



Members' newsletter

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Wed 1	Members' Meeting: <i>James Dalton - ARHSnsw Strategy</i>
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 4	Thirlmere Festival of Steam
Sun 5	Thirlmere Festival of Steam
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>Bill Phippen's RRC Images</i>
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open

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Sat 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 5	Members' Meeting: <i>Jim Longworth - Railway Housing</i>
Sat 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>John Ward's Images</i>
Fri 14	Good Friday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 15	Railway Resource Centre closed
Mon 17	Easter Monday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Fri 21	Blayney to Orange 140th Anniversary Tour (to Sun 23 April)
Sat 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	Anzac Day Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 29	Stocktake - Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed

Sydney's Forgotten Sidings

John Oakes

New ARHSnsw Book

Life Member John Oakes has completed exhaustive research on the new book in his Forgotten Series - *Sydney's Forgotten Sidings*. It will go to the printer very soon and will be published in April or May at the latest.

This book will be the largest in John's Forgotten Series with 336 A4-sized pages, printed in full colour throughout by our Sydney-based printer. There are approximately 350 images. Also included are track and signal diagrams of various sizes to help explain the location of the siding(s). A comprehensive index is included in the book to aid research.

ARHSnsw Member's price will be \$85.50

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

Tour Schedule

April 21 to 23: Blayney to Orange 140th Anniversary Tour
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

May 7: Sydney Light Rail Construction Tour
(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)

June 9 to 13: Broken Hill & Peterborough with 621/721
(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

For more info contact ARHS_{nsw} Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

March/April 2017 ARHS_{nsw} New Zealand Tour Cancelled

Advice from our Travel Agent in mid-February informed us that the Midland Line from Christchurch to Greymouth will be closed until at least late April due to recent bush fire damage to viaducts and bridges in remote locations. This therefore eliminated all rail travel on the South Island. (The Trans Coastal Rail service already being cancelled indefinitely due to the recent major earthquake damage). Several of our participants cancelled their booking on the tour as they were only interested in traveling by rail and declined the road coach option. As we had just the minimum number to operate the tour, it was not possible to cover costs without a review that would increase the tour cost considerably. This tour was mainly designed to utilise rail wherever possible to attract rail enthusiasts and our Travel Agent recommended that we postpone the tour to a date to be advised when our advertised itinerary can be fulfilled. This could be up to 12 months away as negotiations with Steam Incorporated and the Pahiatua Railcar Society will need to take place to coincide with their activities.

ARHS_{nsw} accepted the offer to postpone the tour, and it will not incur any tour cancellation penalties. However disappointing this decision is for this year's tour, we hope that participants will understand it is not much use doing a fair portion of our rail tour by road coach. The tour will be kept in our program and developments will be advised as to a possible future date for this tour to operate.

Subscriptions Assistant

A vacancy exists for a volunteer with good computing skills to perform data entry for the Society's annual membership and monthly subscription renewals.

Experience with using Microsoft Access is desirable but not essential as training can be provided for those applicants with no experience using Access software.

The work will be performed at Redfern and the days and hours are flexible.

Please contact Ross or Grahame on 9699 4595.

ARHS_{nsw} Member Survey

The Society's Board wishes to thank those members who have returned the members' survey form in the mail or completed it on-line. The results will be published soon. Your participation is much appreciated.

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club outings for 2017 commence on Wednesday 15 March when we will be looking at some of the railway infrastructure remaining between Erskineville and Alexandria. We meet at Erskineville Station at 10.30am on No.1 Platform under the awning towards the Sydney end.

Note that this outing will require a fair bit of walking, most of which will be on either level ground or gentle slopes. Lunch will be at a nearby venue.

Notes for this outing are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHS_{nsw} website.

There will be no outing in April. In May we are planning to go to Minto, and in June to look at the new stations at Cheltenham and/or Concord West.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



Bookshop News

There is an added benefit of personal shopping at our Redfern Bookshop — the 12 metre long wall of second-hand books that are available in addition to our enormous range of new books, magazines and DVDs. However, there is the problem of actually getting to Redfern despite the Society's premises being only a short walk from Redfern Station and for some of our members the stairs to the bookshop are just too much.

A good proportion of our new books, magazines and DVDs are advertised in the Yellow Pages in the back of *Railway Digest* magazine and most are listed in our on-line shopping cart. Most of our bookshop sales are done on-line or through mail /phone order sales.

Coming to our website in mid-March will be the start of a listing of our large range of second-hand bus and tram books. Following eventually will be Australian (particularly NSW titles), USA, UK and world railway books. The listing will also describe the condition of the book. A simple click on our website will bring up a downloadable PDF which will eventually list all available second-hand books for sale.

Should you find a book that you desire, you will be encouraged to phone us to determine its availability as in almost all instances the title will be a one-of only and out of print. It is unlikely that the shopping cart facility will be available for our second-hand book sales as there are about 3,500 individual titles currently available!

If you can help out in our second-hand book department please contact the Redfern Bookshop on (02) 9699 4595

Members' Photo Competition#

The February competition's title '*Green diesels*' was successful with 22 individual entries received.

ARHSnsw Life Member John Oakes won the competition with his 1980s image of an (unusually) very clean Paxman powered 4102 at the XPT Depot at Meeks Road (see below). The runner-up was Neville Pollard with his image of CLPs 17 and 9 hauling the Indian Pacific through Regents Park on 9 June 1997 (bottom image).

Upcoming subjects are:

March—Unfulfilled plans#

April—Shunting#

May—Beautiful bridges#

June—Four-wheelers#

July—Named trains#

August—Climbing the grade#

September—The Whitton Era#

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 and the runner-up will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner-up will be awarded.

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



