



Members' newsletter

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June 2013

Sat 1	RRC open. S/hand book sale at Redfern 10am to 3pm
Tue 4	RRC open. S/hand book sale at Redfern Noon to 4pm
Wed 5	Members' Meeting: Warren Miller — <i>Railway History Re-created in the Movies</i>
Sat 8	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 8/11	June Long Weekend Tour — Oaklands via Benalla Vic
Sat 8/10	Sydney Great Train Expo @ Central. Bookshop open
Tue 11	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Bruce Helman
Sat 15	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 18	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 19	Railway Luncheon Club — Kiama Station
Sat 22	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 29	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

July 2013

Tue 2	RRC open. S/hand book sale at Redfern Noon to 4pm
Wed 3	Members' Meeting: Gary Hughes — Broken Hill <i>- Its Surviving Heritage</i>
Sat 6	RRC open. S/hand book sale at Redfern 10am to 3pm
Sun 7	Tour — Three Tinhares to Trainworks Thirlmere
Tue 9	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 9	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Gary Hughes — <i>Broken Hill - Its Surviving Heritage</i>
Sat 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 16	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 17	Railway Luncheon Club — Cockle Creek with Ed Tonks
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

Forthcoming Tours

- June 8 to 11:** **Annual June Long-Weekend Tour**
Benalla and Oaklands with 621/721
(Call 02 8394 9019 to confirm availability.)
- July 7:** **Three Tinhares To Thirlmere.**
To celebrate 150 years of the Menangle Bridge. (Booking form on page 3)
- Sept 7:** **Explore Mullet Creek by Boat**
(Limited seating available - call 0428 333443 to confirm availability.)
- Nov 9 to 19:** **Proposed NZ North Island Tour**
(Booking form on page 4. Deposit required to confirm booking.)

Members' Slide Competition

The May subject was 'Out of the ordinary. Strange trains' and the winner was Stan Rees with his image of the XPT-powered Swedish Tilt Train at Central Station during its evaluation trials in May 1995.

Upcoming subjects are:

June—Upper & lower quadrant signals

July—Silhouettes

August—Tripleheaders

September—Crossing shots

(Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern, email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Submissions are limited to five slides or digital images only. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Contestants must know when and where slide was taken otherwise image will be ineligible to win.)

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 7.30pm.	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

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

PETER BERRIMAN

It is with sadness that we advise the death of Peter on Tuesday 21 May. As a ARHSnsw Member and Chairman of the NSWRTM for the past nine years, he had suffered from an acute cancer-related illness. The NSWRTM board accepted the resignation of Peter with great sadness as both Chairman and Director at a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 24 April 2013. The Board decided out of respect for Peter to await his personal letter to the members before making his resignation public, on 10 May. Peter's RTM members' letter not only said goodbye but also outlined the future of the NSWRTM as he hopes it will be.

Peter displayed supreme dedication to the Museum and his many roles within its operations was inspiring.



New in Bookshop!
FULL STEAM AHEAD
 reviews NSWRTM Steam Loco operations 1991-2011. Featuring Bevan Wall's footage from years gone by of: 1210, 3001, 3112, 3265, 3526, 3642, 3801 and 5910.
 Also view fantastic footage of Maitland Steamfest's 2011 Great Train Race between 3265 and 3526, taken in and from 3526's cab. Approx 60 mins viewing. **Only \$25**

MAY MEMBERS MEETING

Jim Longworth spoke about the origins of railways in Australia with a lecture titled: 'Early Australian Railed-ways 1788-1855'.

Previous claims to be the first railway in Australia have included: a Newcastle coalmine, the AA Co's incline, Port Arthur, Goolwa-Port Elliott, and Melbourne-Sandridge. However these were all usurped by a 'railed-way' in Tasmania at Darlington Jetty built before 1829. Jim also proposed a definition of early Australian 'mainline' railways, based on the concept of conquering the Australian tyranny of distance. That would nominate the Sydney-Parramatta line in 1855 as the first 'mainline' railway in Australia. It connected two towns and was intended to connect the colony's agricultural hinterland with its port.

There was much interaction with Jim from the audience. It was a very thought-provoking lecture which addressed long-held questions about Australia's 'first railways'.

SHANE O'NEIL WRITES:

'I am back! Thanks to editor for his kind words in the May newsletter and I am slowly on the mend. All components are in place, just that some don't work quite how they used to, unfortunately. So some radiotherapy will be required and then I hope all will be well.'

It is good to have you back Shane! (Editor)

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB THE SYDNEY MONORAIL

*The Sydney Monorail at Harbourside on 5 April 2012.
Image: Chris Walters*



The builder and original operators of the Sydney Harbour-Link Monorail, transport company TNT, described their TNT Harbour-Link Monorail, as 'moving Sydney into the 21st Century'. The reality was that the Monorail was completed before the re-development of Darling Harbour was finished and didn't 'link with Sydney Harbour' as its promotional brochure predicted.

It was designed by Swiss company Von Roll, who also built the cars, and constructed by TNT. At 3.6km long, it was opened in July 1988. The Monorail gained a reputation as a 'railway to nowhere'. Much maligned over its almost 25 year history, the Government announced on 23 March 2012 that it had purchased the Monorail and on 21 June 2012 it announced that the Monorail would be put it out of its misery and it would close on 30 June 2013.

Against this background, the Luncheon Club decided that it was worth a final ride, and on 15 May 2013, our group of members and friends made their last ride on it. Following this bit of nostalgia, the group adjourned to the nearby Great Southern Hotel for lunch.

Our next outing is on Wednesday 19 June and we are going to Kiama. Catch the 9.27am Kiama intercity service from Central, arriving at Kiama at 11.51am. Lunch is expected to be at the Kiama Bowling Club, but this will be confirmed on the day. On 17 July, it is our annual outing to the Hunter, and on this occasion, Ed Tonks is to show us the delights of Cockle Creek.

Gary Hughes

Three Tinhares To Trainworks Thirlmere

And Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Menangle Bridge on the Way!

Sunday 7 July 2013

Join ARHSnsw Tours, ARHS Newcastle Branch and The Rail Motor Society on a journey from Paterson to Sydney, Menangle, Picton and Thirlmere to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Menangle Railway Bridge (Opened on 1st July 1863).

Our tour will commence from The Rail Motor Society Museum at Paterson and will pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong and Gosford and Hornsby for a departure from Sydney Central about 9.30am.

Enjoy a brisk run to Campbelltown along the old Main South Line via Granville. A photo opportunity has been requested at the Menangle Bridge before continuing on to Picton to join the old loop line to Thirlmere Station. Enter TRAINWORKS for an inspection of the Museum. Join special steam train rides to Buxton and a BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch.

Our return journey will depart Thirlmere about 3.00pm and return to Central and Paterson.

Tour cost includes rail travel, morning and afternoon teas on board, entry to Trainworks, a BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch, extra steam train rides to Buxton and historic lineside notes.



BOOKING FORM: Three Tinhares To Trainworks Thirlmere 7 July 2013

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 & TRMS Members and Guests @ \$125.00 \$.....
Please reserve for me..... seats Non Members @ \$135.00 \$.....
Credit Card Payment 2% service charge \$.....
TOTAL (GST Incl.) \$.....

Name.....
Address.....Postcode.....
Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No.
Name of accompanying person.....
I/we will join the train at.....Station

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

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

Card No. Expiry /

(Add 2% above)

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

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 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-90 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date booking rec'd/...../..... Date processed/...../..... Car.....Seats.....Tickets sent/...../.....

North Island New Zealand

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013

Guidepost Rail Tours and ARHSnsw Tours have an itinerary for the long-awaited NZ North Island Tour. The tour begins in Auckland (where we spend three nights) and time is available to sample the soon to be electrified suburban system. Half-day visits to the impressive rail and transport museums: the Glenbrook Vintage Railway and the Museum of Transport and Technology, will give the tour a fine start. On tour, a coach will allow the flexibility to visit various small and large railway museums that are out-of-the-way. These include: the Driving Creek Railway, Coromandel; Victoria Battery Tramway Museum & Goldfields Railway, Waihi; Gisborne City Vintage Railway; Fielding and District Steam Railway Society; Pahiatua Railcar Society and the Fell Locomotive Society at Featherstone. Some will have trains in operation.

A highlight of the tour is the diesel-hauled (Steam Incorporated's Clyde/GM DA 1431) Wairapa round trip on Saturday 16 November and the following day's steam-hauled trip from Paekakariki to Wanganui and return with steam locomotive JA1271. While in the New Zealand capital, the tour will take in the Silver Stream Railway and Wellington Tramway Museum. A reserved seat on the newly commissioned *Northern Explorer* back to Auckland concludes the rail experience. Return to Sydney is on Wednesday 20 November. (An optional shorter tour, terminating in Wellington can be arranged—see booking form below.)

Breakfasts and dinners are included in the land only tour cost which is \$3,300 per person on a twin-share accommodation basis. Return group air fares (Sydney–Auckland) are an additional \$540 and include 'meet and greet' airport transfers. Single supplement is \$855. Payments by instalment accepted after payment of \$1,000 initial deposit.

For further enquiries please call the tours infoline listed below.



To confirm your interest in this tour, please let us have your refundable \$1000 deposit (per person) by 12 July.

BOOKING FORM: NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND RAILWAY MUSEUMS & HERITAGE RAIL NOVEMBER 2013

Mail to: ARHS NSW Tours PO Box 4083 EDGEWORTH NSW 2285 or fax (02) 9699 1714 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop Rail Heritage Centre CENTRAL STATION

Name.....Membership No.

Address.....Postcode

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

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

I will be arranging my own flights & airport transfers for this tour.....I will finish my tour in Wellington on 18 Nov.....

Yes I wish to confirm my interest in this tour and I wish to pay a refundable \$1000 pp deposit \$.....

Full Tour (Auckland/Auckland)Full land only tour payment twin-share per person	@	\$3,300	\$.....
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Return airfare (Sydney/Auckland) & airport/city transfers@		\$540	\$.....
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Single supplement	@	\$855	\$.....
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Short Tour (Auckland/Wellington)Land only tour payment twin-share per person	@	\$3,100	\$.....
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Single supplement	@	\$790	\$.....
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If paying by credit card a 2% transaction fee applies \$.....

TOTAL (GST included) \$.....

Travel insurance is advised—please supply me with a proposal form.....

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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