



# Members' newsletter

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## September 2015

Tue 1	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting &amp; Members' Meeting:</b> <b>Speaker: Gary Hughes: They Came from The Hill</b>
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Trevor Edmonds:</b> <i>Exeter Accident</i>
Sat 12	Tin Hares Travel The Triangles Tour - CPHs 1,3 & 7
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 16	Luncheon Club: Royal National Park
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open

## October 2015

Sat/Sun/Mon 3/4/5	Annual AMRA Exhibition at Liverpool
Sat 3	Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Mon 5	Public Holiday — Bookshop closed
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Craig Mackey Colour Slides of CA Cardew</b>
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: TBA</b>
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 17 to Fri 30:	NZ South Island Tour with Ab608
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Luncheon Club: Emu Plains with Bill Phippen & Nev Pollard
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 27	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	Railway Resource Centre open

## 2015 Annual Report

In accordance with our previously announced policy, the 2015 Annual Report can now be viewed on the Society's website:

[www.arhsnsw.com.au](http://www.arhsnsw.com.au)

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

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: <a href="mailto:sales@arhsnsw.com.au">sales@arhsnsw.com.au</a>
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	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	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 <a href="http://www.arhsnsw.com.au">www.arhsnsw.com.au</a>

**Tour Schedule**

**September 12:** Tin Hares travel the triangles tour.  
*(Booking form on page 4)*

**October 17/30:** NZ South Island Tour with Ab608. *(Fully booked)*

**November 18/19:** Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi.  
*(Booking form on page 5)*

**November 28 to 30:** 402 Club to Brisbane. Two nights in Casino.  
*(Booking form on page 6)*

*For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.*

**Members' Photo Competition**

The subject for August's competition was 'Remembering Newcastle Station'. The only entrant was Enzo Smith with his five images. His image below was judged to be the best.

Upcoming subjects are:

**September**—S10 *The Flying Nun or Comeng S (W) Sets*

**October**—Industrial Railways

**November**—Dining on the Railways

**December**—Members' slide night

**January**—NSWR Snow Scenes

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.



*The winning image of Newcastle Station, taken by Enzo Smith, just before the closure.*

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB  
CAMELLIA**

Why would we go to a seemingly insignificant place like Camellia? After all in 2012, Wikipedia reported Camellia as being the least used station on the then CityRail network, with a daily average of 50 users. Maybe that's a good reason to go there!! But, of course every station has a story and on Wednesday 19 August, we heard some of Camellia's. It had a place in what had been a large industrial area, it's been the junction of the industrial Sandown line, it was the point where the Parramatta steam tram crossed the Carlingford line, and it had somewhat unique safeworking, and these were all covered in an expert manner by life member John Oakes.

After the opportunity to photograph the station precincts, including its 1980 brick station building, as well as a couple of local train services, the group of around 45 made their way to lunch at the nearby Rosehill Bowling Club. Our thanks go to John not only for his presentation on the day, but also for his informative notes which are now on our website. A special thanks also to Ron Buttrey for his contribution.

The next outing will be on 16 September, and we are going to the Royal National Park Station by tram from Loftus. Meet at Loftus Station at 10.15 am following the arrival of the Down service which departs Central at 9.40am. There will be a charge for the tram ride of \$5 per head, and this will be payable on the day to the Tram Conductor. Please assist by bringing the correct change. Lunch will be at the Royal Hotel at Sutherland. Notes for this tour are available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

On 21 October we are going to Emu Plains to walk to both bridges over the Nepean River, where Bill Phippen will talk about their design features. We meet at Emu Plains Station at 10.09am following the arrival of the Down inter-city service which departs Central at 9.09am, with lunch at Nepean Rowing Club. Note that this outing will involve considerable walking. Notes for this outing will be on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website in early September.

Our final outing for the year will be on 18 and 19 November, and it's our two-day tour to Murrurundi. The booking form for this tour is in this newsletter.

*Gary Hughes*



*This image, as printed in John Oakes' Camellia notes, is unfortunately undated, but is certainly pre the 1959 electrification of the Carlingford line. The Grand Avenue level crossing was replaced by an overbridge in the 1980s. The tramway crossing of the railway on the level was immediately beyond the level crossing. ARHSRRC 100681*



**ARHSnsw Trans-Siberian Tour**

In August 2015, the first ARHSnsw tour to feature the Trans-Siberian Railway was successfully run. The awesome journey began in Beijing and finished in St Petersburg to take in the sights of two very different cities and their respective railway museums. The actual Trans-Siberian train was the privately owned *Tsaren Gold* which runs between Erlian on the Chinese/Mongolian border and Moscow on the Russian (1520mm) broad gauge over 12 days, a distance of 7,000 km. The ARHSnsw tour group of 12 was just a small portion of the 193 passengers on the 20-car train of various degrees of luxury carriages. The scenery was incredible, particularly in Siberia and the trip on the former main line along the shores of Lake Baikal, now a tourist only branchline was a highlight of many wonderful experiences. Of course, we noted the freight traffic on the TS - one passed us on the double track mainline just about every 10 minutes! We thank China Imperial Tours for making this tour the success it was.



*A group photo in the cavernous hall of the China Railway Museum in Beijing on 3 August 2015.*



*The Tsaren Gold Trans Siberian stands ready to depart Erlian Station on the Chinese/Mongolian border on 5 August 2015.*



*Modern Russian passenger and freight steam power at the former Warsaw Station in St Petersburg on 19 August 2015.*

To commemorate the effort of NSW Railwaymen in WWI, Sydney Trains and Transport Heritage NSW have produced a special online ANZAC centenary exhibition and photographic gallery.

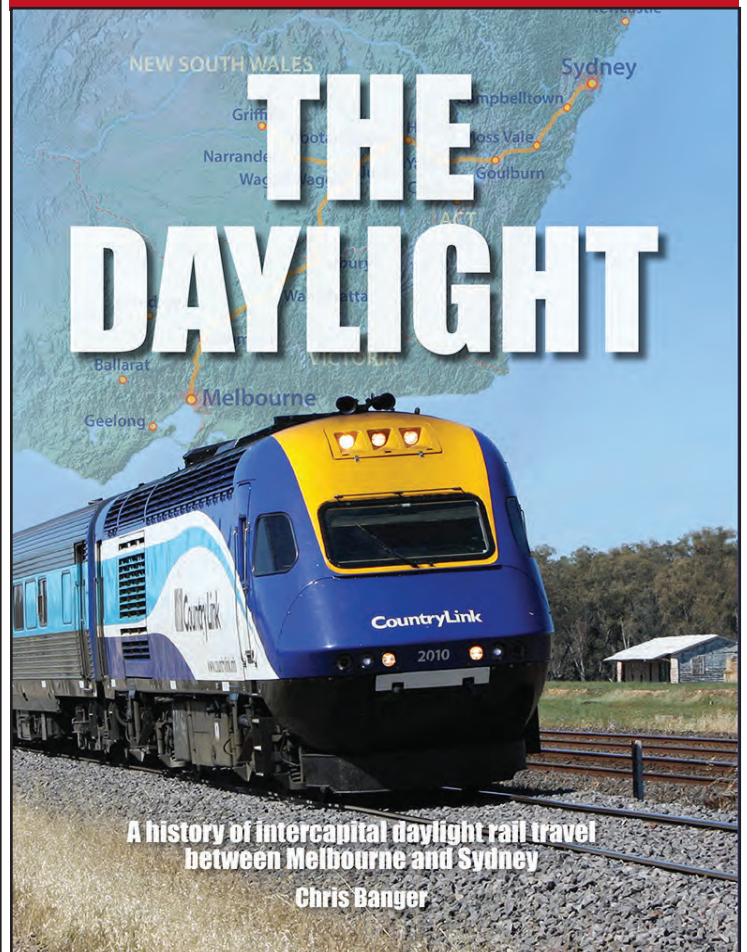


Research and archival material for the online exhibition was provided by the Australian Railway Historical Society and other state and national archives. The free exhibition is available online here:

<http://nswrailwaysremember.com.au/#1>

**What's new at the Bookshop**

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