



# Members' newsletter

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## May 2015

Sat 2	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 3	Tour: Goulburn with 42101 and 6029
Tue 5	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Craig Mackey presents John Stormont Slides</b>
Sat 9	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Annual Meeting, Photo slide competition &amp; quiz</b>
Sat 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 20	Luncheon Club: Exploring the new Leppington Line
Sat 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 30	Railway Resource Centre open

## June 2015

Tue 2	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Laurence Atkin Farewell Sydney MonoRail</b>
Sat 6	Railway Resource Centre Closed/Bookshop open
Mon 8	Public Holiday: Railway Resource Centre & Bookshop closed
Tue 9	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 9</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Warren Miller Indian NG DVD</b>
Sat 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 17	Luncheon Club: Lawson
Sat 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 27	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 30	Railway Resource Centre open



## NSWGR Gallipoli Honour Board

In March 1916 an honour board was unveiled on the assembly platform at Central. It contained all the names of the NSWGR Gallipoli dead, as known at that time.

During the next three years three more identical boards and then four smaller boards were added to include all the railway and tramway dead from World War 1.

At some unknown time the whole large object was removed from Central and it is now in a somewhat water damaged condition in storage at Chullora.

Bill Phippen is interested in learning where this large object was sited at Central, when and why it was removed, and why today it is known as the 'Narrabeen Honour Board'.

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*Photo: The 1916 first panel of the Honour Board as erected at Central. (NSW State Records)*

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 Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: <a href="mailto:sales@arhsnsw.com.au">sales@arhsnsw.com.au</a>
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times) Email: <a href="mailto:resources@arhsnsw.com.au">resources@arhsnsw.com.au</a> (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)
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Tours:	As advertised	www.arhsnsw.com.au Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

**Tour Schedule**

- May 3:** Goulburn via Unanderra with 42101 & Garratt 6029.  
(*Tour fully booked*)
- May 20:** Luncheon Club tour to Leppington.
- June 6 to 9:** Griffith & Naradhan on 621/721. (*Some changes have been made to the itinerary, see booking form on page 5*)
- June 17:** Luncheon Club tour to Lawson.
- July 15:** Luncheon Club tour to Toronto. (*Booking form on P4*)
- August 1/20:** 21-day Trans-Siberian journey from Beijing to St Petersburg plus cultural & railway museums. (**Tour is now confirmed - bookings still open.** See below for contact details/brochure)
- September (tba):** The Great '01' Tour with heritage diesel-electric locomotives 42101, 4401 & 4501 to Orange.
- October 17/30:** NZ South Island Tour featuring Ab608.  
(*See booking form on page 6*)
- November 18/19:** Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi.  
*For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.*

**William Pearce Plaque**

In the August 2012 issue of *Australian Railway History* author Trevor Edmonds wrote an extensive article on locomotive boiler explosions. On page 20 of that issue he detailed the heroic action of fireman William Pearce at Thornton on 4 December 1905 for which he was subsequently awarded the Albert Medal. A plaque funded by ARHSnsw, commemorating his action, will be unveiled by members of the Pearce family at Thornton Station on Saturday 16 May 2015.

**Members' Photo Competition**

The subject for April's competition was 'Railway Sunsets'. Several slide entries were submitted from Chris Sim and Peter Sage. The winner was Chris with his slide reproduced below of a combined LVR/ARHS ACT Division heritage train hauled by 3026 and 3102 in the Bredbo area on 10 June 1985.



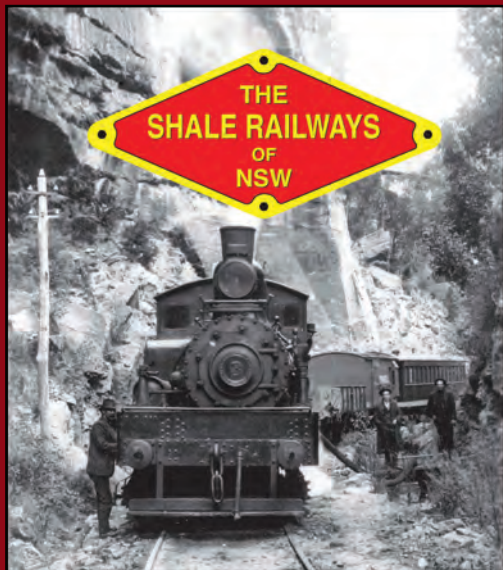
Upcoming subjects are:

- May**—60 Class Garratts\*
- June**—Sugar Cane Railways\*
- July**—Railway Yards\*
- August**—Remembering Newcastle Station\*
- September**—S10 *The Flying Nun*

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto: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. The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

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**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB  
REGENT STREET MORTUARY STATION**



*The view from Regent Street of the Mortuary Station on Wednesday 15 April 2015. All images: Shane O'Neil*

It is rare to get the opportunity to inspect a railway building of 1869 vintage, particularly one designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet. Fortunately such a privilege was accorded the Luncheon Club on Wednesday 15 April 2015 when Craig McPherson, Senior Heritage Specialist from Sydney Trains, arranged for us to inspect the Regent Street Mortuary Station.

The history of this building and its various uses over the years have been researched and written by Stuart Sharp and is now on the Luncheon Club page of ARHSnsw website. It's worth the read for those interested.

Our thanks go to Craig, and his assistants on the day, namely Robin, Gretta, Bruce and Lowana, and of course to our own Stuart Sharp and John Oakes, for making it a memorable outing.

The next Luncheon Club outing is on Wednesday 20 May and we are going to Leppington to try out the new South West Rail link. We meet at Glenfield to catch the 10.34am Leppington service. We will alight firstly at Edmonson Park for a look around, then catch the following service from there to Leppington, returning to Glenfield. Lunch will be at East Hills Hotel, necessitating a change of trains at Glenfield. Notes for this outing are now on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

On 17 June we are going to see the Satellite Network Depot at Lawson. We meet at Lawson Station at 10.58am, following the arrival of the inter city service which leaves Central at 9.18am. Lunch will be in the former water tank.

And on 15 July we are going to Toronto. This will require the hire of a bus and a booking form is included in this newsletter.

*Gary Hughes*



*Stuart Sharp explains the heritage significance of the station.*



*The view north through the restored canopy to the buffer stop.*



*The view south. Left column has been shaved for clearance purposes.*



*Beautifully restored double-window "ticket office"*





