



Members' newsletter

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November 2011

Tue 1	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 2	Members' Meeting: Nev Pollard —Wheat Transport
Sat 5	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Newcastle Members' Meeting: TBA
Sat 12	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tues 15	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 16	Railway Luncheon Club—Thirroul Station
Sat 19	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 22	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 27	Tour of CityRail's Hunter Lines with CPHs 1, 3 & 7
Tue 29	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

December 2011

Sat 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Members' Slide & Video Night
Sat 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Members' Slide Night
Sat 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Railway Luncheon Club—Sydney Signal Box
Sat 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 26	Boxing Day - Bookshop closed & RRC closed
Tues 27	NSW Public Holiday - Bookshop closed & RRC closed
Sat 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

Forthcoming tours

- November 16:** Luncheon Club: Thirroul
 - November 27:** CityRail Hunter area with CPHs 1, 3 & 7
 - December 3:** 3801 Limited to Kandos
 - December 11:** Annual Members & Volunteers Tour
 - December 21:** Luncheon Club: Sydney Signal Box
 - January 22:** Another Summer's Day on the South Coast
 - February 18 & 19:** Winelander with ARHS Qld
- For more info call our Tours Hotline on 02 8394 9019.*

Monthly Slide Competition

Winner of the October slide competition 'Upper & Lower Quadrant Signal Arms' was Terry Flynn. His image, one of many submitted in a well-supported competition, was an artistic sunlit shot of the now isolated twin-arm bracketed signal at Sale in Victoria. Many thanks to all who submitted.

A reminder that contestants should limit their submissions to five slides or digital images only. The subject of the contest should also be the focus of the shot.

Upcoming subjects are:

- November—Loco-hauled Air-Conditioned Trains
- December—Members' slide & video night

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern. Email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

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:	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (no general access—by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

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RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB LIDCOMBE STATION

Visit to Lidcombe, Wed 19th October 2011

Lidcombe opened as Haslem's Creek on 25th October 1859, changing to Rookwood in 1876 and finally adopting the name Lidcombe, based on the names of two local mayors (Lidbury and Larcombe), in 1914. The station now has 6 platforms, the Olympic Park Sprinter platform taking the unofficial number of zero, whilst the new platform 5 will be the turnback platform for the soon to be introduced Bankstown shuttle services.

First off, our group was met by the SM Mark Guerin, who also looks after Olympic Park Station. He explained the various features of the station and how the Bankstown shuttle services will operate. We then conducted an inspection of the various platform facilities. Of particular interest were the brick buildings on platforms 3 and 4 which date from 1881. An unusual feature was the open fronted waiting areas on each platform. At the completion of the tour, the group adjourned to Auburn RSL for lunch.

The next Luncheon Club outing is to Thirroul on Wednesday 16th November. Meet at the Up platform at 10.46am after the arrival of the Cityrail service that leaves Central at 9.27am. On Wednesday 21st December we will be going to Sydney Signal Box, meeting first at 10.45am in the paid area of the overhead concourse at Redfern Station.

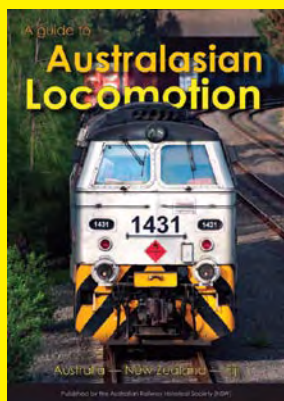
Gary Hughes

OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

RC manager Bill Phippen was the guest speaker and his talk was about the building of the second Hawkesbury River Bridge. If there was a pet subject of Bill's it is the Hawkesbury River Bridge, he having written an article on the subject for the May 2011 *Australian Railway History* magazine. This bridge has come to the fore in the archives with an apparently complete set of plans unearthed at Alexandria, the cataloguing of large numbers of official NSW photos and subsequent donations of the W. K. King photo album which was coincidentally donated to the Society by the family soon after the May ARH article was published showing how the bridge was built by the NSW Railways. 'Mick' King was one of the engineers on the project.

Bill's lecture was spoken to the NSW image collection. The images are wonderful recordings of the bridge which the NSW designed, fabricated and erected, such as its competency and abilities in the late 1930s/early 40s. The finale of the presentation was the revelation that most of the spans currently in use at Circular Quay on the City Railway had had a previous use in the construction yard on Long Island.

Unfortunately a major technical hitch with the slide show meant Bill had to wing it while slides were found and displayed for the proper sequencing of the talk. Bill (and the audience) showed great patience during the lecture but in the end the lecture conveyed a splendid example of the NSW's abilities.



NOW AVAILABLE

Updated and greatly enlarged, **A Guide to Australasian Locomotion** is the 2011 Edition of ARHSnsw's *A Guide to Australian Locomotion*.

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A CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE COCKATOO RUN

Sunday 11 December 2011

VETERAN DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE—1930's HERITAGE CARRIAGES

—LIMITED SEATS—BOOK EARLY—

ARHS NSW Division Tours in conjunction with 3801 Limited offer a great way to spend a summer Sunday at a very special fare to celebrate the end of year festivities. The day starts when you climb on board the 1930's carriages hauled by a veteran diesel locomotive for a relaxing escape from the city. You can sit back and enjoy viewing the fabulous Illawarra Coast escarpment after passing through Stanwell Park whilst enjoying morning tea from the buffet. Our train will continue to Wollongong and up the cross country Unanderra to Moss Vale line climbing the escarpment via Summit Tank to Robertson Station where you will be able to walk the short distance to the historic township. You may wish to bring a picnic lunch or choose one of the local restaurants, including a classic country pub, the Robertson Cheese Factory or visit the local Bowling Club (Chinese) for lunch. If you would like to have lunch at any of the Robertson venues you are advised to make a booking. Check the area web sites for more information.

Return to our train for the afternoon run back to Sydney. Departure from Sydney is at 9.00am and our return at 6.30pm.

You may also join the train at Hurstville, Sutherland or Thirroul.

BOOKING FORM: A Christmas Party on The Cockatoo Run — Sunday 11 December 2011

Mail to: ARHSnsw Div Tours
PO Box 4083
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285

OR fax (02) 4956 3370

OR Book at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
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SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

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CityRail Hunter Tour by CPH Railmotors 1, 3 & 7

Sunday 27 November 2011

Join ARHSnsw Division Tours and The Rail Motor Society in a journey over the Hunter CityRail System in a day with the CPH Rail Motors that will launch the first tour in the recently restored CPH 3.



Our tour will commence at Morisset with a connection off the 7.21am CityRail service to Newcastle due to arrive at Morisset at 9.17am. Our train will travel firstly to Maitland and Dungog before returning to Paterson for a BBQ lunch at The Rail Motor Society Museum. Depart Paterson after lunch for a run via the Farley triangle to view the expansive coal mining operations on our journey through Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and terminating at Scone. After photos, depart Scone for a spirited non-stop run to Newcastle in time to connect with the 5.22pm 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. A commemorative plaque will be presented on the day to The Rail Motor Society for permanent attachment, recognising the assistance given by the ARHS in the restoration of CPH 3.

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 Morisset/Newcastle are at your expense. Newcastle Members can join the train at Paterson, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff or Fassifern.

(Image courtesy of Justin Moy)

BOOKING FORM: CITYRAIL HUNTER TOUR BY CPH RAILMOTORS 1, 3 & 7 - Sunday 27 November 2011

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The Last Passenger Train to Kandos *with 3801 Limited*

Saturday 3 December 2011

Come and join us for a nostalgic last trip to Kandos on the truncated Mudgee line. Following the closure of the Kandos Cement Works, the line from Charbon Loop to Kandos has been closed for traffic. 3801 Ltd has been given the opportunity to run a last train to Kandos Station on Saturday 3 December to commemorate this action.



A combination of 44 and 45 Class Alco diesel-electric locomotives will be hauling heritage passenger cars.

Our carriage will be an open-plan seating car allowing wide-open windows. Morning tea will be served at your seat as you enjoy and admire the scenery as the train crosses the Great Dividing Range through the Blue Mountains.

At Wallerawang we take the branch line onwards through the magnificent Capertee Valley where a stop will be made to admire and take in the local environment.

Lunch will be provided either at the Kandos Hotel or Golf Club and is included with the ticket payment. The Kandos Museum is another attraction to check out during our visit to this quaint little town.

The train will pick up at Strathfield, Parramatta and Penrith. *(Image courtesy of Adrian Compton)*

BOOKING FORM: The LAST PASSENGER TRAIN TO KANDOS TOUR - Saturday 3 December 2011

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A SUMMER'S DAY ON THE SOUTH COAST

A TOUR WITH 621/721 RAILCARS

Sunday 22 January 2012

Join ARHS NSW Tours and The Rail Motor Society on a journey over the Illawarra Line to Nowra (Bomaderry). Our tour will commence from the Paterson Museum and pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong and Gosford to depart at about 8.00am from Sydney Central with a brisk run to Waterfall. Enjoy the magnificent scenic run south from Stanwell Park to Thirroul and Wollongong with a short diversion via the Port Kembla Outer Harbour loop before rejoining the main line at Unanderra. Proceeding then along the coast to Kiama and



Bomaderry (Nowra). There is a short walk for a Fish and Chips lunch at the Club.

Our return journey will depart Bomaderry and return to Berry where we will allow an hour for those who would like to take the short walk to explore the village with its unique business centre and shops. Seating is limited to 90 passengers, so book early to ensure a good seat. Photo stops have been requested at suitable locations throughout the tour. Return to Sydney is expected to be at about 7.00pm before returning to Paterson.

Tour cost includes morning and afternoon teas on board, a Fish and Chips lunch and historic line side notes.

BOOKING FORM: A Summer's Day on the South Coast by 621/721 Railcars, 22 January 2012

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