



Members' newsletter

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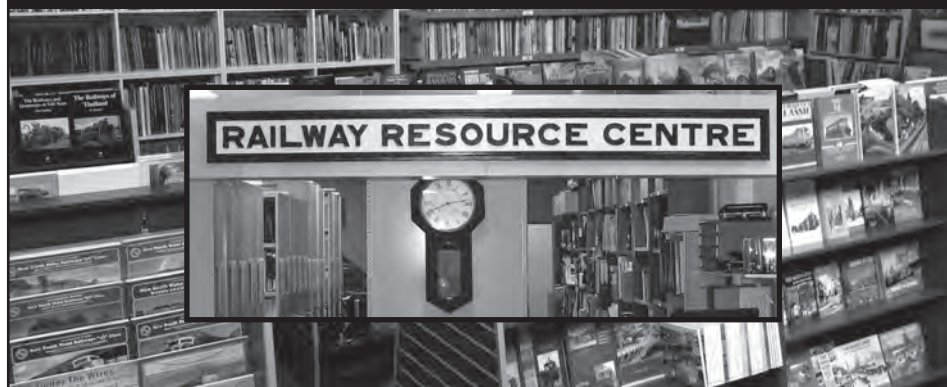
June 2014

Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: <i>Nev Pollard: Terrorist or Trainspotter – Photographing Railways in Uganda!</i>
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre CLOSED
Fri6/Sat7/Sun8/Mon9: Tour to North West Branchlines. 621/721	
Mon 9	Queens Birthday Public Holiday-Bookshop closed
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>Gary Hughes Broken Hill</i>
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

July 2014

Tues 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 2	Members' Meeting: <i>Gary Hughes Rlways/Trams Broken Hill</i>
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Graham Black: Sandstone Steam Railway Update
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 16	Railway Luncheon Club — Stanwell Park (see form on p.5)
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 19	Southern Tram Lines Tour: Arncliffe, Rockdale & Cronulla
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29 to Aug 3: Farewell to the Landers Tour with ARHS Qld.	

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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)
Tours:	As advertised Infoline: 02 9699 4595 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
ADAMSTOWN STATION**

In sunny weather, typical of the Hunter, our group of about 40 de-trained at Adamstown on Wednesday 21st May 2014, for our monthly outing, on this occasion ably led by local historian and ARHS member Ed Tonks.

With frequent interruptions from the many freight and local train services, Ed took the group through the history of the Adamstown region and especially its connection with coal lines such as those to Ebbw Vale (later connected to Lambton C Pit), Redhead and Belmont. Ed's presentation was enhanced by copies of a series of 10 old photos and diagrams, which were handed out to the group on the day. A truly memorable experience, capped off by lunch at the nearby Gates Hotel, the history of this hotel and others nearby being treated by Ed with his usual expert manner.

Our thanks go to Ed for his usually lively commentary and notes, both on the website and handed out on the day.

Our next outing will be on Wednesday 18th June when we will be riding the new light rail to Dulwich Hill. Meet at the Light Rail station on the Colonnade at Central at 10.30am. At Dulwich Hill, Stephen Halgren will present the history of this station, and then we will adjourn for lunch at the General Gordon Hotel at Sydenham, necessitating a short train journey. Notes for Dulwich Hill are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

On Wednesday 16th July, John Oakes will be showing us the old station site and tunnel at Stanwell Park. Catch the 8.13am Kiama train from Central (No. 25 platform). This outing will require the hiring of a bus which will cost participants approx \$15 per head. Notes for this outing will be available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website from early June.

Report by Gary Hughes



Above: Members of our group listen intently as Ed Tonks talks about the history of the Adamstown region. Image: Gary Hughes



Above: Adamstown Station as captured by photographer Ralph Snowball in 1908. With the Up main signal set for clear, one hopes that the two fettlers will get clear of the line!! Ed Tonks Collection

Below: A similar view of Adamstown Station, taken on 21st May 2014. Image: Gary Hughes



Forthcoming Tours

- June 6-9:** North West Branchlines Tour with 621/721
- July 19:** Southern Steam Tram Lines of Sydney. Bus tour of the Arncliffe, Rockdale and Sutherland/ Cronulla lines .
- July 29/Aug 3:** Farewell tour on the Great Queensland "Lander" Trains with ARHS Qld Division Westlander, Inlander and the Sunlander Services.
- 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

May Members' Meeting

Bob McKillop was the guest speaker at our May meeting. His subject was: 'Researching and Writing Railway History'. Bob has had extensive experience in practicing just that with his long-term voluntary editorial involvement with the Light Railways Research Society's *Light Railways* magazine. Since late last year he has been editor of the Division's Australian Railway History magazine and has made his own mark on that publication in a short period of time. His other works for the Division have included the Hunter themed, *Our Region, Our Railway*; the *Australian Railway Heritage Guide* and; being a co-author to *A Century of Central: Sydney's Central Railway Station 1906 to 2006*. In addition he has authored several *Bulletin* and *ARH* articles and written/published a significant family history of the McKillops. A 1984 *Bulletin* article was devoted to the development of railways in Australia. Since taking up the Editor's role of ARH Bob has noted where inter alia, improvements in article submissions can be made by authors, in terms of the Division's style manual for one and research tools available in the RRC. It is his mission to have shortly available on the Division's website a guide for prospective and current ARH authors in researching, writing and presenting articles for publication. This would, of course, also apply to book manuscripts. At the conclusion of his lecture, Bob fielded questions from the members. After which George Gettens said a few words in appreciation of the lecture.

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Railway Resource Guides Available Online

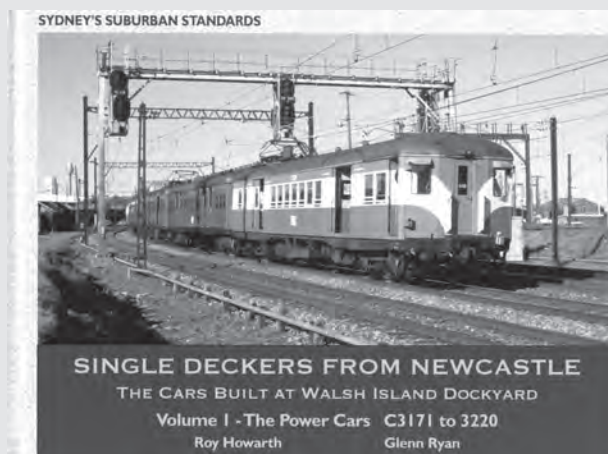
These guides have been available from the ARHSnsw Railway Resource Centre (RRC) for some time in hard copy form. The guides are designed to assist all railway / tramway enthusiasts and researchers to locate information on the various aspects of the railway and tramway systems in NSW. The guides cover subjects such as Railway and Tramway History and Operations, Administration, Branch Line History, Main Line History as well as information on NSW locomotives and rolling stock.

The Railway Resource Guides will shortly be additionally available in the ARHSnsw Online Bookshop for download. The price will be the same as for hard copy, i.e. \$5.00 per guide, but there will be no handling charge. Watch for these to gradually become available in our Online Bookshop soon.

A full list of available guides is at:

www.arhsnsw.com.au/rrguides.htm

New at the ARHSnsw Railway Bookshop



In their second book in the Sydney's Suburban Standards series, Roy Howarth and Glenn Ryan examine the Sydney Suburban Cars built at Newcastle that proved the quality of Australian workmanship was on par with the world's best. The book's 178 A4 pages contain colour and mono images of almost all 50 of the power cars in the various liveries applied over the decades. Special price: \$65, 10% members discount applies.

Members' Photo Competition

May's subject was "Last Runs". There was only one entrant – Peter Sage submitted some very nice shots of the last (tour) trains on the Camden Line. By default he was the winner! Upcoming subjects are:

- June**—Turntables
- July**—NSW Clyde/GM 422 Class
- August**—Freights in the Blue Mountains
- September**—Streamlined 38 Class in Service
- October**—NSWR Buildings gone but not forgotten

(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.)

CANBERRA FLORIADE & SKITUBE TWO DAY TOUR

The weekend of 27 & 28 September 2014

We are unable to finalise the abovementioned tour before going to press.

Booking form will be available next month.



A two-car Skitube train crosses the Thredbo River not long after departure from Bullock's Flat terminal in the NSW Snowy Mountains. The train is about to begin the 1 in 8 climb to Perisher Resort, most of which will be in the Bilston Tunnel. When this photo was taken on Monday, 30 September 2013, near the end of the snow season, the service was operated by a four-car and a two-car set on a 30 minute frequency with an uphill train departing Bullock's Flat immediately a downhill train arrived. Image: John Hoyle