



Members' newsletter

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September 2014

Wed 3 AGM & Members' Meeting: *Alex Grunbach South Africa*

Sat 6 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 9 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 9 **Newcastle Members' Meeting:** *Graham Smith*
Qld Sugar Cane Railways

Sat 13 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 16 Railway Resource Centre open

Wed 17 Railway Luncheon Club — Meadowbank Bridges
with Bill Phippen

Sat 20 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 23 Railway Resource Centre open

Sat 27 Railway Resource Centre open

Sat 27/Sun 28: Ski Tube and Floriade two-day Tour

Tue 30 Railway Resource Centre open

October 2014

Wed 1 Members' Meeting: *Trevor Edmonds Exeter train disaster*

Sat 4 Bookshop and Railway Resource Centre closed

Sat 4/Sun 5/Mon 6 AMRA Model Railway Exhibition at Liverpool

Mon 6 Public Holiday — Redfern Bookshop Closed

Tue 7 Railway Resource Centre open

Sat 11 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 14 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 14 **Newcastle Members' Meeting:** *Larry Greentree*
North China Coal Railways

Wed 15 Luncheon Club — Regents Park Station *with Nev Pollard*

Sat 18 Railway Resource Centre open

Tue 21 Railway Resource Centre open

Sat 25 Railway Resource Centre open

Sat 25 Rookwood Railway Walk *with John Oakes*

Tue 28 Railway Resource Centre open

2014 Annual Report

In accordance with our previously announced policy, the 2014 Annual Report can now be viewed at the Society's website:

www.arhsnsw.com.au

Members who require a paper copy are requested to contact the Secretary by telephone at 02 9699 4595.

August Members' Meeting

Entertainment at the August meeting was by Warren Miller with a slide and DVD show on his visit to South Africa in the early seventies. Warren took both slide and movie footage at the same time. The slide show opened with Warren's images of Johannesburg's double-deck trolley buses and then his trek in search of South Africa's still formidable operation of steam-hauled trains. We then viewed the same scenes in motion through his films being transferred to digital footage and then to DVD.

South African Railways were still running a number of classes of steam locomotives and some were impressively embellished with ornaments by their specially allocated crews. They were an impressive sight. The audience found Warren's lecture a first-rate visual presentation.

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	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	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
TERALBA STATION**

To many who take the train journey north, Teralba appears to be one of those places with perhaps an unknown history. To explore just what that history might have been, our group of around 40 made the journey there on Wednesday 20 August. Led by our noted Newcastle based historian and member Ed Tonks, we learned of Teralba's unique place in the history of the Hunter region.

Opened on 15 August 1887, Teralba has been the home of two collieries - Great Northern Colliery, opened in 1887 and renamed Pacific Colliery in 1914, and Gartlee Colliery, opened 1890 and renamed Northern Extended Colliery in 1902. It also supported two hotels, the Lake Macquarie and the Great Northern, with the latter, adjacent to the station, surviving today. A large goods yard on the Up side once served the needs of the mines and the community. Today Teralba is a quiet suburb in the Lake Macquarie City. The station was extensively rebuilt for the electrification in 1982 and more recently the main building was demolished and replaced by an awning structure in 2010. Once a busy place Teralba Station now sees little activity.

Our thanks go to Ed for his usual expert and informative commentary, and also to Glen Magee for his contribution.

The next Luncheon Club outing is on Wednesday 17 September and RRC Manager Bill Phippen is going to show us some of the features of both Meadowbank Bridges. We meet at the entrance to the Up platform at Meadowbank Station at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the West Ryde Hotel at West Ryde, necessitating a short train journey, leaving Meadowbank at 12.10pm. And on 15 October life member Nev Pollard is going to take us through the history of Regents Park Station and the Potts Hill Branch. Notes for both of these outings are now on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

For the future, on 19 November, Stuart Sharp will be returning and will show us some history of railway buildings at Moss Vale. This will be the last outing for this year.

Report by Gary Hughes



Teralba Station in 1899. The platforms and signal box on the left have now gone, and the Down platform on the right now forms part of an island platform with the 1982 Down main to its right. The Station Master's residence on the far right rear remains to this day.

Ralph Snowball photograph, Ed Tonks Collection



Our group at Teralba listens to Ed Tonks (on the landing and partly obscured by the overhead light) relates the history of the area. The 1982 Down platform is evident on the right as is the Station Master's residence at the right rear. The platform buildings in view were erected in 2010.

Image: John Beckhaus

Forthcoming Tours

September 27/28: Ski Tube and Floriade two-day Tour
(Booking Form on Page 4)

October 25: Rookwood Railway Walk *(Tour fully booked)*

November 4/9: The Great Tablelander Tour to Cairns & Mareeba
(Booking Form on Page 6)

November 29: Richmond Line 150th Celebration
(Booking Form on Page 5)

November 12 to 16: 402 Club Tour to Albury/Benalla/Boree Creek/Cootamundra/West Wyalong/Naradhan
(Expressions of interest)

**December 14: Members' and volunteers' day—
Lake Macquarie Light Rail, Toronto**

*For more information ARHSnsw Tours @ Redfern 02 8394 9019 or
Spencer Ross on 0428 333 443.*

Members' Photo Competition

August's subject was 'Freights in the Blue Mountains' and the only entrant was Chris Sim with five images. His winning image of an 82 Class on an empty coal travelling through Eskbank was judged to be the best.

Upcoming subjects are:

September—Streamlined 38 Class in Service*

October—NSWR Buildings gone but not forgotten*

November—Sydney's Central Station*

December—Members' Annual Slide and DVD night*

January—NSW Steam Tours to Remember*

(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.)

VOLUNTEER CALL

We are seeking voluntary assistance from Sydney-based members.

Firstly, the upkeep of the Railway Resource Centre's Intranet is quite an onerous task for our existing volunteers. We are seeking volunteers to assist and provide back-up as required. Some experience in HTML code would be an advantage.

Secondly, volunteers who would like to assist with retail sales at the Society's Redfern bookshop. Assistance with selling on Monday to Fridays is urgently needed. The bookshop's hours on these days are 10am to 5pm. You can work either a full day or alternatively, a split shift from 10am to 2pm or 12 noon to 5pm. Regular attendance one day per week is essential to enable rosters to be workable. Some computer knowledge is required but good customer service skills are desirable.

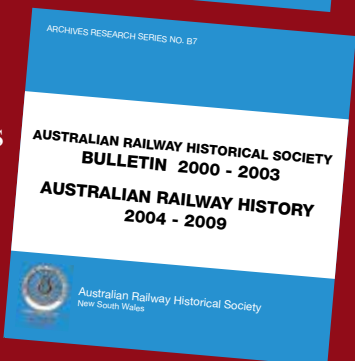
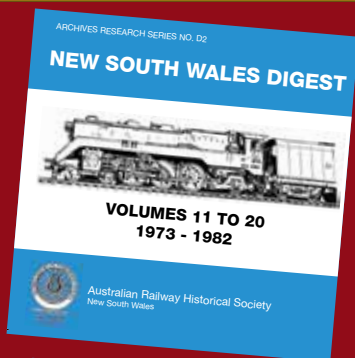
If you would like to assist please call Ross Verdich or Grahame Thurling on 9699 4595. Email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au.

NEW ARHSnsw MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new and returning members:

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| 5179 | Maurice ROWE | Lismore |
| 5180 | Alan GREEN | Buttaba |
| 5181 | Jonathan HUSTON | Claremont. WA |
| 5182 | Keith RUTTER | Running Stream |
| 3809 | Geoff CAMPBELL | Roselands |
| 4642 | Terrance MOSDELL | Tenterfield |
| 5183 | Paul SCOTT | West Pennant Hills |
| 5184 | Eloise TAYLOR (Mrs) | Northampton. WA |
| 5185 | John CHIPPINDALE | Concord |
| 5186 | Peter BLACK | Collaroy Plateau |
| 5187 | Eddy WILKINSON | Canowindra |
| 5188 | Warren STANFIELD | Denistone |
| 5189 | Michael SMITH | Green Valley |
| 5190 | Stephen FOGARTY | Katoomba |
| 5191 | Boris SOKOLOFF | Cardiff South |
| 5192 | Patrick EAGLESTON | Baulkham Hills |
| 5193 | Adam JOHNSON | Lawson |
| 3903 | Nicholas JACKSON | Waverley |
| 5194 | Peter DUGGAN | Pearl Beach |
| 5195 | John R. WATTERS | Lugarno |
| 5196 | Glen PITHIE | Macquarie Fields |
| 5197 | John ZUBRICKAS | Turrumurra |
| 5198 | Ernie KAPP | Cootamundra |
| 5199 | Donald C. COTTEE | Mudgee |
| 5200 | Shane GARDINER | Broken Hill |
| 5201 | Lee McCARLEY | St.Clair |
| 5202 | Michael HOOKER | West Ryde |
| 5203 | Brendan WILLARD | Unanderra |
| 5204 | Thomas B. GRIERSON | Gorokan |

What's New at the **ARHSnsw Bookshop**



Now in digital format:

THE RAILWAY NEWS' FIRST 50 YEARS

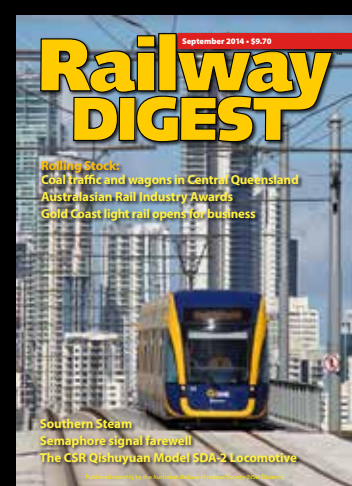
1956 - 2006: only \$35

NEW SOUTH WALES DIGEST

VOL 11 to 20 1973 - 1982: only \$25

BULLETIN/AUST RAILWAY HISTORY

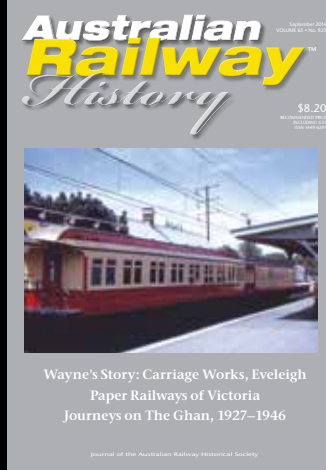
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ARHSnsw is pleased to announce that *Australian Railway History* and *Railway Digest* have been approved by Apple and are now available on the App Store for iPhone & iPad devices.

They are also now available on Google Play. Amazon apps will be available shortly.

Please note these apps are completely separate subscriptions from your existing hard-copy subscriptions. They are, for example, in the case of Apple apps, subscribed to via the iTunes facility on Apple devices. ARHSnsw cannot provide support when these apps are used. We are working with our app developer to offer more value to our digital and hard-copy subscribers including, possibly, combined subscriptions.



CELEBRATE RICHMOND LINE

150th ANNIVERSARY *plus*

90 Years in service of CPHs

Saturday 29 November 2014

Join ARHSnsw Division Tours and The Rail Motor Society on a journey in CPH Rail Motors 1, 3 & 7, to celebrate the 90th year of service provided by these rail motors over the lines they once serviced prior to electrification. We also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Richmond Line from Blacktown.

Our tour will commence from the Paterson Museum and pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong and Gosford to depart around 8.30am from Hornsby and then North Strathfield. The morning travel will be over the freight line to Meeks Rd and on to Waterfall.

Return to Sydenham to reverse and travel on the East Hills Line where the rail motors once provided the service between Kingsgrove and East Hills. Continue to Glenfield to reverse again to travel via Liverpool to Sefton and the Lidcombe triangle to head west to Blacktown.

It is hoped a cross with the special anniversary steam train on the way to Richmond. During our lunch break, The Rail Motors will provide a shuttle to Riverstone for locals. We then return to Strathfield before heading north to return to Paterson.

Tour cost includes all rail travel in Rail Motors 1, 3 & 7 with morning and afternoon teas provided whilst travelling.

Booking form for:

150th Celebration of the Richmond line on Saturday 29 November 2014

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

or fax (02) 9699 1714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

Please book for me:Seats ARHSnsw & TRMS Members and guests	@ \$110.00	\$.....
Seats Non-Members	@ \$120.00	\$.....
	2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge		\$.....
TOTAL			\$..... (GST incl.)

I will join the train at.....Station

Local shuttle tickets will be available for sale at Richmond Station on Saturday 29 November 2014.

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....

Name(s) 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 timetable confirmation will be posted to your address 10days 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/...../..... Car.....Seats.....Tickets sent/...../.....