



Members' newsletter

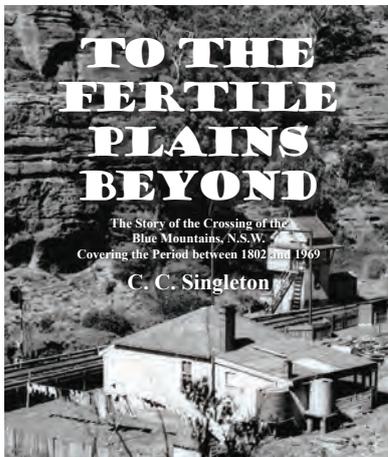
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November 2016

Tue 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 2	Members' Meeting <i>Speaker: Warren Miller-Great Railway Stations</i>
Sat 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 8	Newcastle Members' Meeting: To be confirmed.
Tue8/Wed9/Thu10:	Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour
Sat 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 19	Tour to Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metropolitan Colliery
Tue 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 29	Railway Resource Centre open

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Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Trevor Edmonds - 6th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 11	Tour - Members' and Volunteers' Xmas Outing to Loftus
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Members' slide & video night
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre Closed
Mon 26	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 27	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 31	Railway Resource Centre Closed



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

- November 8/9/10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour**
(Tour fully booked)
- November 19: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metro Colliery**
(Tour fully booked)
- December 11: Members Xmas Party at Loftus Tram Museum**
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)
- January 22: Annual Summers Day on the South Coast**
(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)
- March 25 to April 8 2017: ARHSnsw New Zealand Tour**
(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

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

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 Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times) 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:		67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only) Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	www.arhsnsw.com.au Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

Members' Photo Competition#

#Note: Please read new conditions of entry below.

The subject for October's competition was 'Modern trains in NSW'. The entry judged to be the best was David Matheson's image of SN33 Campbelltown to Moss Vale Endeavour service having just departed Bargo and passing SN38 Moss Vale to Campbelltown Endeavour service approaching Bargo. The image was taken on 24 September 2014.



Upcoming subjects are:

November—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours#

December—Selection of winner from monthly competitions#

January—From the footbridge#

February—Green diesels#

March—Unfulfilled plans#

April—Shunting#

The photo competition is now held for the submission of digital images only. Slides or prints cannot be accepted.

The Society's Board 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.

Members' Meeting Speakers

Two excellent but very different lectures were given by ARHSnsw Life Members at the Members' Meetings held in September and October:

In **September**, Gary Hughes spoke on the topic *Essington Lewis - I Am Work*. Gary's lecture was essentially a biography of Essington Lewis, an industrialist and wartime director of munitions. Born in January 1881 at Burra Burra, SA, he was a champion Australian Rules footballer, tennis player, champion gymnast, athlete and cricketer. He joined BHP in 1904 and rose through the company ranks to become managing director in 1926 and chairman in 1950. He remained a BHP director until his death in October 1961.

During his travels to Germany and Japan in the 1930s, he realised the threat of these countries to Australia. Accordingly, he helped establish the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation and many munitions facilities meaning Australia was better prepared for industrialisation when the war started in 1939. During World War II, he also served as Director-General of the Department of Munitions. He supported the establishment of the motor industry in Australia in 1948, being rewarded by being able to purchase the first commercially produced Holden 48/215.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour on 24 September 1943.

Newly elected ARHSnsw President, Chris Harding, thanked Gary for a very informative and interesting lecture that although not directly rail-related was deserving of Essington Lewis's achievements as a great Australian.

In **October**, John Beckhaus gave a lecture on the *Railways of Slovenia* which was well-illustrated by his images of a trip to the country he made in June 2013. Slovenia, a country located in Central Europe, is known for its mountains, ski resorts and lakes. It has borders with Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia.

In Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital, baroque facades mix with 20th-century architecture. The capital is quite compact with the station an easy walk from city centre. The station accommodates international, regional and local trains plus there is plenty of freight activity to observe as well. John has visited Ljubljana several times and in the most recent visit he found the Slovenian Railway Museum with operable steam locomotives only a short walk from the station.

A feature of John's talk was his mixture of cultural info/images interspersed with his Slovenian railway information. The audience enjoyed a well-rounded lecture and one member remarked that he felt as though he actually had been there!



The SŽ series 363 is a class of 3 kV DC electric locos operated by Slovenian Railways & built by the French manufacturer Alstom in 1975-1977. They have a Co-Co wheel configuration & haul both passenger and freight trains. Image taken in 2008 by Ross Verdich

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
ARTARMON**

Despite the threats of wet weather, it turned out to be fine for our tour of Artarmon Station on Wednesday 21 September 2016. Aply led by Stuart Sharp, the group heard of the history of the station, both at this site and its previous site some 600m to the north, and also of the political and residential pressures which influenced its construction and subsequent alterations. Our thanks go to Stuart for his research and his presentation.

After that it was lunch at the Chatswood RSL Club.

Our final outing for this year is our 3-day tour to Gunning and places beyond on 8, 9 and 10 November. This tour is fully booked.

Outings will resume on 15 March 2017 when we are going to look at the new station at Cheltenham.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



At the corner of Broughton Street and Hampden Road Artarmon, our group of about fifty gaze in wonder at the new lift facility with its overly large "T" sign. Image: David Taylor

Following the September AGM and subsequent October meeting of the Board, the names of the Board of Directors are listed below, together with their areas of responsibility.

Christopher Harding. President

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James Dalton. Director

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Craig Mackey. Director

Michael Nicholls. Director

Neville Pollard. Director. (Railway Resource Centre)

Spencer Ross. Director (Tours)

Grahame Thurling. Director (Secretary)

**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AUCHMUTY
LIBRARY & HARBOUR CRUISE**

On Saturday 15 October, following the arrival of the Intercity train from Sydney, fifty Society members and guests joined a chartered coach at Broadmeadow Station which departed at 10.00am for Newcastle University's Auchmuty Library. On arrival, a most welcome morning tea was enjoyed by all.

Following a welcome in the video conference room from the Chief Librarian Greg Anderson, presentations were given by Lyn Kiely, the Special Collections and Website Librarian and Dr Amir Rezapourmoghadammiyandabi, the University Conservator. Lyn informed the group of the scope of the collections held and Amir provided an insight into the procedures required to prepare historic glass plate negatives and old nitrate film for digitisation. This was followed by an image presentation of some of the Ralph Snowball collection with commentary by our local historian, Ed Tonks. Our grateful thanks were expressed to Greg and his staff for the most hospitable experience.

All present were given a memory stick to take home covering the morning's event as a record of the visit.

The group then transferred by coach to the Newcastle Harbour foreshore for lunch. At 2.15 pm our ferry *Bay Connections 1* was ready to depart for a two-hour cruise around Newcastle Harbour. A feature of this cruise was viewing locations where rail met the harbour providing access to the various wharfs for direct rail to ship loading. Informed commentary was again provided by our local member and noted historian Ed Tonks, together with additional information from Jane, our ferry captain. Afternoon tea was served during the cruise. A great variety of shipping was observed with incoming ship movements and docking procedures viewed.

On return to the wharf the group rejoined the coach for a short tour of the city sights, which included Queens Wharf, Nobby's Beach, Newcastle Beach, King Edward Park and the ANZAC Walk before travelling through Hamilton to return to Broadmeadow to connect with the Intercity service to Sydney departing at 5.33pm.

Spencer Ross Tours Director



The ARHSnsw tour group boards Nova Cruises' ferry Bay Connections 1 on the Newcastle foreshore.

Image: John Clifton

