



# Members' newsletter

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## March 2016

Tue 1	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Speaker: David Jehan on Tulloch Limited</b>
Sat 5	Tour: Centenary of the Sydney Goods Lines (CPHs)
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Chris Harding Swiss Railways</b>
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 16	Luncheon Club Outing to Railway Institute Building Central
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Fri 25	Good Friday - Bookshop & Resource Centre Closed
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre closed (bookshop open)
Mon 28	Easter Monday - Bookshop & Resource Centre Closed
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open

## April 2016

Sat 2	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 5	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: John Ward's Sydney Transport Images</b>
Sat 9	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 12</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward's Sydney Transport</b>
Sat 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 30	Railway Resource Centre open

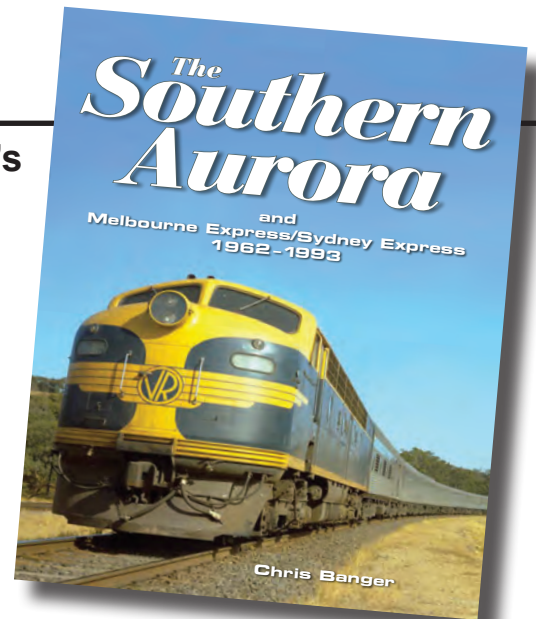
**ARHSnsw will publish a new edition of Chris Banger's SOUTHERN AURORA history in mid-March.**

**This edition will feature updates to the text, a four-page index and an addendum.**

**Its 224 A4-sized full colour pages will be digitally printed by our Sydney-based printer and will be excellent value for this profusely illustrated history of this distinctive passenger train.**

**RRP \$88.00\***

(\*Less ARHSnsw members' discount)



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:		67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised	www.arhsnsw.com.au

## Members' Photo Competition

The subject for February's competition was The Sandstone Heritage of the NSW Railways and the winning entrant was Antony Roth with his late afternoon image of Mortuary Station at Central in July 2011 (reproduced below).



Upcoming subjects are:

- March**—Signal persons at work
- April**—NSW Diesels at Work circa 1960s/1970s
- May**—Sydney's Forgotten Goods Lines (100-year anniversary)
- June**—Great Steam Tours
- July**—Railway Accidents/Derailments
- August**—Sydney's Single Deck Electric Trains
- September**—Stations out of the ordinary
- October**—Modern trains in NSW
- November**—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours

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. Prints will not be accepted.

The subject should also be the image's main focus.

We expect contestants to submit a caption with each digital image and in the case of slides to know when, where and why the photo was taken.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

## March Members' Meeting

ARHSnsw President Murray Harper's PowerPoint presentation was titled 'New Zealand Tramways'. He has had a fascination with trams in NZ stemming from his formative and teenage years in Christchurch. Murray's presentation dealt with a short history of each tram line in NZ; opening and closing dates, gauge, mileage and the number of trams operating. This was followed by an appraisal of what made each line distinctive as well as the unusual.

As Murray was more familiar with Christchurch's tramways, he showed the unusual track formations built to accommodate the city's landscape and operating requirements. His ability to remember the smallest detail was impressive. This fact was not lost on the members and their attentiveness was notable throughout the presentation. Well done Murray!

## Tour Schedule

**March 5: Centenary of the Sydney Goods Lines (CPHs)**

**May 23 to 27: Great South by South West Qld Tour**

*(Booking form on Page 3)*

**June 11 to 14: Coonamble and Cobar on 621/721**

*(Booking form on Page 4)*

**June 25 to July 7: China Experience by High Speed Train**

*(Contact Opulent Journeys 1300 219 885)*

**August 20 to 28: 125 Anniversary of Normanton Croydon Railway**

*(2nd Tour: Contact Spencer Ross 0428333443)*

**October 16 to November 3: Central Asia & Great Silk Road**

*(Contact Opulent Journeys 1300 219 885)*

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

## 402 Club News

Yet again, unfortunately, we have had to postpone the 402 Club tour to Brisbane scheduled for November to run some other time due to impossible pathing difficulties.

Instead, in mid to late July, the opportunity of taking 402 onto the recently reopened wheat lines out of Narrabri and Moree beckons. Please contact Spencer Ross on 0428333443 or ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 for further information.

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will resume outings on Wednesday 16 March 2016. We will be going to inspect the Railway Institute building at Devonshire Street, adjacent to Central Station, Sydney. Within a few days of our visit, the original part of this building will be celebrating its 125th birthday.

We meet outside the Institute at 10.30am (Note the earlier than usual time). Lunch will be in the Royal Exhibition Hotel opposite the Institute. Stuart Sharp's notes of the history of the Institute are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

As indicated in an earlier report, we will be reducing the number of outings this year to six, and the outings for the rest of the year will be in May, June, August, September and November. There will be no Luncheon Club outings in the other months. On 18 May Life Member John Oakes will be showing us what can be seen of the City Railway from above ground in Hyde Park. For 15 June, we will be going to Chullora Workshops to inspect the work on 3801 at the Boiler Shop there. Due to the limited public transport available, a bus will be hired for this tour and the booking form for this outing will be available in the April Newsletter.

Planning is under way for the outings in August, September and November and details for these will be provided in due course.

*Gary Hughes,*

*Manager, Railway Luncheon Club.*





**A WESTERN RAIL CRUISE TO COONAMBLE AND COBAR**

**A 621/721 RAIL CAR TOUR**

Sydney – Lithgow – Bathurst – Blayney - Orange – Wellington – Dubbo – Gilgandra - Coonamble – Narromine – Trangie – Nevertire - Nyngan – Cobar– Elouera – Dubbo - Sydney

**June Long Weekend 11/12/13/14th June 2016**

Celebrate the 83rd Birthday of the ARHS, travel on a 2330 km Western Rail Cruise to Coonamble and Cobar. Explore the lines radiating in and out of Dubbo in the restored 621/721 Rail Cars from the Rail Motor Society, Paterson. On Saturday our expected departure from Sydney Central Station is 7.30am. We will follow the Main Western Line whilst enjoying a Devonshire morning tea as we encounter the crisp winter air over the Blue Mountains. Proceeding through Lithgow, Bathurst, Blayney (for lunch), Orange and Wellington to Dubbo where we will transfer to the Quality Inn International for three nights' stay. Happy hour and dinner in the Dining Room.

Day 2. Sunday: Breakfast in the Dining Room at 7.00am. Transfer by coach to the station where we will rejoin our train for a 9.00am departure for our journey to Coonamble. Join a local bus for a town tour on the way to the Coonamble Showground to visit the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Camp Draft for a three-hour stay. Lunch will be provided at the event by a Community group. On our return to Dubbo, transfer back to our motel and enjoy dinner.

Day 3. Monday: An early breakfast at 7.00am this morning before our coach transfer to the station to depart 8.00am for the 690 km return journey. Travelling via Narromine, Trangie and Nevertire to the junction at Nyngan and on to Cobar and the Elouera Mine Branch. Return to Cobar for lunch and settle back to enjoy our return journey to Dubbo, where once again our coach will transfer us to our motel for a buffet dinner.

Day 4. Tuesday: After a hearty breakfast our coach will again transfer us back to Dubbo Station for our journey eastward retracing our path to Bathurst for lunch. There is a short walk past Ben Chifley's locomotive (5112) to lunch at the Victoria Hotel located opposite the station entrance. Resume our homeward journey through the very scenic countryside to Lithgow and our climb through the 10 tunnels to Newnes and Mt Victoria and the descent of the Blue Mountains. A light snack will be provided on board before our arrival in Sydney that is expected to follow the evening peak embargo on special trains. The train will then return to Paterson.

The tour will start and finish at Sydney Central Station. Other pickups and set downs can be arranged en-route by application. For those who wish to travel to Sydney from Paterson on Friday 10 June, to place the cars in Sydney prior to a planned Main North weekend shut down, you will need to arrange your own accommodation in Sydney for Friday night.

Tour cost includes rail travel, coach transfers, dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Dubbo Quality Inn, all lunches, entry to the Coonamble Rodeo, morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling on the train and an evening snack on Tuesday. Tour notes will be provided on departure from Sydney.

Limited single supplement will be available upon request. Items of a personal nature and drinks are at your own expense.

Tickets, timetable and accommodation confirmation will be posted to your address 14 days before departure.

**BOOKING FORM:**

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

**Please book me on the Western Rail Cruise To Coonamble and Cobar 11/12/13/14th JUNE 2016**

.....Seats ARHSnsw Members and guests	@	\$1350.00	\$.....
.....Seats Non-Members	@	\$1395.00	\$.....
.....Single Supplement (limited availability)	@	\$220.00	\$.....
.....Twin Share.....Double Accommodation			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$..... (GST incl.)</b>

Name.....

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

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

E-mail..... I will join the train at.....Station

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

Please note your **special accommodation or dietary** requirements.....

**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/EFT Transfer/CASH** for \$.....or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No.                      Expiry   /

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

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure

**ARHSnsw Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443**

ABN 96 000 538 803.

ARHSnsw (ABN 96 000 538 803) is not responsible for last minute changes train consist, tour route or destination by the train operator.  
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 ...../...../.....