



# Members' newsletter

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## August 2016

Tue 2	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>Members' Meeting: Bill Phippen-images from the RRC</b>
Sat 6	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 9	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 9</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Gary Hughes-Essington Lewis – I Am Work</b>
Sat 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 13/14:	SMR & Coalfields Tour with Ed Tonks
Tue 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 20 & Sun 21:	Our Town Model Show at Broadmeadow
Sat 20 to 28:	Tour-125th Anniversary of Normanton Croydon Railway
Tue 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 24	Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour with Ed Tonks
Sat 27	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 30	Railway Resource Centre open

## September 2016

Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting &amp; Members' Meeting</b> <i>Speaker: Gary Hughes-Essington Lewis – I Am Work</i>
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 10	Tour 620/720 Class Rail Cars to Rylstone
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting: Warren Miller's 50s Film Nostalgia</b>
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Luncheon Club Artarmon Station Inspection
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 27	Railway Resource Centre open

## REMINDER OF FORTHCOMING

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7 September 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

Venue: Mitchell Room, 1st Floor, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

Members will be asked to approve minor changes to modernise the Society's Constitution.

Grahame Thurling, Secretary, Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division

Registered Office: 67 Renwick Street, REDFERN NSW 2016

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: sales@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)	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

## Members' Photo Competition

The subject for July's competition was 'Railway Accidents/ Derailements' and the entry judged to be the best was Peter Neve's image of freshly overhauled 19 Class 0-6-0 1923 derailed at the Erskineville end of Alexandria Yard on 20 March 1968.



Upcoming subjects are:

**August**— Sydney's Single Deck Electric Trains

**September**—Stations out of the ordinary

**October**—Modern trains in NSW

**November**—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours

**December**—Waiting for the stick

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. Prints will not be accepted. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** slides or digital images only.

Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and in the case of slides to know when and where the photo was taken.

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

## Tour Schedule

**August 13 to 14: SMR & Coalfields Tour with Ed Tonks**  
(Tour fully booked)

**August 20 to 28: 125th Anniversary Normanton Croydon**  
(Tour fully booked)

**August 24: Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour with Ed Tonks**  
(Tour fully booked)

**September 10: 620/720 Class Rail Car tour to Rylstone**  
(Tour fully booked)

**October 15: Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library**  
(Booking form on Page 3)

**October 16 to November 3: Central Asia & Great Silk Road**  
(Contact Opulent Journeys 1300 219 885)

**November 8/9/10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour**  
(Booking form on Page 4)

**November 19: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metro Colliery**  
(Booking form in next month's newsletter)

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

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB CHULLORA WORKSHOPS #2

Our first tour of Chullora Workshops to see the work on 3801 was such a success that a second one was necessary, and on 13 July our busload of members and friends again visited the Chullora precinct. It all went well and our thanks to Craig Mackey for his assistance.

Unfortunately someone has seen fit to post images taken on the day on social media, such as Facebook, without seeking prior approval to publish them. We were on the Chullora site with the consent of both Sydney Trains and Transport Heritage NSW, and getting this consent was not a simple matter. The publishing of images such as occurred can lead to problems for us in our future attempts to gain access to such places which are not normally available (train control facilities and maintenance depots are other examples). Therefore as a general rule, when we are able to access such places, the posting on any non ARHS media of images taken on a tour should not be done without getting approval first. Similarly, images of people on the outings should not be published on any non ARHS media without getting the approval of those persons involved.

The next Luncheon Club outing is to **Sandgate Cemetery** on 24 August. This tour is fully booked. Notes for Sandgate are on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website, and a compendium of images will be given out on the day.

For the future, on 21 September we are going to **Artarmon**, with lunch probably at Chatswood RSL, and on 8, 9, and 10 November we are running a three day tour to **Gunning and places beyond**. The booking form for this tour is in this Newsletter.

*Gary Hughes, Manager, Railway Luncheon Club.*

## New Society Book

### 'To the Fertile Plains Beyond'

CC Singleton was a prolific writer of articles that found their way into the Australasian Railway and Locomotive Historical Society Bulletin (as it was then known). The railway crossing of the Blue Mountains and station arrangements of the line became the subject of numerous articles between 1939 and 1958. Many of these articles were in collaboration with RF Wylie, an invaluable source of information regarding the New South Wales Railways. Singleton adapted and updated these writings and together with his maps and station line drawings they were collated into a manuscript, including the Foreword ready for print in 1970.

Unfortunately, as a result of his death in February 1971, the project was put on hold. Contrary to Singleton's words in the Introduction and like many plans, it unfortunately never went to print and lay in limbo for many years.

In 2012 the Publications Committee recognised the need to review old manuscripts in its possession with a view to publication. The Committee recognised both the importance of Singleton's manuscript and the need to have it published as a historical record. So some 46 years later "To the Fertile Plains Beyond" will see the light of day soon in 2016.

*Harry Anneveld - quoted from his preface to the book.*



**GUNNING and BEYOND TOUR with the RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8/9/10 November 2016**

ARHSnsw and the Railway Luncheon Club invites members and their guests on a tour to experience the railway infrastructure which was integral with the southern railway operations beyond Gunning. Our tour will be led by Neville Pollard, Dr Stuart Sharp and Gary Hughes.

On Tuesday 8 November, travel via the Melbourne XPT to Gunning, due to arrive at 10.51am, and then join our tour coach to enjoy the next three days looking at places beyond, such as Gunning, Yass Town, Yass Junction, Bowning, Binalong, Galong, Harden, Murrumburrah (and its museum), Demondrille, Wallendbeen, Cootamundra and Cootamundra West and finally Stockinbingal and the recently restored station building at Temora.

Tuesday night will be at Cootamundra, shared between the Cootamundra Gardens and Bradman Motels, and on Wednesday 9 November, our overnight stay will be at Yass shared between the Yass and Hamilton Hume Motels.

On Thursday 10 November our coach will take us to Moss Vale via Cullerin, Breadalbane and Cooks Cutting. At Moss Vale lunch will be available at your own choice of the Moss Vale Hotel or one of the many cafes. The travel home from Moss Vale will be by your own choice of either the local Endeavour service or the Xplorer from Canberra.

The tour cost will include coach hire, lunches at Yass on Tuesday and Temora on Wednesday, overnight accommodation with two-course dinner and hot breakfast at both Cootamundra and Yass, and museum entry at Temora and Murrumburrah. The tour cost does NOT include rail travel to Gunning and home from Moss Vale, lunch at Moss Vale or drinks and items of a personal nature.

To keep the group to a manageable size and within the limits of available accommodation, we are limited to 40 participants, so book early to avoid disappointment.

**BOOKING FORM:**

**Mail to:** ARHSnsw Tours  
67 Renwick Street  
REDFERN, NSW, 2016

or **fax** (02) 9699 1714

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

**Please book me on the Railway Luncheon Club Gunning and Beyond Tour on 8/9/10 November 2016**

Name.....

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

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

E-mail.....

Accommodation: Twin Share.....Double.....Single.....

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

Please note your **dietary, accessibility or health issues**.....

ARHSnsw Members and guests Twin Share @ \$425.00 \$.....

Single Supplement (limited availability) @ \$80.00 \$.....

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

**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH** for \$.....or EFT on application

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No.  Expiry  /

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

A confirmed itinerary and connecting train timetable information will be sent 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 to arrangements by the organisers or any associated tour operators.  
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 ...../...../16 Date processed ...../...../16 Confirmation sent ...../...../16