



Members' newsletter

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June 2016

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| Wed 1 | Members' Meeting: <i>Bill Phippen Old NSW Railway Bridges</i> |
| Sat 4 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 7 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 7 | Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>Graham Black</i> |
| Sat 11 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 11 to 14: | Tour to Coonamble and Cobar with 621/721 |
| Mon 13 | Public Holiday Bookshop Closed |
| Tue 14 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Wed 15 | Luncheon Club Inspection of Chullora Workshops |
| Sat 18 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 21 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 25 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 25 | Tour - China Experience by High Speed Train |
| Tue 28 | Railway Resource Centre open |

July 2016

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| Sat 2 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 5 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Wed 6 | Members' Meeting: <i>Craig Mackey NSW Turntables</i> |
| Sat 9 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 12 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 12 | Newcastle Members' Meeting <i>EdTonks B Paterson Videos</i> |
| Wed 13 | Luncheon Club Inspection of Chullora Workshops |
| Sat 16 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 19 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 23 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Fri 22 to Mon 25: | 402 Club Tour of North Western Branches |
| Tue 26 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 30 | Railway Resource Centre open |

Transport Heritage Grants Program

The Transport Heritage Grants Program is a NSW Government funded program administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society, with the support of Transport Heritage NSW. The Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division applied for a grant in partnership with the Dictionary of Sydney to commission writers to write about aspects of rail history and publish the entries online in the Dictionary of Sydney website www.dictionaryofsydney.org.

ARHSnsw listed several topics in its application on Sydney's rail history and was awarded a \$3,000 THNSW grant to produce an essay on an overall history of rail in Sydney titled: *The Railways of Sydney: Shaping the City and its Commerce*. Our *Australian Railway History* Editor, Bob McKillop was commissioned to write the essay. Bob also volunteered to write a shorter essay on a smaller topic: *Funeral Trains*.

The essays are now on the Dictionary of Sydney's website. Go to: <http://dictionaryofsydney.org/subject/railways>



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| 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 May's competition was 'Sydney's Forgotten Goods Lines (100-year anniversary)' and the entry judged to be the best was Peter Sage's with his November 1959 slide of the through western goods lines at Enfield with many withdrawn 57 and 58 Class being the real focus of the picture.



Upcoming subjects are:

- 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

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.

Tour Schedule

- June 11 to 14: Coonamble and Cobar on 621/721** (Tour full)
 - June 15: Luncheon Club Inspection of Chullora Workshops** (Tour full)
 - June 25 to July 7: China Experience by High Speed Train**
 - July 13: Luncheon Club Inspection of Chullora Workshops** (Tour full)
 - July 22 to 25: 402 Club Tour of North Western Branches** (Booking form on Page 3)
 - August 13 to 14: SMR & Coalfields Tour with Ed Tonks** (Booking form on Page 4)
 - August 20 to 28: 125 Anniversary of Normanton Croydon Railway** (2nd Tour is now fully booked)
 - August 24: Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour with Ed Tonks** (Booking form on Page 5)
 - September 10: 620 Class Rail Car tour to Rylestone** (Booking form on Page 6)
 - October 16 to November 3: Central Asia & Great Silk Road** (Contact Opulent Journeys 1300 219 885)
 - November 20: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metropolitan Colliery**
- For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.



STOP PRESS!
SET F1 TRIALS ON THE CARLINGFORD BRANCH ON 19 MAY 2016.
 Set F1 composed of C3426, T4527, C3218 & C7396 was tested to confirm its suitability to run in the suburbs over the forthcoming June long-weekend (11-13 June). Here it is pictured at Clyde coming off the branch with C7396 leading.
 Image by Shane O'Neil

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB CITY RAILWAY OUTING

The Sydney City Railway is one of those railways full of intriguing tunnels, underground stations and numerous passageways; and of course it has a rich history.

To explore some of this, on 18 May 2016 Life Member John Oakes led our group of about 35 on a walking tour in Hyde Park to trace the route between St James and Museum Stations. Commencing at St James Station, John talked about the history of this part of the City Railway and its tunnels, including those now abandoned. After our walk a train ride around the City Circle to Central, noting some of the features of the columns at the eastern entrance to Central, rounded off a fascinating look at some of the city's rail transport history. Lunch then followed at the Royal Exhibition Hotel.

Our thanks go to both John and to Stuart Sharp for their input and also to John for his superb notes which are on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website. The next two Luncheon Club outings are to Chullora Workshops on 15 June and 13 July. Both of these are now fully booked.

On 24 August 2016 (note that this is a week later than normal to avoid a clash with another tour) Ed Tonks will lead us on an inspection of Sandgate – its station, Cemetery Branch and the Sandgate War Cemetery. This will be done by bus leaving Broadmeadow Station after the arrival of the 7.15am inter city service from Central, due at Broadmeadow at 9.52am. The booking form for this outing is in this Newsletter.

For the future, on 21 September we are going to Artarmon and in November we will be running a three day tour to places south beyond Goulburn. More details of these outings will be provided in due course.

Gary Hughes, Manager, Railway Luncheon Club.



John Oakes speaks to the group on St James' platform. Image:Shane O'Neil

ARHSnsw Division 402 Club
A RAIL CRUISE ON THE NORTH WEST BRANCHES
RAIL MOTOR DPH 402

*Paterson-Broadmeadow-Maitland-Singleton-Murrurundi-Werris Creek-Gunnedah-Moree-
Weemelah-North Star-Narrabri-Werris Creek-Binnaway-Merrygoen-Gulgong-Ulan-
Denman-Muswellbrook-Broadmeadow-Paterson*

Friday 22 to Monday 25 July 2016

Here is your chance to travel the North-West of New South Wales including a day along the recently re-opened wheat only lines north of Moree on your own private train in RAIL MOTOR DPH 402 over 4 days.

Day 1. An early departure for those travelling from Sydney to be at Broadmeadow for a 08.00hrs departure. Travel via the Main North line travelling through the massive mining operations between Singleton and Muswellbrook with lunch served on board through to Moree where we will be transferred to our motel for our overnight stay.

Day 2. Depart the motel after a hearty country breakfast for our day exploring the wheat only lines to Weemelah and North Star. Return to Moree for our second overnight stay.

Day 3. Depart Moree after breakfast for a return to Werris Creek and join the cross country line to Binnaway for our third night stay in the Railway Barracks. Dinner at the nearby hotel.

Day 4. Depart Binnaway after breakfast at the barracks for Merrygoen, Gulgong and Denman for the return run to Broadmeadow and your connection to Sydney.

Your fare includes rail travel from Broadmeadow, morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling, twin share dinner bed and breakfast accommodation for three nights, lunch on board on Friday and transfers to the motels.

BOOK EARLY, AS THERE ARE ONLY 16 SEATS AVAILABLE IN 402

BOOKING FORM: A RAIL CRUISE ALONG THE NORTH WEST BRANCHES IN RAIL MOTOR DPH 402
FRIDAY 22 to MONDAY 25 JULY 2016

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 reserve for me..... seat(s) @ 2195.00 \$.....
Single Supplement is available on application @ \$140.00 \$.....

TOTAL \$.....(GST incl.)

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....

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

I require Single.....Twin Share.....Double.....Accommodation

Please advisw your special health, dietary or accomodation requirements.....

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for \$.....Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No. Expiry /

SignatureDate

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 tour operator.
Refunds: up to 30 days prior-90 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-50 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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A LOOK AT THE LIFE & TIMES
ALONG THE SOUTH MAITLAND RAILWAY
& AND ITS ASSOCIATED COALFIELDS with ED TONKS

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August 2016

Enjoy another weekend taking a look at the life and times that included the mining and associated railway workings of the South Maitland Coalfields with our noted historian, Ed Tonks. On Saturday, catch the 7.15 am Intercity Service from Sydney due to arrive at Broadmeadow at 9.52 am to join our tour bus to take us to Maitland to commence our journey. Pack your walking shoes, as there will be some areas only accessible by walking.

See the changing scene along the line to Cessnock, viewing the many abandoned sites and where the associated branch lines and sidings were once prominent. Learn of the Pubs and their architects, owners and licensees. Hear also of the local involvement in the Great Wars and their monuments. Ed will be telling us of the many associated features that made up the lifestyle and activities at the time.

The weekend includes old style overnight accommodation (no ensuites) at the Coalfields Heritage Neath Hotel, a three course dinner on Saturday night, full breakfast Sunday morning. Ed will present a short slide show following the evening meal on Saturday night. Lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be at your own expense at Pubs in the coalfields.

Return to Sydney on Sunday on 4.15 pm Intercity Train from Morisset.

BOOKING FORM:

A Look at the Life and Times along the South Maitland Railway and its associated Coalfields with Ed Tonks
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August 2016

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

Table with pricing for Weekend Package Twin Share Accommodation Members and guests (\$205.00), Non Members (\$225.00), Single Supplement (\$30.00), and a TOTAL line.

I require Single.....Twin Share.....Double.....Accommodation
Name.....Membership No.
Address.....Postcode.....
Telephone..... (mobile).....E-mail.....
Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....
Please note your special dietary or other requirements.....

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RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

SANDGATE TOUR with ED TONKS

Wednesday 24 August 2016

It's time for our annual excursion to the Hunter region, and on this occasion we are doing something a little different. Our well-known local historian Ed Tonks is going to show us the highlights of Sandgate.



To get there catch the 7.15am inter city service from Central, due at Broadmeadow at 9.52 am. At Broadmeadow our special coach will pick up the group on the east side adjacent to No.1 platform and will then take you to see Sandgate Station, the remains of the Sandgate Cemetery Branch, including the cemetery terminus platform, and a look at the Newcastle War Cemetery.

Transfer you to the Sunnyside Tavern at Broadmeadow for lunch. Select from the tavern's menu.

Following lunch, the coach will return you to Broadmeadow Station to catch either the 2.26 (limited stops) or 2.40 (all stations) train to Central, due there at 4.59pm or 5.29pm respectively.

Note that the tour cost covers your coach travel only and does not include train travel to and from Broadmeadow Station, or your lunch. **Book early as we are limited to 57 participants.**

Image: Two-car DMU at Sandgate Cemetery on 30 December 1984. Neville Hatcher (ARHSnsw RRC 095698)

BOOKING FORM: Railway Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour - Wednesday 24 August 2016

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

or fax (02) 9699 1714

or **Pay at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

.....Seats on the bus @ \$25.00 per head **TOTAL \$**.....(GST incl.)

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

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Card No. Expiry /

SignatureDate

EFT available on application

Tour information will be available on the website prior to the tour. Your ticket letter confirming your booking and tour times will be sent 10 days before the event.

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