



Members' newsletter

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September 2016

Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Annual General Meeting & Members' Meeting <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 Kandos
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Warren Miller's 50s Film Nostalgia
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

October 2016

Sat 1	Redfern Bookshop and Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 1 to Mon 3	Annual AMRA Model Railway Exhibition Liverpool
Mon 3	Public Holiday Redfern Bookshop Closed
Tue 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 5	Members' Meeting: John Beckhaus-Railways of Slovenia
Sat 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks-BPaterson Videos
Sat 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 15	Tour - Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library
Tue 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 29	Railway Resource Centre open

An image from the ARHS_{nsw} Railway Resource Centre



This is a photo from Bill Phippen's presentation at the August Members' Meeting. It was recently donated by June Warren. She is the girl in the tartan dress in the photo which was taken at Auburn in 1954. Bill's presentation contained close to 100 unpublished images of interest such as this one.

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
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)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

Members' Photo Competition#

#Note: Please read new conditions of entry below.

The subject for July's competition was 'Sydney's Single Deck Electric Trains' and the entry judged to be the best was Peter Sages' image of a four-car set on the Royal National Park Line on 4 January 1976.



Upcoming subjects are:

September—Stations out of the ordinary

October—Modern trains in NSW#

November—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours#

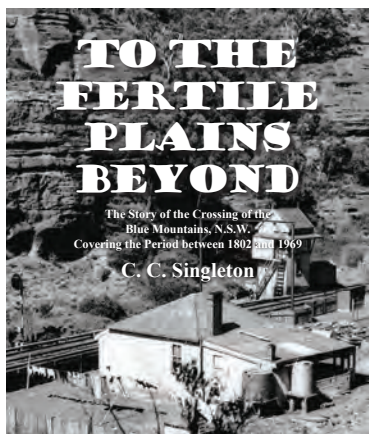
December—Selection of winner from monthly competitions#

From 5 October the photo competition will be for the submission of digital images only. Slides or prints cannot be accepted. The Society's Council hopes this will encourage more entries in this digital age. Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au. Digital images cannot be submitted on the night.

Contestants who cannot scan and email their print/slides may come to the Redfern Bookshop no later than seven days beforehand to have their photos scanned. In most cases the print/slides will be returned at the Members' Meeting. Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and to know when and where the photo was taken. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** digital images only.

No prize will be given on the night but the winning image will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner up will be awarded. Note: Images submitted from throughout the year will be considered, not just the winning entries.

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



A new ARHSnsw book by CC Singleton! Recently transcribed by Harry Anneveld from an original sixties manuscript and featuring Sing's distinctive maps and 'period' images. 274 pages **RRP \$48***

Tour Schedule

September 10: 620/720 Class Rail Car tour to Kandos
(Tour fully booked, one cancellation received-call bookshop)

October 15: Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library
(Tour has nine vacancies left)

November 8/9/10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour
(Tour fully booked)

November 19: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metro Colliery
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

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

TOUR REPORT

A Look at the Life and Times Along the South Maitland Railway & its Associated Collieries 13 and 14 August 2016

Although my current interests in mining are now in the hard silvery stuff of western NSW, my mining awareness began many years ago with coal mining. With this in mind, and with some knowledge of the South Maitland Coalfield, I thought it prudent to book on this tour. And what a tour it turned out to be.

Setting off from Broadmeadow at 10am by coach, ably driven by ARHSnsw Tours Director Spencer Ross, we at once started to appreciate the vast knowledge of our guide, local historian and well known ARHS member Ed Tonks. (I have to declare a conflict of interest here as Ed is a close personal friend). In keeping with the theme of the tour, Ed told us of (and not necessarily in this order) the history—both local and of the broader Hunter region, pubs and their architects, railways both past and present and including a rare look inside the East Greta Junction Signal Box, mines – again past and present, war memorials and the stories of some of the names on them, local cemeteries and the relevant graves, and a general overview of the whole region. And, to cap it off, there were no less than three train movements on the South Maitland Railway, plus a fourth which occurred when some of us were trying to get some sleep.

As part of the whole experience, our lunches were in local pubs (Station Hotel at Kurri Kurri and Ellalong Hotel at Ellalong), and our dinner, bed and breakfast were experienced in the 1914 Neath Hotel, one of the most comfortable of the traditional pubs I have ever stayed in and a truly amazing place.

In all, a great weekend and a thoroughly well run tour. Well done Ed and Spencer, with a special acknowledgement to the SMR management for access to the East Greta Junction Signal Box.

As a footnote, I have to confess that I had done this tour before, with both Ed and Spencer. But that was 17 years ago, and there have been changes since then. That earlier tour incidentally resulted in my buying a farm about 6km south of Paxton, a property which I enjoyed for 13 years until I decided to move back into civilisation.

Gary Hughes

402 Club Tour

On Friday morning, 22nd July, sixteen members and guests gathered on Platform 3 at Broadmeadow in good weather to take part in the tour of the North West branchlines in HPC 402. Another member boarded at Singleton. Clear fast running was experienced up the Lower Hunter Valley on the concrete sleepere track. Numerous coal trains were passed or overtaken in the course of the day's running, with us keeping ahead of the timetable.

We were put away at Kankool to allow the Up North West Explorer to pass and Werris Creek was reached ahead of the 'table for lunch.

After lunch we continued on the North West branch, now on steel sleepere track heading for Moree and our motel for two nights. Free running was experienced all the way to Moree with us keeping ahead of the Down Explorer.

Next morning we made an early start and headed out on the branchlines to Camurra. Here a slight delay was experienced as we changed from ARTC to CRN operation, taking the branch to Weemalah on short length track and reduced speed limit. At Weemalah we travelled to end of track for photographic purposes before heading back to Camurra. Lunch was had on the train and we returned to ARTC territory. At Camurra we headed to North Star on a mix of steel and concrete sleepers and welded rail with increased speed limits. At North Star we again travelled to the end of track for photographic purposes before heading back to Camurra and Moree for our second night's stay.

On Sunday morning we got away early again and, with welded rail, kept ahead of the Up Explorer until Gunnedah. Here we were put away again to allow the Explorer to overtake. We followed behind and, with an early arrival at Werris Creek, had time to visit the excellent rail museum and model railway there. We then reversed direction and headed out on the cross country line to Binnaway and our next overnight stop. On the way a stop was made at Spring Ridge for lunch at the hotel before continuing, at a leisurely pace, on to our last overnight stop, again travelling on welded rail. Accommodation was provided in the restored enginemen's barracks, a cottage and the hotel.

After breakfast and another early start we headed south via Merrygoen for Gulgong, our lunch stop (see group photo below). The opportunity was taken during the lunch break to wander around this historic town. Rejoining 402 we headed east on the Ulan to Muswellbrook line with more coal and mineral traffic passed or overtaken on the way back to Broadmeadow. All was going well until a broken rail at Mt Owen resulted in us losing about an hour on the timetable. However we were the first train through after the repairs had been completed and subsequent fast running on the high speed track resulted in an "on time" arrival at Broadmeadow with a quick connection made by people returning to Sydney.

Thanks to The Rail Motor Society for a most enjoyable tour.

Len Truscott



NEW ARHS_{nsw} MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following rejoining and new members:

3480	Ivan PLOSKONKA	Concord
5277	Allan CRUIKSHANK	Werombi
5278	Joseph MURPHY	Lyons ACT
5279	Alfred WHITAKER	Wollstonecraft
5280	Lindsay HOLLEY	Sylvania
5281	John LARKINS	Turrumurra
5282	Ian ALEXANDER	Albany WA
5284	Robert PRIDEAUX	Murrumbateman
5285	Frank Mitchell	Mittagong
5286	Vann Cremer	Auburn
5287	John Nelson	Berowa Heights
5289	Mathew Hounsell	Enmore
5289	Anthony FURNISS	Hornsby Heights
5290	Anthony GREY	Kenthurst
5291	Peter MAYFIELD	East Maitland
5292	Joshua TAYLOR	Wilberforce
5293	Michael QUINTON	Eastwood
5294	Leslie ROLLS	Sydney
5295	Justin GORDON	Mount Colah
5296	Wayne ROWLES	Cordeaux Heights
5297	Lorna RICHARDS	Giralang ACT
5298	Rodney DEACON	Traralgon Vic
5299	Peter BEYER	Kirrawee

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

On 24 August Ed Tonks led the group of about 40 on a visit to look at the former railway remains at Sandgate Cemetery, and also to look at the Sandgate War Cemetery. The report on this outing will be given in the next Newsletter.

The next Luncheon Club outing is on 21 September and we are going to Artarmon. We meet on the Artarmon platform at the Sydney end at 11.00am. Lunch will be at Chatswood RSL.

The last outing for this year is on 8, 9 and 10 November when we will be running a 3-day tour to Gunning and places beyond. This tour is almost fully booked and you should enquire at the ARHS Redfern office before booking.

Gary Hughes.

Manager Railway Luncheon Club

ARHS_{nsw} 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with our previously announced policy, the Division's 2016 Annual Report can now be viewed on our website:

www.arhsnsw.com.au

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

