Members' newsletter

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December 2014

Tue	2	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed	**3**	**Members' Meeting:** *Members's slide and video night*
Sat	6	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	9	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	**9**	**Newcastle Members' Meeting:** *Slide and video night*
Sat	13	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun	14	Members' & Volunteers' Day—Lake Macquarie Light Rail
Tue	16	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat	20	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	23	Railway Resource Centre open
Thu	25	Christmas Day — Redfern Bookshop Closed
Fri	26	Boxing Day — Redfern Bookshop Closed
Sat	27	Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue	30	Railway Resource Centre closed

January 2015

Thu	1	New Year's Day — Redfern Bookshop Closed
Sat	3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	6	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed	**7**	**Members' Meeting:** *Warren Miller Indian Narrow Gauge DVD*
Sat	10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	13	**Newcastle Members' Meeting:** *Tom Holmes' Slides*
Sun	18	Tour to Kiama via MossVale/Robertson—RMS 621/721
Sat	17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue	20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat	24	Railway Resource Centre open
Mon	26	Australia Day — Redfern Bookshop Closed
Tue	27	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat	31	Railway Resource Centre open

The Society's Council & Staff wish all our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Forthcoming Tours

December 14: Members' and volunteers' day—
Lake Macquarie Light Rail, Toronto
(*Booking Form on Page 3*)

January 18: A Summer's Day South with 621/721 Railcars
(*Booking Form on Page 4*)

February: The new Southwestern Line with 621/721 (TBA)

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

ARHSnsw Council

There have been changes in the makeup of the ARHSnsw Council. After a total of almost 30 years on Council and the last five as President, George Gettens decided not to renominate for Council in the September elections. George will now concentrate his energies on Railway Resource Centre's data processing.

Murray Harper was elected President unopposed at the September Annual General Meeting.

Subsequently, Chris Harding was appointed Vice President at the October meeting of the Council.

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 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB MOSS VALE

Outing to Moss Vale, Wednesday 19 November 2014.

Moss Vale Station was opened as Sutton Forest on 2 December 1867 with the opening of the railway. The name was changed to Moss Vale ten years later. There are extant reminders of the privileges of Vice-Regal office enjoyed by the colonial and state governors. The existence of a Vice-Regal waiting room and the Up dock platform are obvious features. Some of our group were able to view part of the waiting room, but unfortunately the limited time we had, plus the size of our group (around 60), restricted this.

The provision of the Railway Refreshment Room at Moss Vale in 1891 gave a big boost to Moss Vale as a railway town, but at the expense of the closure of the RRR at Mittagong. The Moss Vale building survives, as do the two SM residences, one carrying a plaque dating it 1869 and the other, a unique Jc3 concrete structure, was built to replace it in 1917. The Moss Vale RRR closed in the mid 1960's, although there was a café operating on the Down platform until about 2002 in part of the former RRR.

Our thanks go to Stuart Sharp for his expert commentary on the day and also for his informative notes which are available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website. And a special thank you also to the friendly Moss Vale Station staff for their assistance on the day.

After lunch at the nearby Moss Vale Hotel, which has its own history, our tour program for 2014 was concluded.

The next outing will be on Wednesday 18 March 2015 when we will be going to Windsor and Richmond. More details will be provided in due course. Also on Wednesday 18 February 2015 our usual lunch only event will be at the Great Southern Hotel in George Street Sydney.

Report by Gary Hughes

Top image: Stuart Sharp, refreshed after his holiday, explains some features of Moss Vale Station to our group.

Lower image: The group on the overhead footbridge as Stuart Sharp points out the dock platform provided for the State Governor's special carriage.

Both images: Ed Tonks.

November Members' Meeting Speaker: Peter Sage

The subject of Peter's talk was 'world railway bridges'. Using his own slides, Peter naturally focused on the distinctive and well-known railway (and tramway) bridges both in Australia and overseas including our own Sydney Harbour Bridge. Its look-a-like in New York, Brunel's The Royal Albert Bridge spanning the river Tamar at Saltash, the Forth Bridge over the Firth of Forth near Edinburgh and the Swiss Landwasser Viaduct near Filisur were some notables examined in detail. It was a significantly different railway subject but a very interesting talk.

President Murray Harper thanked Peter for his presentation.

Vale Ray Edser (Qld Division)

We are sad to report the sudden death of ARHS Qld Tours Officer Ray Edser on Sunday 9 November. Many NSW Members knew of Ray through his close liaison with NSW Tours Officer Spencer Ross in providing several outstanding tours of Queensland, particularly the recent Lander and TableLander tours. It was during the night prior to the return journey of the TableLander tour in Cairns that Ray died, apparently of a heart attack. Ray was looking forward to the running of the Qld Division's 1,000 tour in December.

Ray had the ability to extract the maximum experience and enjoyment in his tour planning. He will be sorely missed by those who had the pleasure of his tours and our friends in the Qld Division.

Members' Photo Competition

November's subject was 'Sydney's Central Station'. You would think such a subject would have hundreds of entries but not many shots were received. Chris Sim's slide of a 42 Class hauled *Southern Highlands Express* was very good but Terry Flynn's nicely composed digital image of the 'CENTRAL' signs in line across multiple platforms was judged the best on the night. His image is reproduced directly below:

Upcoming subjects are:

December—Members' Annual Slide/DVD night*
January—NSW Steam Tours to Remember*
February—Freights over the Blue Mountains*
March—Railway Accidents*
April—Railway Sunsets*

(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.)

A CHRISTMAS PARTY with "JACK"
Lake Macquarie Light Rail
SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014

ARHSnsw Tours invites all members and friends to celebrate our end of year festivities. This year we return to the privately owned and operated Lake Macquarie Light Railway. A 2-foot gauge railway situated on private land on the outskirts of Toronto that is the home of two other operating steam locomotives, one diesel locomotive and two petrol locomotives.

The attraction of the celebration will be the steaming and running of the recently fully restored 1908 Krauss-built "JACK". Formerly used on the Goondah – Burrinjuck Railway and now owned by the NSW Rail Transport Museum. It is now leased to the LMLR. Travel from Sydney on the 8.15am Intercity Service to Fassifern due at 10.30am where you will be met by a bus to transfer you to LMLR. For those who wish to drive, the property is located on Onslow Road, Toronto. Return to Sydney will be on the 3.57pm service from Fassifern. Newcastle members can join the bus at Broadmeadow at 9.30am or Cardiff at 9.45am.

The day's outing includes the bus transfer, entry to LMLR, morning tea on arrival and a spit roast luncheon and soft drinks. Rail travel to Fassifern is at your own expense.

Image: Ian McNeil

Booking form for:
A Christmas Party with "JACK" at Lake Macquarie Light Rail
SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 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

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....

Newcastle Members: I will join the bus at Broadmeadow.....Cardiff.....

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

Please book for me.....Tickets (ARHSnsw Members and guests) @ $50.00 $..... (GST incl.)

TOTAL **$.....** (GST incl.)

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

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No. ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ Expiry ☐☐/☐☐

Signature .....Date .....

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 arrangements at Lake Macquarie Light Rail
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 ...../...../.....

A SUMMER'S DAY SOUTH - A TOUR WITH 621/721 RAILCARS

Sunday 18 January 2015

Join ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society on our annual summer's day rail journey. This year our destination is Kiama via the Main South to Moss Vale and the cross country line to Unanderra.

Our tour will commence from the Paterson Museum and pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong and Gosford. We depart Sydney Central at about 9.30am travelling via Sydenham and Meeks Road Junction to the Goods Line through Enfield and onto the Southern Freight Line to Macarthur South. Enjoy a Devonshire morning tea as we re-join the Main South through Menangle, Bowral and Moss Vale. Our crew will change ends and we then reverse to travel on the cross country line through Robertson to Summit Tank where we stop briefly to enjoy the panoramic vista. We then proceed down the escarpment to Unanderra. Here we reverse again and proceed south to Kiama. There will be over two hours to spend in Kiama to enjoy a picnic lunch beside the water or finding special treats whilst visiting the seaside markets. Walk through the shopping centre or to the blowhole and enjoy the summer sunshine.

Our return journey departs at 4.00pm with a brisk run up the Illawarra enjoying the coastal ocean vistas though Stanwell Park and on to Waterfall. Our train is timetabled to arrive at Sydney Central at 6.00pm before returning to Paterson.

Seating is limited to 90 passengers, so book early to ensure a good seat. Tour cost includes morning and afternoon teas on board.

Historic line side notes will be distributed on departure from Central.

BOOKING FORM:

A SUMMERS DAY SOUTH in the 621/721 RAILCARS on Sunday 18 January 2015

Mail to: ARHS*nsw* Tours, 67 Renwick Street, REDFERN, NSW, 2016 or **fax** (02) 9699 1714 or **Book at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop, 67 Renwick Street, REDFERN, NSW, 2016

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

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

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

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Signature .....Date .....

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