



Members' newsletter

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May 2014

Thur 1	Bookshop closed for end-of-year stocktake
Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Bob McKillop: — <i>Researching & Writing Railway History</i>
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: — <i>AGM and slide night.</i>
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Railway Luncheon Club — Adamstown Station
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 24	Canberra Branch Line Opening Centenary
Tue 27	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	Railway Resource Centre open

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Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Nev Pollard: Terrorist or Trainspotter — <i>Photographing Railways in Uganda!</i>
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre closed
Fri6/Sat7/Sun8/Mon9:	Tour to North West Branchlines with 621/721
Mon 9	Queens Birthday Public Holiday — Bookshop closed
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Gary Hughes Broken Hill
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 18	Luncheon Club — Sydney Light Rail
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre open

ARHS RAILWAY BOOKSHOP



At Redfern we have the best railway bookshop in Australia and an amazing Railway Resource Centre all under the one roof!

For the largest range of new and second hand books, DVDs and magazines from all over the world that you can actually view before you buy come to 67 Renwick Street. On Tuesdays and Saturdays you can view* in the RRC books, magazines, railway documents, plans and photos!

(* free to ARHSnsw members)

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
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)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 9699 4595 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
SYDENHAM STATION**

Sydenham Station received a makeover last year so to inspect what has been done our Luncheon Club group of about 40 made the short journey to Sydenham on 16 April 2014.

Ably led by Life Member Stuart Sharp, we looked at where the money was spent to improve the overbridge facilities, with its many shortcomings being noted.

A couple of short walks enabled the group to look at the former Parcels Office, dating from 1963, and other railway bits and pieces, including a two-storey former residence. Unfortunately the demolishers beat us and have removed all traces of the former Station Master's residence.

The day was concluded with lunch at the nearby General Gordon Hotel.

The next Luncheon Club outing is on 21 May, when Ed Tonks will be showing us some of the lesser known history of Adamstown. We meet on the Down platform at Adamstown Station at 10.29am, after the arrival of the Newcastle service which leaves Central at 7.45am. Note that this is normally an eight-car set, and you need to be in the rear four cars to alight at Adamstown. Lunch will be at the Gates Hotel adjacent to the station.

On 18 June we plan to ride the new light rail from Central to Dulwich Hill, where Stephen Halgren will take us through the history of this station. Meet at the Light Rail stop on the Colonnade at Central at 10.30am. Lunch will be at the General Gordon Hotel at Sydenham which will involve a short rail journey from Dulwich Hill.

Notes for these outings are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw Website.

On 16 July John Oakes will show us the old station and environs at Stanwell Park. Note that this tour will require a bus, the cost of which will be met by a small contribution of about \$10 each from participants on the day.

Report by Gary Hughes



Above: A former railway residence at Sydenham which is now commercially leased. The recently demolished Station Master's residence was to the left, diagonally opposite this residence. Image: Peter Neve.



Above: The 1963 vintage former Parcels Office at Sydenham.

Image: John Beckhaus.

Below: The group listen intently as Stuart Sharp explains some of the features of the "new" Booking Office on Sydenham Station overbridge.

Image: Peter Neve



Forthcoming Tours

- June 6-9:** North West Branchlines Tour with 621/721
(Tour full — waiting list only)
- July 19:** Southern Steam Tram Lines of Sydney. Bus tour of the Arncliffe, Rockdale and Sutherland/Cronulla lines. *(Booking form on Page 4)*
- July 29/Aug 3:** Farewell tour on the Great Queensland "Lander" Trains with ARHS Qld Division Westlander, Inlander and the Sunlander Services. *(Booking form for sitting accomodation only on website)*
- 27/28 Sept:** Ski Tube and Floriade two-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 Tours @ Redfern 02 8394 9019

ARHSnsw President

George Gettens to retire

The Divisional President George Gettens announced at the April 2014 Members' Meeting that he will neither seek renomination as President nor as a Councillor in the forthcoming elections.

George has been a Councillor since 1997 and President since 2009. He seeks a less onerous commitment to ARHSnsw but has reassured us that he will continue to support the Access-based computer operations he has introduced and maintained to run the Division's subscription, mailing, accounting and RRC searches. He has been probably the person most responsible for the introduction of computers to the Division.

George was previously a Councillor and Treasurer from 1967 to 1971 and then 1986 to 1992.

Newport Railway Museum Re-opens

Following reaccreditation the ARHS Victorian Division has reopened their museum at Champion Road, Newport. Near the intersection of Kororoit Creek Road and close to the North Williamstown Railway Station. Next to the former Victorian Railway's Newport Workshops.

The museum is open from 12noon to 5pm every Saturday. For further information phone 03 9397 7412 during Museum opening hours or 1300 220 220 at other times.

Go to their website at:

<http://www.arhsvic.org.au/index.php/museum>

Jack Undergoes Steaming Trials

Following an extensive five year plus restoration, Transport Heritage NSW's ex Burrinjuck 2-foot gauge Krauss 0-4-0 steam locomotive Jack has undergone steaming trials on 23 April at the Lake Macquarie Light Railway at Toronto, near Newcastle. This is great news! A nine minute YouTube video clip can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAgA-BwQQAM&list=UUjFlhmV5OIH-qjU1_HOaKkAA4

WANTED TO BORROW

8MM FILM EDITOR/VIEWER

The Railway Resource Centre would like to borrow an 8mm film editor, suitable for either or both Standard 8 and Super 8 film stock. The RRC is assessing its film holdings with a view to converting worthwhile material onto permanent media. The machines which have been used have become un-repairable. Any advice as to a convenient and affordable source of globes would also be welcome.

Please contact Bill Phippen on 02 9699 2736 or email: whippen@arhsnsw.com.au

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bookshop until sold
out.

(email us for a list at:
sales@arhsnsw.com.au)

ATP Heritage Community Days

To celebrate Australian Technology Park's rich heritage, Open days are being held on Friday, 16 and Saturday, 17 May 2014

Step back in time to a bygone era with live blacksmith demonstrations, hear stories from a past Eveleigh Railyard worker, explore train and bus displays, see an industrial heritage art exhibition and enjoy Devonshire Tea.

Tours run at 10am, 12pm and 2pm from the Locomotive Workshop.

To register your spot on a tour please email:

communications@atp.com.au or visit www.atp.com.au/heritage-community-days for more information.

Members' Photo Competition

April's subject was "NSWR Riverina Branches". The winner was Ian Father's image of Corowa Station in 1974. Congratulations Ian on your first win in this competition! Upcoming subjects are:

May—Last Runs

June—Turntables

July—NSW Clyde/GM 422 Class

August—Freights in the Blue Mountains

(Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: 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.)

**THE ARNCLIFFE - ROCKDALE - KOGARAH - SUTHERLAND -
CRONULLA STEAM TRAMLINES REVISITED**

with Vic Solomons

Saturday 19 July 2014

You are invited to come and join us for a day's adventure along the streets of Sydney's southern suburbs that were once serviced by steam trams. These lines operated between Arncliffe and Bexley, Rockdale and Brighton-Le Sands, Kogarah and Sans Souci, Sutherland and Cronulla. These steam tram services were replaced by four different types of transport systems: motor bus, electric tram, electric trolley bus and electric train. We will be accompanied by our knowledgeable tour guide, Vic Solomons. The tour will also include a visit to the Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus and for a ride on an LP-type tram, the type that was used on the Rockdale system.

Our vintage bus will depart Leichhardt Depot at 0830hrs with a pick up at Sydenham Station Bus Stop at 0900hrs.

Our return to Sydenham is expected to be at 1700hrs.

BYO lunch or there will be a suitable stop made where you may purchase your lunch requirements.

Book early as seats are limited.

Booking form for:

**ARNCLIFFE-ROCKDALE - KOGARAH - SUTHERLAND - CRONULLA STEAM TRAMLINES REVISITED Tour
Saturday 19 July 2014**

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

or fax (02) 9699 1714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop/Office
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

Please book me on this tour:

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....

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

I will join the tour at Leichhardt Depot..... Sydenham Station.....

..... ARHS Members & Guests (incl GST) @ \$53.00.....

..... Non-Members (incl GST): @ \$58.00.....

.....Copies of David Keenan's book *The Rockdale & Enfield Lines* available at ARHS Members price @ \$18.00.....

TOTAL \$ (incl GST)

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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 tour route or destination(s).

Refunds: up to 30 days prior-90 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-50 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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