



Members' newsletter

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March 2015

Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Alex Grunbach's South African Slides
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Murray Harper Presents
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 18	Luncheon Club: Windsor and Richmond
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 21	Tour: New Leppington Line and Lavender Bay 621/721
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 31	Railway Resource Centre open

April 2015

Wed 1	Members' Meeting: Chris Sim NSW Country Steam in 1966
Fri 3/Mon 6:	Good Friday/Easter Monday - Bookshop closed
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre Closed/Bookshop open
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward Presents
Wed 15	Luncheon Club: Regent Street Mortuary Station
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 20/22/23	Historic railway/tramway/mining sites/Pits & Pubs tour
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	(ANZAC Day) Railway Resource Centre & Bookshop closed
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open

Tour Schedule

- March 18: Luncheon Club to Windsor & Richmond**
 - March 21: South-West Line & Lavender Bay** (*Tour fully booked*)
 - April 15: Luncheon Club inspection of Mortuary Station**
 - April 20/22/23: Pits & Pubs Tour of Hunter Valley** (*See p4*)
 - May 3: Goulburn via Robertson with 42101 & Garratt 6029**
 - June 6 to 9: Griffith & Naradhan on 621/721 rail cars.** (*See p5*)
 - August 1/20: 21-day Trans-Siberian journey from Beijing to St Petersburg plus cultural & railway museums.** (*See P2 for contact details & brochure*)
 - October 17/30: Proposed NZ South Island** (*See page 6*)
 - November 18/19: Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi**
- For more information contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019.*

New ARHSnsw Councillors Appointed

At the meeting of the ARHSnsw Council on Wednesday 11 February, three new Councillors were appointed to replace two vacant Councillor positions and allow for one additional Councillor.

Harry Anneveld, Allen Kavanagh and Craig Mackey are the new Councillors. They will assist the current Publications, Finance and the Railway Resource Centre Councillors respectively.

In 2013 and 2014 we lost the services of George Gettens, Ian Fathers and Geoff Moss from Council - a vast amount of knowledge, experience and good "council" was lost as a result. However, they are still contributing to the Society in their different speciality fields.

Councillors are expected to actively contribute to the running of the Society and Harry, Allen and Craig have already shown that in their voluntary contributions.

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

Railway Fetter's Tents Research

Nicola Pullan, a PhD candidate and Research Assistant at UNSW is looking for information about or images of fetter's tents used along the railway and elsewhere in the Hornsby area as temporary housing during the period 1945-1955.

If you can help Nicola please contact her:

P: (02) 9385 6653 M: 0403 772 414 E: n.pullan@unsw.edu.au



33 Clarinda St, Hornsby circa 1951-1954, three railway tents lived in by Taras Kociuba and family while they built their house. Image N Pullan



William Barnard was a signalman at Weismantles in the early 1950s. This image shows his wife Hazel waving from their first home, comprised of at least two fetters tents, after they were married. Image kindly supplied by their daughter Kathryn White.

Members' Photo Competition

The subject for February's competition was 'Freights over the Blue Mountains'. Several outstanding entries were submitted in slide and digital formats with electric haulage being the principal subject. It was Chris Stratton's well-composed shot, reproduced below, of electrics 8507+8614+8621 waiting to depart Lithgow with an Up coal train on 8 June 1984 that got first prize.



Upcoming subjects are:

March—Railway Accidents*

April—Railway Sunsets*

May—60 Class Garratts*

June—Sugar Cane Railways*

July—Railway Yards*

(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 the slide/image was taken and mark the slide accordingly otherwise image will be ineligible to win. The Society may subsequently publish images from the photo competition in its magazines, newsletter or on digital media such as Facebook. Entrants to the competition must agree to this proviso.)

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For further information please call Imperial China Tours, Sydney (02) 9221 0266, from elsewhere 1300 303 101 or Email: tony@imperialchinatours.com

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Luncheon Club outings for 2015 will commence on Wednesday 18 March and we are going to Windsor and Richmond. We meet at Windsor Station at 10.31am, after the arrival of the Down service which departs No.18 platform at Central at 9.25am. After 30 minutes inspecting Windsor we move onto Richmond. Lunch will be at the Royal Hotel at Richmond.

This outing will be led by Stuart Sharp and John Oakes, and notes for both Windsor and Richmond are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

For the future, on 15 April we will be inspecting the Mortuary Station at Central. Meet at the Regent Street entrance to the Mortuary Station at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the nearby Agincourt Hotel. Notes for the Mortuary Station will be available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHS website in early March.

In May we will be travelling on the new South West Rail Line and in June we are going to Lawson in the Blue Mountains.

In July we propose visiting Toronto, which will necessitate the hire of a bus. Booking forms for this will be available shortly.

Gary Hughes

**PTC BLUE SPOT
EXPRESS PARCELS LABEL**



Ken Williams is preparing an article on Parcels Traffic on the NSW Railways for the Australian Railway History magazine and he is eager to hear from anyone who can provide a copy of the above label, either an original or a good digital scan, together with the dimensions.

Please contact Ken by email: kjw4401@yahoo.com.au

NEW ARHSnsw MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following rejoining and new members:

2084	Bernard REYNOLDS (Rejoining)	Kings Meadows. Tas
3913	David GREAVES (Rejoining)	Watson. ACT
5217	Cameron ANDERSON	Thirlmere
5218	Alan JONES	Bundeena
5219	Graeme BARNES	Gunnedah
5220	Adrian CHIPPINDALE	Campbell. ACT
5221	Stephen O'BRIEN	Waramanga. ACT
5222	Al LUKES	Long Flat
5223	Daniel GRAY	West Ryde
5224	Neil CARR-BOYD	Castle Hill
5225	Phillip G. BADGER	Quakers Hill
5226	Malcolm W. HARRISON	Toronto
5227	Alan TRAVERS	Winmalee
5228	Robert MARCHAND	Ryde
5229	Gary BARTON	Manyana

February Members' Meeting

February's guest speaker was Neville Pollard who presented a very professional PowerPoint presentation on *The Canadian* - the Via service passenger train across Canada from Vancouver to Montreal. Nev and his wife traveled on the train in September last year. The images were a montage of shots taken on the run as service stops allowed and the very large scale of North American train operations impressed Nev. It was far removed from his usual NSW branchline explorations as published in *Australian Railway History* magazine! The scenery, of course, was on a different scale - spectacular! At the end, President Murray Harper thanked Nev for a great presentation!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 3 May 2015

TOUR BOOKING FORM IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

An ARHSnsw Tour with 3801 Limited to Goulburn

- 42101 Sydney to Moss Vale via Wollongong
- 6029 Moss Vale to Goulburn and return
- 42101 Moss Vale to Sydney via the Main South

Travel to Moss Vale via Wollongong behind the recently restored Clyde/GM Locomotive 42101.

At Moss Vale, the ARHS ACT Division's newly restored to operation Beyer Garratt locomotive 6029 will couple up to the train for an exciting ride to Goulburn. There will be a break for lunch at Goulburn before the return to Moss Vale where 42101 will rejoin our train for the trip back to Sydney via the Main South.

SAVE THE DATES!

17 to 30 October 2015

NZ South Island

*Your expression of interest is sought for this exciting tour.
A full itinerary including tour costs will be published in next month's
Members' Newsletter.*

ARHSnsw Tours in conjunction with Guidepost Tours present our tour to the South Island of New Zealand.

The highlight of this tour is to travel over 1250 km behind the recently restored 100 year old Ab 608 *Passchendaele* steam locomotive on the major sector of its South Island tour.

We fly into Wellington, take the Inter-Island Ferry to Picton, and enjoy six days behind steam travelling the East Coast line from Picton to Invercargill and Bluff. Return to Dunedin and a special excursion through the Taieri Gorge to Middelmarsh.

We transfer to our coach for the onward journey to Queenstown for a two-night stay, visiting the fantastic National Transport Museum at Wanaka. Experience the cruise on the vintage Steamship TSS *Earnslaw* with dinner at the high country Colonel's Homestead at Walter Peak.

Coach travel takes us through the scenic Kawarau Gorge and over the Haast Pass to the west coast stopping to view the Fox and the Franz Josef Glaciers, then on to Greymouth. Visit and walk along the Charming Creek Railway, the Deniston Incline Museum and railway site with an overnight stay at Westport. We return to Christchurch for two nights with visits to the Silver Stream Railway and the Ferrymead Heritage Park and Railway, experiencing an evening meal on its Dinner Tram. A return flight from Christchurch to Sydney completes the tour.

A two-day pre-tour option will also be available for those who wish to fly to Auckland and travel on the great train journey on the *Northern Explorer* to Wellington where you will join the main group.

Indicative cost for the 14-day tour including flights will be \$5250 plus \$690 for the pre-tour option. Single supplement will be an additional cost.

For more information call please contact Spencer Ross on 0428 333 443.
