

Members Newsletter



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Member Update

On the 3rd of October we held our AGM and our monthly members meeting. At the AGM the Board was revoted in with a new Board member Paul Holding. We would like to welcome Paul to the Board and to the role of Treasurer. The new Constitution was also passed and is now in effect and on our website.

On the 26th September the launch of the newest ARHSnsw publications took place, *By Muscle of Man and Horse* by Bill Phippen. This was conducted at St James Station during working hours and officially launched by Howard Collins, CEO of Sydney Trains. After the official launch we then enjoyed the St James tunnel tours and light refreshment.

The Liverpool Model Railway exhibition has also now come and gone in which we had our stand showcasing our Bookshop and RRC. It was once again a very successful weekend for the Society. I would like to extend my thanks to all the volunteers who made the effort to come along and help out on the stand. We will now commence our planning for 2019.

Our Tours program again this year has proven very successful and growing in popularity. Given the response, we have agreed to partner Railway Adventures in providing our membership with a much broader offering of Rail Tours both local and overseas. You will see on our website under Tours a 12 month program and all available to book. For each of these tours, being a member of the Society you will receive a discount from the nominated price.

We will continue to run the ARHSnsw tours and the Luncheon club tours as we have done previously, however now your ability to access a variety of Rail tours has grown.

Members Meetings - Dates and Speakers

Sydney

Nov 7 - Peter Sage - NSW Rail Scene 1961-66

Dec 5 - Mike Moy - My Life in the Railway

Newcastle

Nov 13 - Craig Mackey - 3801 Update & Q&A

Dec 11 - Members Night

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
Railway 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 Fax: 02 9699 1714
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	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

Members Photo Competition

The October topic was "Fixtures and Fittings" and the winner for the month was David Matheson. His entry - A collection of signs, railway precinct, Adelaide River, Northern Territory, 28 September 2017. David also took out second place with a photo of Gantry crane and S truck, Finley railway yard.



The photo competition is a way for us all to see some of the collections within our membership. Over the past 3 months we have a good number of photos come in, however they do come from the same 3 members. I would like to encourage more of our membership to enter and share your hidden gems.

Upcoming subjects are:

- November** - The crowded platform
- December** - Night time
- January** - Looking through the Window

Membership Cards

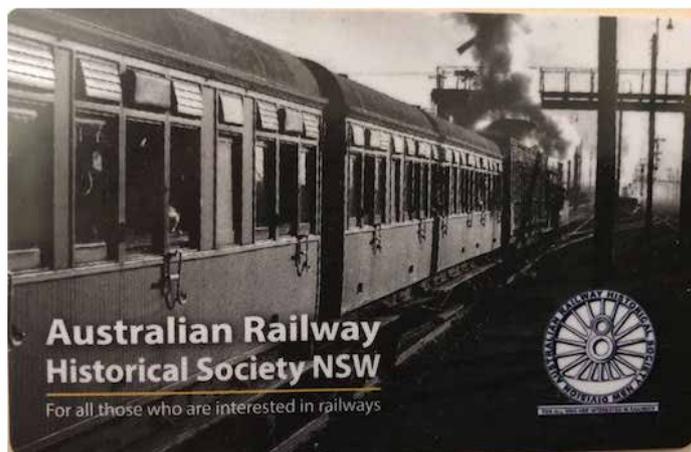
During the month of October, at time of print, we have received no entries to the below competition. I will leave it open for the month of November for the last chance to win.

This year we have decided to change our membership cards and go to a plastic card. Each year we will select a different photo to be on the front, giving you the opportunity to be involved in naming the photo.

I am after the following information

1. Location of Photo
2. Year the photo was taken
3. Name the locomotive

For the first 5 correct entries we receive back via email to mail@arhsnsw.com.au you will receive a \$10 voucher to be spent in the Bookshop.



ARHSnsw Tours

Below is the long term plan for the upcoming tours with the Society. It is our commitment that the Membership get first option for the Tours before it gets promoted to the wider community, so I would encourage you to book early as they do sell out and we do only have limited positions on each Tour.

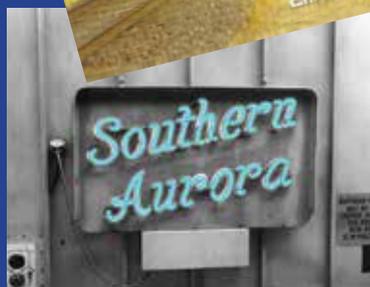
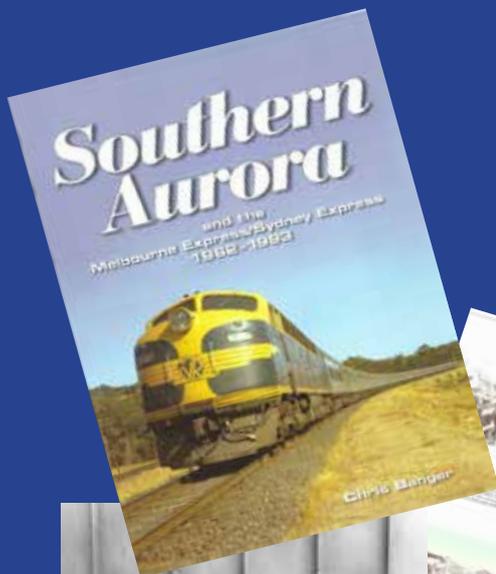
Upcoming Tours

- November 2-6** ARHS 402 Club Central West Tour - **1 SPOT has become available (call the office)**
- December 9** End of year function, Lake Macquarie Light Rail Park Programming for 2019
- January 2019** Historic Ferry Cruise around Sydney Harbour viewing where Rail meets the Harbour
- February 2019** Sydney tramway Museum Heritage day
- March 2019** 2 Day South Maitland Railways revisited with Ed Tonks
- April 2019** Illawarra Light Rail Museum
- May 2019** A railway Tour of the Southern Half of Japan with Opulent Journeys
- June 2019** Annual June long weekend tour
- July 2019** Centenary of the opening of the line from Menindee to Broken Hill with Gary Hughes

It is important to note that whilst all booking forms are not included in the newsletter, they are all available from the office or you can now book directly on our website. Alternatively, just call the office and we can take your bookings across the phone.

For further information on Tours and Bookings please contact: ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

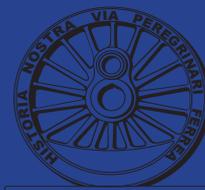
Bookshop News



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Book of the Month

A monthly promotion on ARHSnsw publications



FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RAILWAYS

\$68

SOUTHERN AURORA

BY
CHRIS BANGER

This book covers the story of the Southern Aurora from its inception in the late 1950s until its demise in 1986. It then charts the history of the train that was its replacement - the Melbourne Express and Sydney Express until its replacement by XPT in 1993.

There are approximately 185 photographic images. The 224-page book is perfect bound in illustrated glossy card cover.

Promotion available online : <http://www.railwaybookshop.com.au/>
At the ARHSnsw Bookshop
Via mail order (postage fee apply) call (02) 9699 4595
Members discount applies on this promotion

Promotion valid from Nov.1-30, 2018.

Over the past month you would have also noticed some huge savings across the ARHSnsw Publications. We are currently overstocked with past publications and trying to minimise our holdings on these lines to make way for the newer publications.

Please visit the website, www.arhsnsw.com.au or come into the Bookshop to enjoy the many Sale items and the massive savings to be made.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us here at the Bookshop on 02 9699 4595

Sophie Nicolas
Bookshop Manager

Australian Railway History - Proof Reading

Proofreading Help Needed

Australian Railway History is looking for some volunteers to help with reviewing the grammar in the upcoming editions. Daily access to emails and a computer are essential. So if you feel you have a good sense for grammar and attention to detail please get in touch at editorarh@arhsnsw.com.au

Stephen McLachlan
AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORY Editor

Railway Luncheon Club

Our last tour was on 19 September 2018 to look at the XPT Sydenham Maintenance Centre. Our group of 40 was split into smaller groups and for 2.5 hours we were treated to a full inspection of the Centre. With facilities for refuelling, car washing and general maintenance of the XPT fleet as well as refuelling and washing of the Endeavour and Xplorer cars, we gained a good insight as to just what the Centre does in keeping the fleet running. Our inspection was well organised and our thanks go to the staff there who conducted our tour, as well as a special thanks to ARHS member and XPT driver Bob Gibson for his help.

Our group at the XPT Sydenham Maintenance Centre with vintage bus, no.3131, and XPT power car XP2015 behind. Image: Shane O'Neil

There is no outing in October and on 21 November we will be going for a look at Ashfield. We meet in the unpaid area of the Ashfield Station overbridge at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the Ashfield Club adjacent to the station. This will be our last outing for this year.



Broken Hill Tour.

Experience Broken Hill and the outback as we celebrate the centenary of the railway from Menindee to Broken Hill. Opened on 15 July 1919, it operated as an isolated section until 7 November 1927 when the connection from Menindee through to Sydney via Parkes was completed. Travel to Broken Hill on Friday 12 July 2019 on the Trainlink XPT to Dubbo and connecting coach to Broken Hill arriving on that evening, or travel by your own means to Broken Hill to arrive by Friday evening 12 July 2019. For the next 3 days explore the railways and tramways that were synonymous with Broken Hill's history. In our chartered coach we'll be looking at Broken Hill as well as traveling to Silverton, Tarrawingee and Menindee and places in between to look at what remains of the railway systems there. The tour will conclude after breakfast on Tuesday 16 July 2019 enabling you to return home on the Trainlink Xplorer service from Broken Hill, or via your own means if you so choose.

The cost for this tour is \$875 per person for double or twin share, with an additional \$220 per person for a single supplement. This cost includes all transfers to and from the motel, all accommodation at the Comfort Inn Crystal Motel from the Friday night 12 July to the Monday night 15 July inclusive, all meals from breakfast on Sat 13 July until breakfast on Tuesday 16 July inclusive, coach hire for 3 days, museum entry, as well as extensive notes. The tour cost does NOT include your travel to and from Broken Hill, drinks or items of a personal nature. The booking form is in this Newsletter.

Gary Hughes

Railway Luncheon Club Manager

Resource Centre Update

A constant task for our RRC volunteers is the scanning and cataloguing of photos and slides donated to the Society. While there are over 400,000 in the database, an equivalent number are in the process of being catalogued. During September, an additional 60,000 images were added to the database. Thanks to Ray Pickard and George Gettens for pushing these through.

At the end of September, a dedicated team led by Bill Phippen completed the biographies of the 1221 railway employees killed in The Great War. This was a huge task commissioned by Transport for NSW and Transport Heritage NSW to support the centenary of the Armistice in November 2018 and the restoration of the original Honour Boards. When the project began, it was thought that only a fraction of these biographies would be completed in time, but thanks to a huge effort from Bill, Richard Mathews, Dugald Black, Lily Sommer, Geoff Lillico, Peter Marshall and others, all 1221 were completed within six months. The biographies summarise the employee record card (which were obtained from State Archives and Records) and the service records available on-line from the National Archives and Australian War Memorial. These records are enough to reconstruct a very human picture of the (often) short and tragic lives of these men and the circumstances of their enlistment and demise. Every biography will be published on a website being developed by THNSW. More details will be available in October.

James Dalton

Resource Centre Manager

ARHSnsw Tours Overview

A CHRISTMAS PARTY - at Lake Macquarie Light Rail

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018

ARHS NSW Division Tours invite all members and friends to celebrate our end of year festivities. This year we return to the privately owned and operated Lake Macquarie Light Railway. A 2-foot gauge railway situated on private land on the outskirts of Toronto and is the home of two other operating steam locomotives and one petrol locomotive. The feature of the celebration will be the steaming and running of two steam locomotives, No.7 and the fully restored 1908 Krauss built "JACK". Formerly used on the Goondah – Burrinjuck Railway and once an exhibit owned by the NSW Rail Transport Museum is now leased to the LMLR. Also, DL 12 will have a run in the afternoon. Travel from Sydney on the 8.16am Intercity Service to Fassifern due at 10.30am where you will be met by a bus to transfer you to LMLR. For those who wish to drive, the property is located on Onslow Rd Toronto. Return to Sydney will be at 3.30pm to connect with the 4.13pm service from Fassifern. Newcastle members can join the Bus at Broadmeadow at 9.30am.

The day's outing includes the bus transfer, entry to LMLR, Morning Tea on arrival, a Spit Roast luncheon and soft drinks and unlimited rides throughout the day. Rail travel to Fassifern is at your own expense.

Where Rails Met the Harbour

Sunday 20th January 2019

Come and join the Society on a fascinating cruise on one of the iconic Rosman Ferries around Sydney Harbour observing from the water the many locations where rail met the harbour. This cruise will cover both heavy rail and tramway locations over a five hour cruise with a commentary prepared by our noted historian, Jim Longworth. Enjoy an on board lunch as we enjoy a great Summers day on Sydney Harbour.

HERITAGE TRAMS AT THE SYDNEY TRAMWAY MUSEUM

Sunday 24 February 2019

You are invited to come and join us for a unique day's adventure utilising some of Sydney's oldest collection of transport heritage vehicles. Our tour will depart at 9.00am from the Sydney Bus Museum at Leichhardt in David Griffith's wonderfully restored red and cream liveried 1937 vintage Leyland TD4 Double Decker Bus No. 1597. Passengers will also be picked up at the Railway Square Bus Stop before proceeding to the Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus. We will join in with the Museum's Heritage Tram Day with the opportunity to ride in some of Sydney's oldest Trams. The classes of trams expected to run throughout the day include the C, F, J, N, and O class travelling on the Sutherland and The Royal National Park lines. Inspect the static exhibits in the Museum featuring the recent restoration to operating status of the Tramways Freight Car 24S. Learn about the plans for future restorations and check out current activity in the workshop.

A sausage sizzle lunch is included in the days activities

Our return will depart the Museum at 4.00pm.

Broken Hill Railway Centenary Tour

12 – 16 July 2019

The Railway Luncheon Club invites members and guests to experience Broken Hill and the outback as we celebrate the centenary of the railway from Menindee to Broken Hill. Opened on 15 July 1919, it operated as an isolated section until 7 November 1927 when the connection from Menindee through to Sydney via Parkes was completed. Travel to Broken Hill on Friday 12 July 2019 on the Trainlink XPT to Dubbo and connecting coach to Broken Hill arriving on that evening, or travel by your own means to Broken Hill to arrive by Friday evening 12 July 2019. For the next 3 days explore the railways and tramways that were synonymous with Broken Hill's history. In our chartered coach we'll be looking at Broken Hill as well as travelling to Silverton, Tarrawingee and Menindee and places in between to look at what remains of the railway systems there. The tour will conclude after breakfast on Tuesday 16 July 2019 enabling you to return home on the Trainlink Xplorer service from Broken Hill, or via your own means if you so choose.

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There will be a limit of 40 people on this tour so secure your booking now with a \$300 deposit, the balance to be paid by 1 June 2019. It is recommended that if you are travelling on the Trainlink services then you should make these bookings early as the tour is in the middle of school holidays. If travelling by means other than Trainlink and you require transfer to the motel, please let us know so that this can be arranged.

