



Members' newsletter

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March 2014

Sat 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 3	Bookshop reopens at Redfern
Tue 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 5	Members' Meeting: Alex Wardrop <i>Dispelling Myths & Legends</i>
Sat 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>Bruce Helman's Euro Tour</i>
Sat 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 18/Wed 19:	Railway Luncheon Club — Bathurst Two-day Tour
Sat 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 29	Railway Resource Centre open

April 2014

Tue 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 2	Members' Meeting: Dave Rollins <i>4472 Flying Scotsman</i>
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward's <i>Slide Night</i>
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Fri 18	Good Friday Public Holiday-Bookshop closed
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre closed
Mon 21	Easter Monday Public Holiday-Bookshop closed
Fri 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday-Bookshop closed
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 26/Sun 27:	Ed Tonks' Newcastle Harbour Area Mines Tour
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open

**The ARHS bookshop has moved back to
67 Renwick Street REDFERN**

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Saturday 9am to 4pm

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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
Redfern Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au 67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
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) 67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au 67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only)
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RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club outing is on 18 and 19 March 2014 with the two-day tour of the Bathurst region, deferred from October 2013. This tour is fully booked.

On Wednesday 16 April, Stuart Sharp will show us some of the lesser known features of Sydenham Station. Meet in the unpaid area of the overbridge at 11.00am. Notes for Sydenham is available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

On Wednesday 21 May 2014, we will be going to Adamstown, where Ed Tonks will take us through the rich and interesting history of this seemingly insignificant station. Notes for this will be available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website from the end of March.

On Wednesday 18 June, it is our intention to ride the new light rail to Dulwich Hill with some history of this station. Stephen Halgren will be assisting on this tour.

Gary Hughes

Members' Photo Competition

February's subject was "Railway Work Gangs". The winner of the Slide Competition was Chris Sim's image of a work gang standing by the track as a steam train passes in Montague Pass, South Africa. Upcoming subjects are:

March—NSWR Sidings.

April—NSWR Riverina Branches.

May—Last Runs.

June—Turntables

(Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern by email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. 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/image was taken and mark the slide accordingly otherwise image will be ineligible to win.)

NEW ARHSNSW MEMBERS

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| 5169 | John WOODSTONE | Annandale |
| 5170 | Donna NICHOLL | Wagga Wagga |
| 5171 | Ross DOWELL | Thirlmere |
| 5172 | Adrian WHITBREAD | Bell |
| 5173 | Warren MONKLEY | Millers Forest |
| 5174 | David KEITH | Cremorne |
| 5175 | Paul BOGER | Farmborough Heights |
| 5176 | Ronald GEEVES | Page ACT |
| 5177 | James MILLAR | Gordon |
| 5178 | Don HULL | Kendall |

The Last Winelander Tour

ARHS Qld Division's Last Winelander ran on Saturday and Sunday 22/23 February 2014.

The ARHS NSW Division group of 34 travellers occupied Car C, MBL 1509, in a train made up from spare "Lander" Cars with Clyde GM locomotive 2488 for the last run of the 'Winelander' departing at 0705 hrs from Roma Street Brisbane to Stanthorpe and Wallan-Garra.

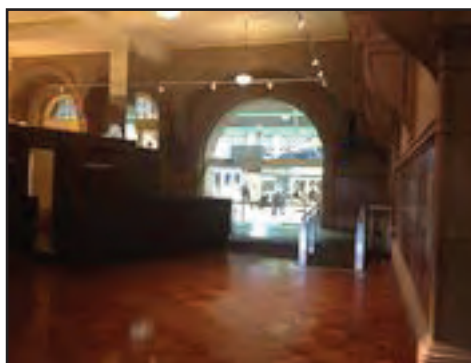
The usual fine hospitality was received from the ARHS Queensland Division crew who provided a welcome aboard Champagne and Orange Juice on departure. During the forward and return journeys, on board wine tasting sessions in the Queenslander Club Car were held promoting three white varieties on Saturday and three red varieties on Sunday from various wineries of the Granite Belt region. This was followed by lunches both days and the Saturday evening meal in the Dining Car for those who travelled on to Wallan-Garra.

Those who chose to do the Winery Tour from Stanthorpe, visited two wineries before an evening meal at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism. Our overnight stay was at The Vines Motel and following a delicious breakfast the coach returned the group to the train that had stabled overnight at Stanthorpe Station for our 10.00 hrs departure. On time running was a feature of the weekend tour. Our many thanks to Ray Edser and his team for a very enjoyable tour.

Spencer Ross

ARHSnsw Tours Director

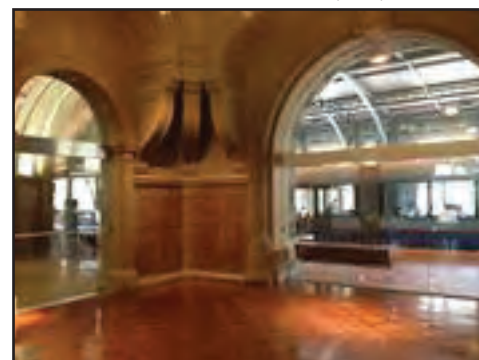
Central Bookshop RIP



Above: Looking south through the entrance foyer to Central Station's Main Concourse

Below: Looking north at Central's Light Rail Stop

Photos by Roy Howarth



CENTRAL RAILWAY BOOKSHOP

By the time members read this, the Society's Central Railway bookshop will be relocated back to Redfern; from whence it came in 2006. Occupation of the fantastic Rail Heritage Central location was always tempered by the reality of a Licence to Occupy Agreement that one day we would have to vacate if the "railways" decided to do other things with the site. We thought that given the millions spent on the RHC upgrade back in 2006 that we would have a tenancy of maybe 10 years or so, the then precinct manager thought we would be there "forever"! However, the Society's experience with renting premises from State Rail and its successor RailCorp for accommodating its archives indicated that short-term occupancies were the norm. It became evident in May last year that our bookshop's future was under review when the Office of Rail Heritage was to be wound up under the new transport heritage arrangements for NSW. Nevertheless, negotiations indirectly with our landlord began later in 2013 through Transport Heritage NSW's Peter Lowry OAM and his assistant. Negotiations were very sensitive and ongoing up until mid-February when we finally met with the people making the decisions. This followed us writing to the Transport Minister. We met the General Manager Customer Service, Customer Experience, TfNSW, the Manager Station Projects Customer Environment Sydney Trains and the Project Manager - Station Projects Customer Service Customer Environment Sydney Trains.

The ideal relocation was to be to the former CountryLink Booking Office on the end of Platform 1 if and when its was relocated to the redeveloped RHC (along with the Information Counter and Sydney Trains Ticketing). Now redesignated as the NSW Trainlink Booking Office, it was not available and a decision on its future has still not been made but a quality waiting room/retail outlet was schemed early in the piece. The retail outlet was thought to be a quality café.

The Eddy Ave Shop 10 (under the escalators) was offered to us. An inspection found it to be too small, too isolated, unsuitable for retail, a haven for Central's homeless people, smelly and a security nightmare. We asked about several locations on Pitt St - 480, 482 and 494. They were all deemed unsuitable as well for various reasons; too small, water leaks etc. and the rent was full commercial. 482 was the pick when it suddenly became available but the coach company renting it decided to extend their lease.

But at our meeting with the hierarchy it was stated that all locations discussed would be subject to a short term lease agreement of 2-3 years as Central was going to be completely redeveloped. All of Central's railway shopping precinct was being reviewed for redevelopment/renewal. Plainly there was no railway location suitable and the Society's Council decided that it did not want to go through the relocation process again in two to three years' time.

As for Rail Heritage Central, we were on a monthly lease from July 2013 and subject to the railway's wants for the location as per the Licence to Occupy signed by the Society. A formal Notice of Termination was finally received on 10 February with a month to leave RHC.

The Council has always been reserved about leasing agreements with the "NSW railways" and the Central Bookshop has been a prime example. The landlord controls the situation. Until we bought Alexandria for the RRC's surplus archives we had been at the whim of RailCorp at its Wilson Street and then Little Eveleigh Street premises.

And that's a clue to the future of the Society's premises - we are looking for new location suitable for the Society's retail and RRC operations



Above: It took two trucks to move the bookshop to Renwick Street Redfern, on Wednesday 26 February. This was the largest of the two.

All Below: The Redfern bookshop is gradually filled.

All photos by Shane O'Neil.



Royal Express to Central The 1954 Royal Tour of NSW

Retracing the journey taken by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh from Bathurst to Central Station on Friday 12 February 1954



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip onboard the Royal train travelling through Mount Victoria; NRS 17420

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**Western Sydney Records Centre
143 O'Connell Street, Kingswood**

10 March — August 2014

Mondays 9am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm

Enquiries: 02 9763 1788

Forthcoming Tours

- Mar 18/19:** Luncheon Club Bathurst Region Tour
(Fully booked)
- Apr 26/27:** Ed Tonks' Newcastle Harbour Area Mines Tour
(Booking form on page 5)
- May 24:** Centenary of opening of the Canberra Branch
and ARHS ACT Div Museum Tour
- June 6-9:** North West Branchlines Tour with 621/721
(Booking form on page 6)
- July 19:** Southern Steam Tram Lines of Sydney. Revisit
the Arncliffe, Rockdale and Sutherland/
Cronulla lines
- July 29/Aug 7:** Farewell tour on the Great Queensland
"Lander" Trains with ARHS Qld Division
Westlander, Inlander and the Sunlander
Queenslander Services
- 27/28 Sept:** Ski Tube and Floriade 2 day Tour
- 17/27 Oct:** Steam Incorporated New Zealand Ab608 return
to service. Tours to Wanganui/Napier/Auckland
- Nov 8:** Mullet Creek Revisited
- November :** 402 Club tour
- 14 December:** End of year function TBA

An event in Sydney to celebrate 90 years of service for the remaining operational CPH Rail Motors is to be arranged when a suitable date is known.

For more information ARHSnsw Admin @ Redfern 02 9699 4595

DVD SALE
Surplus stock must go!
50% off selected
brand new DVDs.
At the ARHS Redfern
bookshop until sold
out.

Canberra Railway Opening Centenary 24th May 2014

A tour to commemorate the centenary of the opening of the railway to Canberra is being arranged with the ACT Division of the Society on Saturday 24 May 2014. It is expected that the Museum will have three locomotives in steam for the celebration.

The oldest locomotive 1210, the largest locomotive 6029, and local steam trips behind 3016. A BBQ lunch at the museum will be a part of the event.

Final details are expected shortly and a tour Booking Form will be in next month's Members' Newsletter. The tour will be arranged to travel on the regular 6.57am Explorer service to Canberra arriving at 11.04 am and returning on the 17.20 pm service where you can take advantage of concessional fares where applicable.

Spencer Ross

