

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NSW DIVISION**  
**ARHS 'TRAINZ' MODELLERS GROUP**



*Screenshot view of model route created in Trainz by 'Forest Runner' – Flinders Plains, SA, 1960s*

**A** call for expressions of interest of experienced Trainz modellers. 'Trainz' is a computer simulation application that enables users to create and share models of railway assets and operations. You can read more at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trainz>.

I am endeavouring to form a group of experienced Trainz modellers for the purpose of illustrating various interesting aspects of historical Australian railway practice. Each project would take a particular location in a particular year and model the location and its railway infrastructure as it was in that year. Trainz 'sessions' would then be created to illustrate railway operations and safe-working systems that occurred at that location in the selected year.

The group would solicit input from the ARHS membership for suggestions of the location and year pairs that would form the projects to be addressed.

If a kernel of at least 5 or 6 people with the requisite range of skills can be formed, the group could then consider inviting people with less Trainz experience to participate. Therefore, I am initially calling for people who are already experienced Trainz modellers and who are interested in the group's aims as outlined above, to contact Leigh Stokes (Trainz ID 'ElStoko') at [leigh.stokes@bigpond.com](mailto:leigh.stokes@bigpond.com). Please advise me of your Trainz modelling experience and of your Trainz ID.

## **RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB**

**B**athurst Outing 22/23 October 2013. Unfortunately, due to the severe bushfire conditions, particularly in the Blue Mountains, this tour had to be postponed, and will now take place on 18 and 19 March 2014. All participants will be contacted and given the option of carrying their booking over until then, or getting a refund.

The next outing will be to Redfern on Wed 20th November 2013. We meet in the paid area at the top of the stairs leading to Platform 1. Lunch will be at Railz Hotel. The notes for Redfern are available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw Website.

There will be no outings in December and January. In February will have our normal lunch-only outing on Wed 19th February 2014, the venue to be confirmed. Normal outings will commence in March with our 2-day tour of Bathurst.

*Gary Hughes*

## **AusRAIL PLUS 2013**

**SYDNEY EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE CENTRE  
26-28 NOVEMBER 2013**

AusRAIL PLUS 2013 will be the biggest ever rail conference and exhibition hosted in the Southern Hemisphere with over 400 exhibiting companies. Thursday 28th is the public open day. (If you are interested in being a volunteer guide for this exciting event please contact Ross Verdich or Grahame Thurling at Redfern on 9699 4595 / [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au))

## **OCTOBER'S MEMBERS' MEETING GUEST SPEAKER**

**W**ell-known steam enthusiast Graham Black, accompanied by his wife Wendy, played a terrific DVD on the overhaul of *Jack* at the Lake Macquarie Light Rail at Toronto.

The NSWRTM has leased the 1908 Krauss-built 2-foot gauge 0-4-0 locomotive to the Lake Macquarie Railway in return for LMLR overhauling it back to operating condition.

Graham has captured just about every bit of *Jack's* overhaul at the LMLR, except for the boiler's overhaul which was contracted out off-site. Thus the members and friends present at the meeting were privileged to view, bolt by bolt, nut by nut, rivet by rivet, of just about everything that was removed, refurbished and replaced on *Jack*. Only the cylinder blocks were not removed from the frame.

It is a small locomotive but a lot needed to be done. George Gettens thanked Graham for his very entertaining DVD presentation.

## **RESEARCH APPEAL**

Jim Longworth is researching amusement railways in NSW. Would anyone with memories, rumours, written material, leads, photographs, etc., please contact Jim by e-mail [jimlongw1952@gmail.com](mailto:jimlongw1952@gmail.com)