



Members' newsletter

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July 2010

Sat 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Kevin Dodds and John A'Beckett The Powerhouse Museum's 3265 & Steam Model Collection
Sat 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Larry Greentree
Sat 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Railway Luncheon Club: Hamilton Station
Sat 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat/Sun 24/25	Ed Tonks' Mines and Lines Weekend Tour
Tue 27	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

August 2010

Tue 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Geoff Moss A Senior Engineer's Adventures with Electrics
Sat 7	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Sun 8	621/721 Newcastle Suburban tour
Tue 10	Newcastle Member's Meeting: Dave Rowllins slides
Tue 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Sat 14	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Tue 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Wed 18	Railway Luncheon Club: Cronulla Station
Sat 21	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Tue 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Sat 28	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open
Tue 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Open

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 1 September 2010 commencing at 6.30 pm

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 three 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 Wednesday 4 August 2010.

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 8pm.	At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 9am to 5.30pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	The bookshop is located at Rail Heritage Central on the Concourse of Sydney Central Station
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	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 or 0428 333 443
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Volunteers are urgently required at the ARHSnsw Railway Resource Centre. Several of our volunteers have left us temporarily for various periods of time and both the RRC at Redfern and the RRC annex located at Alexandria require volunteers to assist with on-going work.

At Redfern we are mainly in need of researchers who can assist with investigating requests for information received from both the public and official sources. A general knowledge of railway working and history would be a distinct advantage.

At Alexandria, previous experience in the sorting and listing of paper material is desirable but not essential. Please contact David Wynter, RRC Manager on 9699 2736 to discuss or email at: dwynter@arhsnsw.com.au

Bill KERR

In early June we accepted with regret the resignation of Bill Kerr who has worked in the Society's bookshop for over 10 years, the last three as its manager. Bill's health has generally deteriorated since early last year and he has had to cope with various ailments that has required hospitalisation and on-going medical treatment. Deterioration in his eyesight has seen him unable to drive which is unfortunate as cars are one of his passions. It has also caused him problems with his reading and computing. He and his doctors are hopeful that the eye treatment currently being administered will be successful in restoring his vision.

Bill's gentle manner and salesmanship will be greatly missed in the bookshop. We are hopeful that his general well-being will return to some normality.

Chris Harding, another long-serving Society stalwart has assumed the role of bookshop manager. (With occasional forays into radio media!) The Society is fortunately blessed with a conscientious contingent of bookshop volunteers who have filled the void in Bill's absence. Remarkably, most of these volunteers are domiciled outside the Sydney metropolitan area.

A casual position is advertised in this newsletter (below) to give assistant sales support for the bookshop manager.

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

Ed Tonks spoke about United Goninan's GL Class built for CFCLA during 2002-04.

Twelve locomotives were constructed using the frames, fuel tanks and bogies of dismantled ex-NSW 442 Class with new bodies and 'service proven' reconditioned GE FDL V12 engines. Ed described each locomotive's entry into service in detail including before shots of the 'donor' 442 Class. Each GL is named after a famous racehorse and Ed also gave these details as well. It was an interesting lecture that gave some background on the design of these units and their subsequent entry into service.

George Gettens thanked Ed for his lecture on behalf of the audience.

Forthcoming tours

July 24/25:

Ed Tonks' Mines & Lines Weekend Tour
Tour fully booked. *Waiting list only.*

August 8:

621/721 Newcastle Suburban tour.
Morrisset/Dungog/Maitland/Scone/Newcastle
Booking form attached.

September 10/11/12:

Three-day visit to Dorrigo Steam Museum.
Travel by XPT & Coach. *Booking form attached.*

September 14/15:

Railway Luncheon Club to Lithgow.
Some vacancies left. *Booking form attached.*

November:

621/721 Sydney Suburban tour.

For more info call our Tours Hotline on **02 8394 9019.**

Slide Competition

The slide competition topic for the June meeting was 'XPTs in the landscape'. The winner was Chris Sim.

Upcoming subjects are:

- July—Rails at state borders especially dual-gauge
- August—Single deck suburban electrics pre-1980
- September—Just Garratts
- October—Bridges Down Under
- November—Tasmanian Government Railways
- December—Members' Slide & Video night

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images 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

CASUAL POSITION AVAILABLE AT ARHSnsw BOOKSHOP

Would you like to work in the best located and largest railway bookshop in Australia? A casual paid position is available at the ARHSnsw Central Railway Bookshop, working up to three days per week. Further work may be offered to cover for holiday relief within the Society. Applicants with retail experience preferred and a good knowledge of Australian and world railways is desirable.

Applications close 30 July 2010. Contact Ross Verdich on 02 9699 4595 or email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

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RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

VISITS INGLEBURN INFRASTRUCTURE DEPOT

On Wednesday 16 June, 33 members made their way south for the Luncheon Club visit to the Ingleburn Infrastructure Depot, or to give its correct name, The Inner South Infrastructure Facilities. After the obligatory sign-in procedures were completed we were met by Dennis Darley, the District Maintenance Manager, who explained the workings of the depot and its role in station presentation.

Dennis is responsible for station maintenance for 36 stations, from Merrylands to Casula, Carramar to Berala and Birrong to Marrickville. The work done by his people ranges from repairs to seats, signage, indicator boards and general building maintenance. A major part of their work is repairs following vandalism.

Ingleburn now has only three permanent staff and most of the work is done by contract labour.

It turned out to be a most informative day and gave the members an insight into a little known aspect of railway maintenance.

Our thanks to Dennis and his staff for their time and answers to our many questions. A nice gesture was the presentation to us of a photo of the M1 Set with Ingleburn on the destination indicator and a welcome message to our group (see image attached). The group lunched at the nearby Ingleburn Bowling Club.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club is to Hamilton on 21 July. Travel is to be by the 8.15am Newcastle Service from Central. Travel in the second front car of the train.

In August we are going to Cronulla, and on 13/14 September it's our two-day trip to Lithgow - please get your bookings in if you haven't already done so, as this tour is limited to 40 people.

Gary Hughes



Member Jim Dietsch inspects an indicator board to be repaired at the Infrastructure Facilities depot at Ingleburn. Image: Ed Tonks.

NEW MEMBERS

465	Peter SAGE	Narwee (Rejoining)
3068	Warren MILLER	Denistone (Rejoining)
4310	Georgia ADAMS	Drummoyne (Rejoining)
4360	Stephen MILLER	Penrith NSW
4361	Frank JOHNSON	Peakhurst (Rejoining)
4859	David GOOD	Miranda NSW
4860	Harvey DART	Nowra NSW
4861	Rodney THOMPSON	Gateshead NSW
4862	James SKINNER	Armidale NSW
4863	Stephen PRESTON	Wallsend NSW
4864	Peter WOODHEAD	Eagleby Qld
4865	Stuart KEAN	Berowra Heights NSW
4866	Doug FRASER	Concord West NSW
4867	Kevin WORNE	Mt.Kuring-gai NSW
4868	Wolf HILDER	Carlton NSW
4869	Mark OXFORD	Crawford River
4870	Alec PIGGOTT	Corrimal NSW
4871	Gary BOYLETT	Seven Hills NSW
4872	Daniel PALMER	Alexandria NSW
4873	Bob BARRY	Thornton NSW
4874	Steven SUN	Winston Hills NSW
4875	Ian BOWMAN	Corrimal NSW
4876	Huon BAILY	Werris Creek NSW
4877	William ROBERTSON	Castlecrag NSW
4878	David BOLEWSKI	Cardiff South NSW
4879	Geoffrey KUBANK	Merewether NSW
4880	Stuart DEWAR	Dapto NSW
4881	Stephen A GALL	Violet Town Vic
4882	Colin PURSEHOUSE	Homebush NSW
4883	Peter MASKILL	Cambridge Park NSW
4884	Colin CLARKE	Emu Plains NSW
4885	Jeremy W Wainwright	O'Connor ACT
4886	Terry STURGEON	Malabar NSW
4887	Geoffrey QUAYLE	Glebe NSW
4310	Georgia ADAMS	Drummoyne NSW
4888	Max PERT	Invermay Park Vic
4889	Howard QUINLAN	O'Connor ACT
4890	Raymond J DON	Warabrook NSW
4891	John MITCHELL	Tunbridge Tas
4892	Thomas STANSFIELD	Hurstville NSW
4893	Dave INNIS	Kings Park
4894	Peter COLVER	Port Macquarie NSW
4895	David MORGAN	Rhodes NSW
4896	Peter BRUCE	Coburg Vic
4897	Evan ROCHE	Waitara NSW
4898	David SMITH	Hawker ACT
4899	Keith HOWARD	Bolton Point NSW
4900	Stuart WHEADON	Port Macquarie NSW
4901	David CORDERY	Frenchs Forest NSW
4902	Edward MARKS	Yanco NSW
4903	Norman DUNCOMBE	Umina Beach NSW
4904	Michael PARKER	Castle Hill NSW
4905	Robert STEWART	Glenbrook NSW
4906	Graeme W HOLYER	Burpengary Qld
4907	Michael J PARKER	Newstead Qld
4908	Brian HUTCHISON	Kurri Kurri NSW
4909	Janet McGAW	Mosman NSW

CHANGED BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5.30pm

Saturday: 9am to 4pm

CityRail Hunter Tour by Rail Cars 621/721

Sunday 8 August 2010

Join ARHSnsw Newcastle Branch and The Rail Motor Society in a journey over the Hunter CityRail system in a day with the recently restored 621/721 class rail cars.

Our tour will commence at Morisset with a connection off the 7.21am CityRail Newcastle service to due to arrive at Morisset at 9.17am. Our train will travel firstly to Newcastle, Maitland and Dungog before returning to Paterson for a BBQ lunch at The Rail Motor Society Museum. After lunch the tour runs via the Farley triangle to Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Scone. After photos, depart Scone for a spirited non-stop run to Broadmeadow in time to connect with the 5.32 pm Sydney service.

Seating is limited to 90 passengers, so be sure to book early for a good seat. Photo stops have been requested at suitable locations throughout the tour. The first five 620/720 Class railcar sets were built for the Newcastle-Hunter suburban rail services and were introduced to service from September 1961. After 45 years of continuous service, their working life as regular passenger trains is now over. The new Hunter rail cars have now replaced them.

We now look forward to 621/721 having a long operating life with The Rail Motor Society. Tour cost includes historical line-side notes, morning and afternoon teas on board and a BBQ lunch at the Rail Motor Museum, Paterson. Return rail fares to Newcastle are at your expense. Newcastle Members can join the train at Paterson, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff or Fassifern.

BOOKING FORM: CITYRAIL HUNTER TOUR BY RAIL CARS 621/721 on Sunday 8 August 2010

Mail to: ARHSnsw Newcastle Branch Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
 PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
 EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please book meSeats ARHSnsw members & guests @ \$90.00 \$..... GST incl.
Seats non-members @ \$95.00 \$..... GST incl.
 Credit Card Payments attract a 2 per cent surcharge = \$..... GST incl.

TOTAL \$..... GST incl.

Name.....Membership No.

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

Telephone contact number (home)..... (mobile).....

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

I will join the train at..... Station

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER/CASH for
 Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No.Expiry/.....

SignatureDate

Tickets and Itinerary 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 (ABN 96 000 538 803) is not responsible for last minute changes to train composition, tour route or destination(s).
 Refunds: up to 30 days prior-100 per cent; less than 30 days to 7 days-90 per cent; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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Visit the DORRIGO STEAM RAILWAY & MUSEUM

10/11/12 September 2010

ARHSnsw invites its members and guests to a special three-day tour to visit the Dorrigo Steam Railway and Museum Limited. It is the largest collection of preserved railway vehicles and memorabilia from the various government and private railways of New South Wales. It is the home of the most comprehensive railway collection in the world, with exhibits ranging from 1855 to the present day. The museum is not yet open to the public. The ARHSnsw has been offered a very special opportunity to visit and have a guided inspection of the site and the collection.

We will travel to Urunga by the 7.15am Casino XPT on Friday 10 September. A coach will convey us to Dorrigo where we will be accommodated for two nights on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis. On Saturday, we will be hosted by Keith Jones at the museum for the inspection of the collection. A slide night has been arranged and a local guided tour organised.

Our return on Sunday will be on the Brisbane – Sydney XPT departing Urunga at 1.13pm to arrive in Sydney at 9.54pm. A block booking has been arranged in a first class car for our rail travel. You make your own arrangements for your ticket to travel with the group or by booking individually using any travel concession you may be entitled to. You also have the option to make your own way to Dorrigo to join the tour.

Accommodation will be at the Dorrigo Hotel/Motel on a twin share/double dinner bed & breakfast basis. Very limited single supplement is available at cost. Rail fares, lunches, drinks and items of a personal nature are not included in the tour cost. Book early as numbers are limited to 30 people attending this special event.

BOOKING FORM: DORRIGO STEAM RAILWAY & MUSEUM VISIT on 10/11/12 September 2010

Mail to:	ARHSnsw Tours PO Box 4083 EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285	or fax (02) 4956 3370	Pay at:	ARHSnsw Bookshop Rail Heritage Centre SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION
Please book me	Places(s) on this tour @ \$270.00 per head twinshare		\$.....	GST incl.
Accommodation required:	Double.....Twin share			
Very limited single supplement available @ \$90 per head			\$.....	GST incl.
	Credit Card Payments attract a 2 per cent surcharge =		\$.....	GST incl.
			TOTAL \$.....	GST incl
Name.....			Membership No.	
Address.....			Postcode.....	
Telephone contact number (home).....		(mobile).....		
Name(s) of accompanying persons.....				
I will join the XPT at.....	Station or I will join the tour at Dorrigo.....			
PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER/CASH for OR please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD				
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The Railway Luncheon Club Lithgow Tour

14 & 15 September 2010

The ARHSnsw invites members to a special two-day inspection of railway infrastructure at Lithgow with Stuart Sharp and Gary Hughes. Local members Col Millard and Len Truscott have assisted with arranging access to sites and buildings not normally available to the general public. A wheelchair accessible bus has been arranged to transfer the group between inspection sites.

The tour commences with a welcome from Lithgow Station staff, an inspection of the last Railway Refreshment Room opened on the NSW Railways, the former two-storey station master's residence and Eskbank Station facilities. Lunch will be taken at the nearby Lithgow Workers Club. Afterwards, a bus tour of local railway sites including the former District Superintendent's office and other local railway residences. Inspect the site of the former 1921 coal mine and power station now called the State Mine Heritage Park. We will also view the archaeological remains of the former Eskbank loco depot, Blast Furnace Park, Lake Pillans station and former mine sites.

On Wednesday, inspect the former Lithgow Loco Depot and Bowenfels Station and residence. Proceed then to Wallerawang to inspect the station and yard before returning to Lithgow for the return journey.

Departure from Sydney Central Station on Tuesday is timetabled for 8.24am on the Intercity service to Lithgow. Our return will be on the 3.22pm Sydney service on Wednesday. Travel together in the second car.

Accommodation will be at the Lithgow Zig-Zag Motel on a twin share dinner, bed & breakfast basis. Single supplement is available at cost. Participants will receive 40+ pages of notes and plans.

Rail fares, lunches, drinks and items of a personal nature are not included in the tour cost. Book early as numbers are limited to 40 persons attending this special Luncheon Club event.

BOOKING FORM: THE RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB LITHGOW TOUR 14 & 15 September 2010

Mail to: Booking officer
ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370
PO Box 4083
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Centre
SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please book me	places on this tour	@ \$159.00	\$..... GST incl.
.....	single Supplement (Limited availability)	@ \$70.00	\$..... GST incl.
		TOTAL	\$..... GST incl.

I require Twin Share Double Accommodation

Name.....Membership No.

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