLETON – MUSWELLBROOK – DENMAN - SANDY HOLLOW - ULAN – GULGONG - MERRYGOEN - DUBBO – BINNAWAY - 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

Mail to:	ARHSnsw Tours PO Box 4083 EDGEWORTH NSW 2285	or fax (02) 4956 3370	Pay at:	ARHSnsw Bookshop Rail Heritage Centre CENTRAL STATION
Please book me	Seats ARHSnsw members and guests	@ \$875.00	\$.....	
.....	Seats non-members	@ \$925.00	\$.....	
.....	Single Supplement (limited availability)	@ \$150.00	\$.....	
		Credit Card Payments attract a 2% surcharge	\$.....	
		TOTAL	\$	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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Telephone contact no. (home).....(mobile).....

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

Special requirements.....

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Looking again at the Mines & Lines of the Hunter Coalfields with Ed Tonks

Saturday and Sunday 24/25 July 2010

Enjoy another weekend exploring the Hunter Coal Fields. On this tour we visit the mining and associated railway workings of Lake Macquarie and Richmond Main with our noted historian, Ed Tonks, and our special guests Brian Andrews and Graham Black.

Our Tour will begin at around 10am on Saturday at Broadmeadow Station after the arrival of the 7.21am Intercity service from Sydney (due at 9.52am). Join our coach to travel to the mine sites, cemeteries and memorials at Wallsend, Cardiff, Edgeworth (Young Wallsend), Mount Sugarloaf, West Wallsend, Killingworth, Rhonda and others in the area as time permits. Lunch will be in a local pub. At the end of the day, your overnight accommodation is at the Tudor Inn Motel at Hamilton and we shall dine at Anchors Seafood Restaurant, Broadmeadow.

On Sunday, departing the motel at 9am, we will travel via Port Waratah and Morandoo to Hexham to view the sites of the Richmond Main Railway and the former coal loading facilities on the Hunter River. Follow the old line through Stockrington and Minmi. View the railway viaducts, embankments and tunnels to Kurri Kurri and Pelaw Main and onto the Richmond Main Colliery Museum. We will enjoy a BBQ lunch, followed by a guided tour of the Richmond Main Site with Graham Black and take a train ride on the mine's reinstated former rail connection to Pelaw Main for a further site inspection. Pack your walking shoes, as there will be some areas only accessible on foot.

The weekend tour includes a group dinner on Saturday night, overnight B & B accommodation at the Tudor Motor Inn, Hamilton and tour notes. Lunch on Saturday, drinks and items of a personal nature will be at your own expense.

For those travelling by train, the return to Sydney on Sunday will be on the 4.14 pm Intercity from Morisset. There is plenty of parking at Broadmeadow Station and at Hamilton.

BOOKING FORM: FOR LOOKING AGAIN AT MINES AND LINES of the HUNTER COAL FIELDS Tour with Ed Tonks

Saturday and Sunday 24 / 25 July 2010

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PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
EDGEWORTH NSW 2285 CENTRAL STATION

Please bookWeekend Package Twin Share Accommodation Members and Guests	@ \$205.00	\$.....
	.....Weekend Package Twin Share Accommodation Non Members	@ \$225.00	\$.....
	.....Single Supplement (Limited availability)	@ \$55.00	\$.....
	.....Day Tour of Lake Macquarie Mine Sites only for Saturday 24th July	@ \$65.00	\$.....
	.....Day Tour to Richmond Main for Sunday 25th July *	@ \$95.00	\$.....

* (incl. entry, BBQ lunch and train ride)

Credit Card Payments attract a 2% surcharge = \$.....

TOTAL GST incl \$

I require Twin Share Double Accommodation

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