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Members' newsletter

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May 2012

Tue 1	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 2	Members' Meeting: Trevor Edmonds 'The Future of Our Past'
Sat 5	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8*	Newcastle Members' Meeting*: Annual Meeting, Photo/slide Competition and Quiz
Sat 12	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 16	Luncheon Club - To Katoomba and Scenic World
Sat 19	RRC open.S/hand book sale at Redfern 10am to 3pm
Sun 20	Second hand book sale at Redfern 10am to 3pm
Tue 22	RRCentre open.S/hand book sale at Redfern 12pm to 4pm
Sat 26	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Note:	*Newcastle Members' Meeting start time changed to 7.30pm

June 2012

Sat 2	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 5	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 6	Members' Meeting: Allan Baird Illawarra Steam DVD Part 2
Sat 9	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Closed
Sun 10	Bookshop open (NSWRM steam weekend at Central)
Mon 11	Public Holiday: Bookshop open
Tue 12	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Michael Taylor's Swiss Railways
Fri 15	Brisbane Tour with RMS 621/721 Railcar set. 4-days.
Sat 16	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 20	Luncheon Club - Strathfield Station
Sat 23	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 26	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 30	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

Forthcoming tours

- May 16:** Luncheon Club - Katoomba Scenic World
(Booking form attached.)
- June 15 to 18:** To Brisbane & Beyond with RMS 621/721 Railcars (Booking form attached.)
- June 20:** Luncheon Club - Strathfield Station
- July 17/18:** Luncheon Club two-day tour to Hunter Valley
(Booking form attached.)
- July 28/29 Winter Winelander to Wallangarra ARHS Qld Div
More information can be obtained by calling the Society's Redfern Office on our Tours Hotline number (02) 8394 9019.

Members' Slide & DVD Night

The April topic was 'Southern Aurora (*celebrate its 50th Anniversary*)'. The winner was Peter Sage with his great interior shot of the Aurora's BCS lounge car (with guests imbibing naturally!). Upcoming subjects are:

- May—NSW Railway Stations pre 2000
- June—Working on the Railway
- July—Spirit of Progress/Intercapital Daylight Express
- Aug—Unusual steam locomotives of the world

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern via email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
A reminder that contestants should limit their submissions to five slides or digital images only. The subject of the contest should also be the image's focus.

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. (7.30pm from 8 May 2012)	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	Phone: 02 9379 6633 • Fax: 02 9379 4745 Email: sbo@arhsnsw.com.au
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au (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 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB ARNCLIFFE STATION

Around 35 members and friends braved the wet weather on 18 April 2012 to visit Arncliffe. A break in the weather gave the group the opportunity to hear under the expert hand of Jim Longworth of the history of the station and its place in the community.

This section of the Illawarra line, the first line in NSW to serve suburban development and the first to be built as double track, was opened on 15 October 1884 and included Arncliffe. It was designed as the first major station on the Illawarra line south of Sydney, and was one of the most substantial stations of the eight built in 1884. Constructed with two wayside platforms, the Up platform building was an impressive brick building with street frontage. With the coming of quadruplication in 1923, both platforms ended up as island platforms. Our thanks to Jim Longworth for his research and involvement in this outing. The group adjourned to the nearby Scots Club for lunch.

The Luncheon Club's next outing is on Wed 16 May and is to Scenic World at Katoomba. A few places are still available for this tour, and booking is essential. On June 20 we will be going to Strathfield, and the 17 and 18 July is our two-day tour of the Hunter region. The booking form for this tour is in this Newsletter.

Gary Hughes



Arncliffe is a well-presented station with pleasing architecture. Here the Luncheon Club group is gathered on Platform 1. Image by Shane O'Neil

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

"FAIR TO RARE"

Saturday 19 MAY 10am to 3pm

Sunday 20 MAY 10am to 3pm

Tuesday 22 MAY 12pm to 4pm

Upstairs @ REDFERN

Australian & Overseas Books

from \$1 TO \$999!

PERSONAL SHOPPERS ONLY

SOUTHERN AURORA AUTHOR

Victorian Chris Banger had a busy April 16 when he flew to Sydney to take part in the formal launch of his book by RailCorp CEO Rob Mason at Rail Heritage Central. Here he happily signs a copy of his book for a customer, one of many signed on the day. *Shane O'Neil Image*



APRIL'S GUEST SPEAKER

ARHSnsw RRC volunteer Allan Baird presented the first part of *This late steam era Illawarra line DVD*. This part covered steam passenger and goods services between Sydney and Bomaderry; with a side trip to Moss Vale ascending the mountain range and back. Using contemporary digital techniques he covered the Down journey by splicing individual scenes from trackside, in-cab and stills. The later coming alive with steam and smoke exhaust by the use of advanced digital imagery. An authentic sound track complimented the scenes, whether they were moving or still.

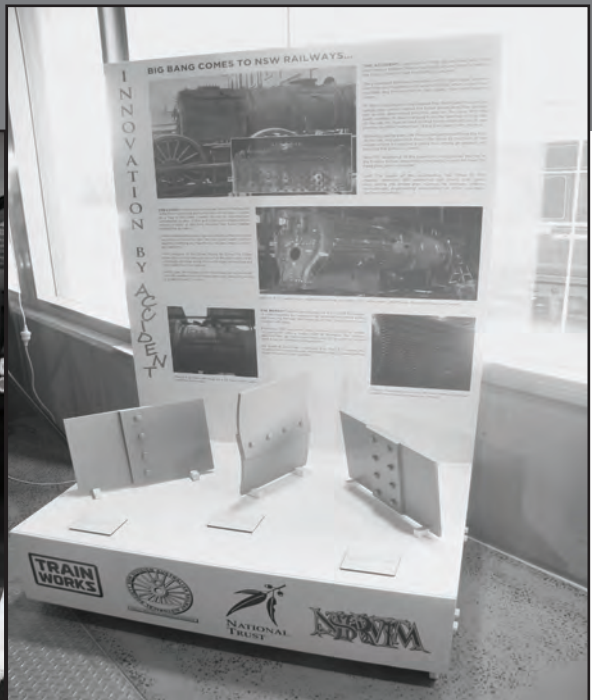
Part two of this DVD covering the Up line from Bomaderry to Sydney will be run at the June 2012 meeting.

NEW ARHSNSW MEMBERS

4980	Peter OLSEN	4996	Andrew McCABE
4981	Keith RYAN	4997	Garry MACKLIN
4982	Alex BENJAMIN	4998	Peter MADSEN
4983	Barry TULLOCH	4999	Zelda BENJAMIN
4984	Bernard HANLON	5000	Hailey MANNELL
4985	Anthony ROTH	5001	Michael ALLAN
4986	Alan BOYD	5002	John AVEYARD
4987	Peter SIMPSON	5003	Gregory SMITH
4988	Garry SAUNDERS	5004	Antonia RAVESI
4989	Steven BLYTON	5005	Jose KADUTHODIL
4990	John YEUNG	5006	John McNAMARA
4991	James CASSIDY	5007	Barry BROWN
4992	Arthur STATHAKIS	5008	Christopher BURRELL
4993	Quinton HARVISON	5009	Douglas McMASTER
4994	Bruce WOOD	5010	Terry MAXTED
4995	Denis WATERS	5011	Wayne HORTON

INNOVATION BY ACCIDENT

TRAINWORKS OPENING ON FRIDAY 13 APRIL



The theme of the 2012 National Trust Heritage Festival was 'Amazing Stories: Innovation & Invention'. The NSW Rail Transport Museum, ARHSnsw and Trainworks got together to plan and present a temporary *Innovation by Accident* Exhibition at the one-year-old facilities of Trainworks at Thirlmere. It will run from 14 April to 12 July 2012 and the exhibition features various innovations by the NSW Railways in response to accidents or as required by its operations. Six exhibition standard displays will be at Trainworks for the duration of the four-month exhibition. Eight wall mounted panels on the old and new Hawkesbury Railway bridges explains the processes the Railways used to replace the old 1889 bridge.

The exhibition was formally launched by renowned railway author Professor Robert Lee on Friday 13 April, as the upper images illustrate. Shown also above are images of two of the six plinths showing broken/defective rails and boiler plate deformation. Images from the special day of lectures on Sunday 22 April are shown below. On the day, Bill Phippen spoke on the Hawkesbury Railway Bridges, Warwick Allison on why NSW railway signalling has developed from innovation by accident to safety by design and Craig Mackey described Garratt steam locomotive enhancements and patents over the history of Beyer, Peacock and Co. The event was considered an outstanding success by both the organisers and attendees. The facilities put in place by Trainworks management for the speakers' day were excellent. Further information will be available soon on railtheme.com.au



Far left: Innovation by Accident organiser and MC on the day Jennifer Edmonds congratulates Bill Phippen at the conclusion of his lecture.
 Left: Chief RailCorp Signals Engineer Warwick Allison.
 Above: Craig Mackey speaking in Trainworks' Main Exhibition Hall.

**LUNCHEON CLUB TOUR INVITATION
KATOOMBA & SCENIC WORLD**

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Come and join us for an informative full day's adventure exploring Scenic World at Katoomba and the history of Katoomba Railway Station.

It will include a presentation by Phil Hammon, proprietor of Katoomba Scenic World on its history and environs and travel on the Scenic Railway, Skyway and Cableway. View the exhibition of relics at the old coal mine and enjoy a buffet lunch at the famous revolving restaurant.

Travel to Katoomba on the CityRail service departing Central at 8.24am. On arrival at Katoomba, due at 10.18am, we will be transported by a specially chartered double-deck bus with commentary directly to Scenic World. The bus will return us to Katoomba Station after lunch for the inspection and talk. Return is on the 3.25pm Sydney service due to arrive at Central at 5.33pm.

Tour cost includes Return Travel from Katoomba Railway Station in our chartered double-deck bus, entry and travel on Scenic World's Railway, Skyway, Cable Way and lunch at the famous Revolving Restaurant.

You will need to purchase your own CityRail ticket to travel to Katoomba or meet the group at Katoomba Station.

Book early as we are limited to 50 passengers.

BOOKING FORM -

Railway Luncheon Club Katoomba & Scenic World Wednesday 16 May 2012

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

or fax (02) 9699 1714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Centre
SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve for me:

.....Seats ARHSnsw Members & guests @ \$66.00 \$

Name.....

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

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

Name of accompanying person(s).....

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.

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To BRISBANE & BEYOND

A Rail Car Cruise on Set 621/721 - 15 to 18 June 2012

**Telarah-Paterson-Taree-Wauchope-Kempsey-Macksville-Coffs Harbour-Grafton-Casino-Kyogle
-Brisbane-Fisherman Islands and Roma Street to Landsborough**

With the regular planned track work and complete shut downs of the Short North and Main North lines over the June long-weekend by ARTC and RailCorp, this tour has been moved to the following week-end to enable us to get to Brisbane. Now that The Rail Motor Society has been granted access to the standard gauge line beyond Border Loop into Queensland, this will be our first tour in the 621/721 Rail Cars to travel over the line into Brisbane and the first standard gauge passenger train to the Fisherman Islands Port of Brisbane branch.

Our best option is to start the tour from Telarah and Paterson. On Friday 15 June we expect to depart Paterson at 7.15am and first travel south to pick-up at Telarah at 8am. Then travel northwards along the North Coast line, pausing for lunch at Wauchope and then on to Grafton for our first night's rest. Departing Grafton on Saturday morning, we proceed north to Border Loop and on to Roma Street Station in Brisbane. The afternoon will be spent exploring the Port of Brisbane branch to Fisherman Islands. A packet lunch will be provided on this leg. On return to Brisbane, the Holiday Inn above the Roma Street Station is our overnight accommodation.

On Sunday we join the QR preserved 2000 Class Rail Motors for a journey along the QR North Coast line to Landsborough whilst our ARHS Qld Division members take our train for a return trip to Kyogle.

We rejoin our train at Roma Street mid-afternoon for the return trip to Casino for the overnight stay. Our departure for home on Monday will be about 8am with a lunch break at Macksville. Our expected return to Paterson/Telarah is 8pm.

The tour cost includes all rail travel, lunches, dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation on a twin share basis (with limited single supplement accommodation available at Grafton, Brisbane and Casino) and on-board morning and afternoon teas. Items of a personal nature and drinks at the motels are at your own expense. Secure parking is available at the Rail Motor Museum at Paterson. Accommodation in Paterson and Telarah can be arranged on request for Thursday and Monday nights.

BOOKING FORM: A RAIL CRUISE TO BRISBANE ON SET 621/721-15 TO 18 JUNE 2012

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

Please book me on the full 4-day tour including the QR 2000 Class trip to Landsborough on Sunday 17 June.

.....Seats ARHSnsw members and guests twin share @ \$1250.00 \$.....
.....Seats Non members twin share @ \$1375.00 \$.....

I would like to have some free time in Brisbane on Sunday.

.....Seats ARHSnsw members and guests twin share @ \$1200.00 \$.....
.....Seats Non members twin share @ \$1325.00 \$.....
.....Single Supplement (limited availability) @ \$ 215.00 \$.....

2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$.....

Total payment \$.....

I requiretwin share.....Double accomodation. Special dietary requirement.....

I require accomodation in Paterson or Telarah on Thursday night 14 June.....

I require accomodation in Paterson or Telarah on Monday night 18 June.....

Name.....

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

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

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

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

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (add 2% surcharge to payment)

Card No.Expiry/.....

SignatureDate

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

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**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB TOUR
DUNOG MAITLAND SINGLETON TOUR
TUESDAY 17 & WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2012**

Come and join us for an informative two-day adventure exploring the railways in the Dungog, Maitland and Singleton regions.

On Tuesday 17 July, depart Sydney on the 7.15am Casino XPT due to arrive at Dungog at 10.42am. After an inspection of the station area, join the coach to visit the gate keeper's house, the bridge over the Williams River, Hospital Hill, railway barracks and the former station master's house. Travel to Paterson via Wallarobba, Hilldale, Martins Creek and Paterson Stations. Lunch will be at the Paterson Tavern. Visit various heritage sites in the town before travelling via Mindaribba to Maitland Station and Yard for inspections.

Our overnight stay will be at Rutherford at the Maitland City Motel and dinner will be at the adjacent Maitland City Bowling Club. After dinner Ed Tonks will speak to a slide show presentation.

Wednesday breakfast will be at 7am also at the Bowling Club. Depart the motel at 9am visiting heritage railway sites at Lochinvar, Greta and Branxton on the way to Singleton Station and the Hunter River Railway Bridge. Lunch will be at the Agricultural Hotel. The coach will then transport you back to Broadmeadow to catch a CityRail Intercity service to Sydney.

Tour cost includes travel in our chartered coach, overnight dinner, bed and breakfast (twin share and limited single supplement) at the Maitland City Motel accommodation and Maitland City Bowling Club meals. Substantial tour notes are included in the cost and will be available for collection from the bookshop prior to the event. By arrangement the remainder will be distributed on arrival at Dungog. Lunches at Paterson and Singleton, drinks and items of a personal nature will be at your own expense. You will need to make your own booking on the CountryLink XPT and purchase your own CityRail ticket for return travel to Sydney.

Book early as accommodation is limited to only 42 persons and a maximum of 50 passengers on the coach.

Booking Form: Railway Luncheon Club Dungog Maitland Singleton Tour on 17 & 18 July 2012

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

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode

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

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Special dietary requirement.....

Accommodation required.....Twin share.....Double.....Single

ARHSnsw members and guests twin share@ \$205.00 \$.....

Limited single supplement@ \$40.00 \$.....

Total \$.....

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