

# **AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY New South Wales Division**

(ACN 000 538 803)

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**



Notice is given that the 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division, will be held in the Mitchell Room on the 1st floor of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney, at 6.30pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

#### **Business:**

1. To receive and adopt the Income Account for the year ended 30 April 2018 and the Balance Sheet at that date.
2. To elect members of the Board for the year 2018-2019.
3. To appoint an auditor for the 2018-2019 financial year.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy (who need not be a member of the Society) to attend and vote in the member's absence. Clause 14 of the Society's Constitution prescribes the form of appointment of a proxy. Such forms may be obtained from the Secretary at the registered office of the Society at 67 Renwick Street, Redfern 2016 and must be lodged with him at that address on or before 30 September 2018.

By order of the Board  
Grahame L Thurling  
Secretary

Sydney, xxxxxxxx 2018

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR TO 30 APRIL 2018  
AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
ACN 000 538 803  
67 Renwick Street Redfern NSW 2016  
Newcastle Branch: PO Box 432 New Lambton NSW 2305**

**THE SOCIETY**

The Australian Railway Historical Society had its beginnings in 1933 with the formation of the Railway Circle of Australasia. Since then it has grown to become one of the largest railway societies in the country. Autonomous Divisions exist in each state and the Australian Capital Territory, and there is a branch of the NSW Division in Newcastle. The Society's main objectives are: to promote the association of persons interested in the history and operations of railways for their mutual benefit and enjoyment; to encourage the study of Australian railways and the compilation and maintenance of authentic records; to maintain an archives collection, to produce books, periodicals, etc., of railway interest (including *Australian Railway History* and *Railway Digest*) and to arrange rail tours and excursions.

Meetings of members and their guests are held monthly in Sydney and Newcastle. These meetings usually feature a talk on a topic of railway interest, often accompanied by a program of films, DVDs or photographic slides.

The ARHSnsw Railway Resource Centre houses the ARHS Archives and is located on the ground floor at 67 Renwick Street, Redfern. The bookshop is located on the first floor at the same Redfern address.

**OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Victoria	PO Box 748, Williamstown, Vic. 3016
Queensland	PO Box 682, GPO Brisbane, Qld 4001
South Australia	PO Box 16, Melrose Park, SA 5039
Western Australia	PO Box 363, Bassendean, WA 6934
Tasmania	PO Box 162, Sandy Bay, Tas. 7006

**AFFILIATIONS**

Australian Electric Traction Association  
Canadian Railway Historical Association  
Irish Railway Record Society  
Light Railway Research Society of Australia  
Light Rail Transit Association (UK)  
Narrow Gauge Railway Society (UK)  
National Railway Historical Society (USA)  
New Zealand Railway & Locomotive Society  
The Rail Motor Society  
Railway Correspondence & Travel Society (UK)  
Railway Society of Southern Africa  
Royal Australian Historical Society  
Transport Heritage New South Wales Limited

## BOARD

The Society is managed by the Board on an honorary basis. Its members during 2017-2018, and their attendances at council meetings, are set out in a table in the attached Directors' Report.

General Manager Ross Verdich also attended Board meetings up to 13 December 2017 and then new General Manager Paul Scells for the remainder of the financial year. Spencer Ross also represents the Newcastle Branch at Board level..

## NEWCASTLE BRANCH

The Newcastle Branch has a committee that organises local activities, including meetings, tours and outings. One member of the committee attends Board meetings to ensure co-ordination between the branch and the Board.

Committee members are:

Branch Chairman:	Glen Magee
Branch Secretary:	John Barnes
Committee:	Tony Lowther, Matthew Parr, Ray Power, Spencer Ross and Wal Williams

## STAFF

The following people are employed by the Society on a salary or contractual basis:

Full Time:

Ross Verdich	General Manager (retired 13/12/17)
Sophie Nicolas	Bookshop Manager (from 9/10/17)
Bruce Belbin	<i>Railway Digest</i> Editor
Bill Phippen OAM	Railway Resource Centre Manager (retired 18/4/18)
Shane O'Neil	Photo Editor and Bookshop Sales
Robert McKillop	<i>Australian Railway History</i> Editor
Stephen McLachlan	<i>Australian Railway History</i> Editor (from 1/3/18)

Part Time:

Paul Scells	General Manager (from 23/10/17)
James Dalton	Railway Resource Manager (from 6/11/17)
John Clifton	Webmaster
Lawrance Ryan	<i>Railway Digest</i> Specialist News Editor
David Campbell	<i>Railway Digest</i> Specialist Signalling and Safe Working News Editor
Darren Tulk	<i>Railway Digest</i> Editorial Assistant

## LIFE MEMBERS

Tony Bailey	John Barnes	John Beckhaus	Terence Boardman OAM	Ian Brady
Kenneth Date	Joseph Davis	George Gettens	Dr John Glastonbury AM	Alex Grunbach
Donald Hagarty	Graham Harper	Murray Harper	John Hoyle	Gary Hughes
William Laidlaw	Geoffrey Lillico	Glen Magee	Barry Millner	Peter Neve OAM
John Newland	John Oakes	Ray Pickard	Neville Pollard	Ray Power
Spencer Ross	Dr Stuart Sharp	Colin Short	Dr Robert Taaffe	Grahame Thurling
Eric Walkley				

## RESOURCE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Resource Centre Advisory Committee (RAC) met regularly throughout the year.

The RAC members are:

Neville Pollard (Chairman), Ben Lewis (Minute Secretary), Steve Baker, Graeme Bolton, Ian Dixon, Ken Kershaw, Jim Longworth, Neil Munro and John Ward.

# CREDITS & THANKS

The Board would like to acknowledge those listed below for their generous contributions of time and effort made to the Society's various activities from May 2017 to April 2018.

Geoff Allerton	RRC Alexandria & Redfern	Ray Love	ARH, RRC
Harry Anneveld	Bookshop, Publications	Jim Longworth	Speaker, ARH, RRC
Fred Appleton	Bookshop	Tony Lowther	Newcastle Branch Committee
Jeff Austin	ARH	Tony McIlwain	RRC, ARH
Steve Baker	RRC	Ewan McLean	Railway Digest
Alan Bailey	RRC Alexandria	Carol McNamara	Bookshop
Ben Barnes	ARH, Publications	John McNamara	RRC
John Barnes	Newcastle Branch Sec./Treasurer	Glen Magee	Newcastle Branch Committee
John Beckhaus	Publications, Railway Digest	Peter Marshall	RRC
Dugald Black	RRC	Richard Mathews	ARH, RRC
Greg Blackwell	ARH	Warren Miller	Speaker
Graeme Bolton	RRC	Rod Milne	ARH
David Brown	RRC	Kevin Mirah	Bookshop/Railway Digest/Facebook
John Brown	ARH	Frank Mitchell	ARH
Gordon Burr	RRC	Ken Mitchell	ARH
Colin Butcher	Photo Competition	Matthew Moore	RRC
Russell Butterworth	Broadmeadow Exhibition	Geoff Moss	RRC
Graham Byrne	RRC	Neil Munro	RRC, ARH
David Campbell	Railway Digest	Kevin Noonan	RRC
Peter Clark	Railway Digest	John Oakes	Publications, Tour Guide
Bob Daniel	Bookshop	Matthew Parr	Newcastle Branch Committee
Ken Date	Railway Digest	Denis Pate	RRC
Ian Dixon	RRC	Ray Pickard	RRC
Kevin Dodds	RRC	Ray Power	Newcastle Branch Committee
Pat Dufield	RRC	Mike Quirk	ARH
Trevor Edmonds	ARH, Speaker	Graeme Reynolds	ARH
John Evans	ARH	John Roberts	RRC
Ian Fathers	Bookshop, RRC	Lawrance Ryan	Railway Digest, ARH
Peter Ferguson	RRC Alexandria	Bruce Saunders	RRC
Graham Fry	RRC	Peter Sellars	ARH
George Gettens	RRC	Dr Stuart Sharp	RRC, Luncheon Club
Bob Gibson	Railway Digest	Neil Slaven	Bookshop
Col Gilbertson	ARH, Bookshop, Publications	Alan Smith	RRC
Clive Gillam	RRC	Jack Smith	RRC
Phil Griffiths	Photo Competition	Tony Smith	RRC
Alex Grunbach	ARH, Publications	Bob Stack	ARH, Publications
Don Hagarty	RRC	Peter Stock	RRC
Graham Harper	RRC, ARH	Jim Stokes	ARH
Bill Harrison	Bookshop	Leigh Stokes	RRC
Graeme Henderson	ARH	Dr Robert Taaffe	ARH, RRC
Greg Henson	Bookshop	Myrle Tanner	Bookshop, Membership
Roy Howarth	Facebook	John Terrey	Finance
John Hoyle	Railway Digest	Michael Thompson	RRC, Bookshop
Gary Hughes	Luncheon Club	Ed Tonks	Tour Guide
Ian Imrie	RRC	Darren Tulk	ARH, Railway Digest
Michael James	Railway Digest	Hugo van den Berghe	ARH
Greg Jeanes	Bookshop	Ross Verdich	Bookshop
Frank Johnson	ARH	Graham Vincent	Railway Digest
Ken Kershaw	RRC	John Ward	RRC
John Knowles	ARH	John Watsford	RRC
Rick Lawler	RRC	Graham Watson	ARH
Bernie le Breton	RRC	David Whiteford	ARH, Railway Digest
Ben Lewis	RRC	Wal Williams	Newcastle Branch Committee
Geoff Lillico	RRC	Jack Withford	RRC

# PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

## of the year 2017 - 2018

The financial year has produced another surplus for the Society: less than the previous year, but still a strong performance.

Our *Railway Digest* and *Australian Railway History* magazines continue to sell in good numbers, and full credit must go to Bruce Belbin, Shane O'Neil, and Bob McKillop for their ability to keep the magazines fresh and attractive.

Tour income has been strong again this year. A great deal of planning goes into each tour, and thanks go to Spencer Ross for his untiring efforts in coming up with so many successful tours year, after year.

The Railway Luncheon Club continues to be a popular outing under the stewardship of Gary Hughes.

Spencer is also involved in our Newcastle Branch Committee, which meets each month at New Lambton, providing a vital representation for the Society in Newcastle.

Shop sales have been down, and we can attribute this partly to our location, which is not as attractive or accessible as the Central Station bookshop. Internet sales are holding well, mainly due to the efforts of Grahame Thurling, who also puts in sterling work behind the scenes for our shop stalls at the Broadmeadow and Liverpool Model Shows each year.

Railway Resource Centre (RRC) Manager, Bill Phippen OAM, has identified a role for us as a provider of information of a technical manner for rail contractors and operators. This is a potentially lucrative use of the RRC's material; and could not have been done without the efforts of our volunteers in identifying, cataloguing, and scanning the vast number of documents and images under our care.

The Publications Committee, under Chair Harry Anneveld, is working under tough financial constraints assessing a number of manuscripts – some of which should appear in print in the new year. We were successful in securing a grant through Rail Heritage NSW for a forthcoming book authored by Neville Pollard. Neville also represents the Resource Centre Trust on the Society's Board.

During the year, Treasurer Murray Harper resigned suddenly for personal reasons. We have been fortunate to have Col Gilbertson join the Board as an able replacement for Murray. Col has done remarkably well to come up to speed and present the accounts for audit on such short notice.

After many years of service, Ross Verdich and Bill Phippen have announced their intentions to retire before the end of 2017. For my part, I will miss their support, which has always been forthcoming without complaint – often in their own time. More importantly, I will miss their friendship.

Last year, an Extraordinary General Meeting approved important changes to our constitution. This was the result of a huge volume of work by Harry Anneveld who identified corrections to minor errors in the existing constitution, and to bring it into line with the Model Constitution under the Associations Incorporation Act 2016.

Under my term as President the Board has accepted that we must look at the direction the Society is heading, identify areas that need attention, and implement action for change. A sub-committee headed by Board members James Dalton and Craig Mackey, with assistance from Harry Anneveld and General Manager Ross Verdich began with a members' survey to establish a starting point for change. Thank you all for your responses.

It is no surprise to learn that our members are mainly in the 60 years plus age bracket; so the challenge is how to attract younger members, and make the Society relevant in the modern world. There are opportunities for members to help by becoming involved in all aspects of voluntary work – be it in sales, financials, computing, or assisting in the Resource Centre at our Redfern and Alexandria sites.

I am confident that we are in a strong position, and continuing down the right track. We have a good Board represented by a range of experience and strengths. My thanks to each and every one for making my time as President enjoyable and constructive.

I'd also like to formally recognise the efforts of long term volunteers Grahame Thurling and Geoff Lillico, whose work is vital, yet goes unnoticed by most members.

*Chris Harding*  
President



## MEMBERSHIP

The Division's membership as at 30 April 2018 was 1,210 compared with 1,267 a year ago.

This decrease is not unexpected. Our aging membership averages well over the sixties and we have had quite a few members deceased this year. Additionally, many members contacted us to advise that due to health issues, ie. deteriorating eyesight, they could not continue their subscription.

The Society has thirty one Life Members who meet on an annual basis. Twenty- Life Members met for lunch at the Redfern RSL Club on 27 October.

We continue to improve our membership and subscription databases with the outcome being to enable the membership to transact online and instantly. Early in the new year this will be introduced.

*Paul Scells*

## RRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three meetings were held during the 2017 – 2018 reporting period, 11 July 2017, 10 October 2017 and 6 March 2018. There were no resignations or new members appointed during the reporting period. The RRC noted the death of long time volunteer Len Truscott who travelled regularly from Bathurst to volunteer at the RRC. Advice was given to the ARHS Board through the RRC Resource Manager in the following areas:

- Preservation of 8mm movie film under the direction of Ken Kershaw. Ken Kershaw also took over responsibility for organisation of Volunteer meetings.
- Advice on material to be maintained or discarded, methods of preservation of archives and priorities for scanning images and paper material.
- A cataloguing system to incorporate archival material at both Redfern and Alexandria.
- Relations with State Records, Kingwood and other government repositories.
- Scanning of all Public Works Committee Reports relating to railway works.
- Ways of providing a more effective working environment for the RRC Manager.
- Ways of making resources better known and available to members and other researchers.
- Encouraging members to archive their image and hard copy collections at RRC.
- Ways for recruiting counter staff to assist supervision of RRC when RRC opens, Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.
- Recommendation that Geoff Lillico receive the NSW government volunteers' award.
- Liaising with Graham Harper on matters relating to archiving signalling diagrams and making them more available to researchers.
- Recommendations on dealing with the large number of aerial photograph images held at Alexandria.

The committee had appreciated leadership given by Resources Manager Bill Phippen OAM during 2017 and looks forward to working with new manager, James Dalton.

*Neville Pollard, Chair*

## FINANCE

This year the net gain for the Society amounted to \$59,352 (down slightly from \$71,241 last year). Having regard to the economic circumstances, this is a not unexpected result. Our shop sales have fallen by 11% on the past year which is attributable to a reduced market share and the fact that there were no new Society-produced publications until a few days before the end of the financial year.

Our two flagship publications, *Railway Digest* and *Australian Railway History* have maintained their contribution to the Society's profitability, although sales through newsagents have fallen slightly.

Special credit is given to our Tours Director, Spencer Ross, for his efforts in producing a net tour income of \$39,178 and this outcome is slightly above the good result achieved in 2015.

The Board has, on advice of a local real estate agent, lifted the market value of the Society's premises by a further \$300,000.

The low level of capital expenditure this year, compares with \$36,000 in the previous year. However, recent events have highlighted the urgent need for the Society's computer assets to be upgraded.

The Society's total value is now \$4.036 million.

*Col Gilbertson, Treasurer*

## COMMERCIAL

Members are referred to the Income Account for the year ended 30 April 2018 on page 16 for a description of revenue and expenditure for the year.

Bookshop sales remained similar to the prior year and this was across all platforms, shop/mail/phone/shopping cart. We also welcomed our new Bookshop Manager Sophie Nicolas to the team. Sophie's enthusiasm has added excitement to the bookshop activities.

With the introduction of a new website and shopping cart, Members are also able to look at our total bookshop online. If you do not see your wanted title we encourage you to contact the bookshop.

Second-hand books are still a wanted item and we carry a very good range of these in the bookshop. We also welcome any further donations to add to our already wonderful collection for sale.

To all our bookshop volunteers goes our gratitude for their rostered attendance and flexibility in assisting staff.

*Paul Scells*

# RAILWAY RESOURCE CENTRE

After more than seven years in the role, Bill Phippen OAM retired as manager of the RRC. Bill has done a remarkable job and his shoes will be difficult to fill. Bill has built an excellent reputation across the sector, not just as an enthusiastic and capable manager, but also as a prolific writer. I would like to thank Bill again for his work and for leaving the RRC so well-placed for the future.

I would also like to thank our tireless volunteers – it's their effort over many years that has processed and organised the piles and piles of "stuff" into the valuable resource it is today. While there is an abundance of historical material being posted on social media, only the Society has the systems to store and catalogue this material and to place it into its historical context.

There is a strong demand for the services of the RRC, particularly by heritage consultants, local and family history groups, Sydney Trains, Transport Heritage NSW and individual researchers. We have a solid reputation in the professional heritage sector, which are keen to nurture. This sector comprises the overwhelming majority of RRC revenue.

In the past, the onus has been on researchers to visit the Centre and access the resources with the help of our volunteers. However, there has been a shift over recent years to most enquiries coming in via e-mail. Also, there are many other sites who enable research out of normal office hours by publishing their resources on-line. Trove ([www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)), The Australian War Memorial ([www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)) and the National Film and Sound Archive are three examples that come to mind. While these are large publicly-funded institutions, smaller private societies are following suit. This makes research more convenient for researchers and opens-up a source of revenue that is mostly independent of staff and volunteer availability. Several initiatives are underway to enable the Society to offer this capability soon:

1. A new dedicated website for the RRC is being developed. This site will allow some material to be accessed and purchased on-line. It will be separate, but linked to the main ARHSnsw website, which is also being revamped. It is anticipated that the first release of this site will be available by the time you read this report. The software being used for this website will also become our collection management system, replacing the current intranet.

2. A large format document scanner has been purchased and installed at the Alexandria facility. While the 30,000 hard-copy drawings we have

in our repository have already been catalogued, there is no back-up for these. Scanning them will eliminate this risk and improve access.

3. We continue to process and catalogue the thousands of books, documents, reports and films we have on our shelves. Over the years, many separate catalogues have been developed for different segments of the collection, so we need to combine them into a single unified catalogue to make searching easier.

Over the year, the RRC has helped with more than 250 enquiries, with more than half of these from external clients. The most significant project is a commission from Transport Heritage NSW to produce a short biography of each of the 1210 railway workers who lost their lives in The Great War, in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. This coincides with the restoration of the Honour Boards which were at one time in the main concourse of Sydney Station. This is a very large paid project which is being enthusiastically and diligently led by Bill Phippen.

Internal enquiries include those by ARH authors, notes for the Luncheon Club and other Tours and authors of ARHS publications.

The Railway Resource Centre collection continues to grow, with several significant donations of photographs, drawings and books being received during the year. We now have almost 400,000 photographs processed (with another 350,000 in the pipeline); more than 30,000 engineering drawings, 6,000 books, and thousands of digitised records on our Intranet.

If you have a collection of historical photographs or other material, and are willing to share them with the RRC, don't hesitate to approach me. We are well set up to scan and catalogue slides, negatives and prints. This ensures your precious images are stored safely and available indefinitely. We can return originals and provide you with a copy of the digitised images, if you wish. Also, if you are willing to offer your time to join our team of volunteers, please get in touch – we'd really appreciate your help.

*James Dalton*

*Manager*

*Railway Resource Centre*

# TOURS

It is pleasing to report another very successful year of tours for the NSW Division of the Society. Fifteen tours were planned however due to changes in the track work programs, 2 tours were postponed to dates in the future. These Tours were the CPH's to Rylstone in January and John Oakes Suburban Sidings Tour in March.

The tours organised for the year covered a variety of local, country and overseas destinations and interests.

A joint Tour to Japan in May with Opulent Journeys was very successful and has created much interest for a Northern Japan Rail Tour in May 2018.

The annual June Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Tour extended over 5 days for our journey to Broken Hill and Peterborough. We continue to enjoy regular patronage with several of our groups traveling on their seventeenth trip with us. Our special thanks is given again to these faithful patrons for their continuing support on these extended adventures. It is also hoped that first time travellers will continue supporting future tours.

Other Tours with Rail Motor Society included our end of year function to the Thirlmere Rail Museum in 621/721, whilst the 402 Club enjoyed a tour around the State's South-West branch lines.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the staff at Thirlmere for their hosting our End of Year function and setting up for our Spit Roast luncheon.

Sincere thanks go to Greg Anderson and the Newcastle Auchmuty Library Staff for hosting another visit to view a screening of archival movie and photo collections involving railways. This tour also included a cruise around Newcastle Harbour viewing locations with commentary by Ed Tonks, noting where rail activity occurred at the harbour-side.

There were 2 tours arranged in conjunction with the Society's Luncheon Club. These involved a three day Rail/Coach Tour to the Central West commencing from Blayney.

The other Luncheon Club outing included a visit to the former Holsworthy Branch and Army Engineers Museum. Special thanks to Gary Hughes and his team in the organisation of these tours.

Another regular weekend tour with historian Ed Tonks took place in August visiting sites in the Lake Macquarie region.

Popular day tours were arranged to inspect the construction of the CBD and Southeast Light Rail, the Sydney Tramway Museum for their special Heritage Day event in a 1937 Double Decker Bus from the Sydney Bus Museum, Newington Armoury Museum Railway.

Our tour year involved activities with main line and museum operating organisations, NSW Rail Heritage, The Rail Motor Society Paterson, the Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus and buses from the Sydney Bus

Museum. Also to Nova Cruises Newcastle and Central Coast Ferries for the "General Gordon" cruise on the Hawkesbury River.

A special tour event in March was held at the Temora Railway Station Museum for the Launching of Neville Pollard's Book "Crown Land to Closer Settlement".

Special thanks must be given to The Rail Motor Society, its crews and volunteers for the continuing excellent service and preparation of the 621/721 Rail Cars and 402 provided for our tours.

Many thanks also must go to Society Members and friends for supporting our tours and outings. Also to Grahame Thurling and our retiring General Manager, Ross Verdich for the assistance given in processing tour bookings and making sure all tours went to plan.

Recognition is also given to the input provided by Stuart Sharp, Gary Hughes, Ed Tonks, Neville Pollard and Bill Phippen for their contributions to the ARHS and Luncheon Club Tours.

Our very special thanks also must be given to Bill Phippen and the volunteers at the Railway Resource Centre for their assistance in the research, preparation and compilation of Tour Notes for our various tours throughout the year.

ARHS Tours looks forward to continuing to provide a variety of tours and outings in the coming year. Suggestions for tours and outings are always welcome from our members.

If any member is interested in assisting in the preparation of Tours, please contact the Tours Director or any member of the Redfern Office staff. Your interest will be greatly appreciated.

The variety of tours members and their guests have enjoyed taking part in during the year are listed below.

*Spencer Ross, Tours Director*

# RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Railway Luncheon Club has continued to provide daytime mid-week outings on the third Wednesday of six months of the year. The outings have been to a suitable railway oriented venue, followed by, as the name implies, lunch at a nearby hotel or club. It has afforded a daytime opportunity for members and their friends to meet and talk with others on aspects of railways, as well as inspect facilities which often are not normally available. Attendance at the outings is open to all ARHSnsw members and their guests. These outings have again been a great success and the convenors and tour leaders, Stuart Sharp and Gary Hughes, have continued to provide a variety of places to visit.

Other than the cost of getting to the venue and purchasing lunch, there is no charge for outings. However should the tour involve entry fees, bus hire, overnight accommodation etc, these are then booked and charged to the participants through the normal ARHSnsw tour booking system.

During the year (May 2017 to April 2018 inclusive) the outings took in:-

May 2017 – Macquarie Fields and Minto

June 2017 – No outing

July 2017 – Cheltenham and Concord West

August 2017 – Newcastle east end

September 2017 – Three day tour to the Central West

October 2017 - No outing

November 2017 – Rozelle Tram Depot

December 2017 - No outing

January 2018 - No outing

February 2018 - No outing

March 2018 – Long Cove Viaduct.

April 2018 - No outing

Our thanks go to John Oakes, Ed Tonks, Neville Pollard, Spencer Ross, John Clifton, Grahame Thurling, Ross Verdich and Paul Scells for assistance with planning and running of the outings and also with administration.

A special thanks is also due to the various officers from Sydney Trains and NSW Trainlink who in many cases make these outings possible.

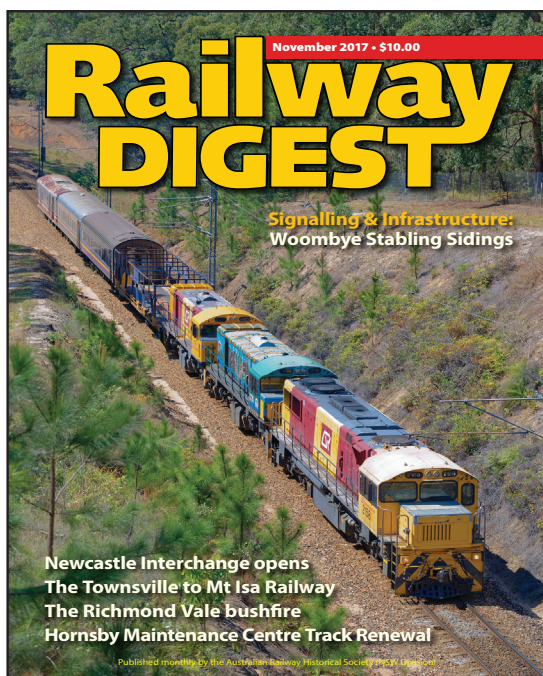
The Luncheon Club outings are now in their 10th year and they fill an important role in the Society's activities, conducting six outings per year, including one multi day outing.

Stuart Sharp and I have managed the Luncheon Club since its inception and will continue to do so as long as we are able, but the reality is of course that we are getting older and cannot do it for ever. Unless somebody (or bodies) is prepared to step up and take over, the Luncheon Club might well cease in the near future. So if you are able to provide assistance in any way then please let us know.

*Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club.*



*Also on our Central West Tour we were fortunate to have a guided tour of the Fletchers facilities at Dubbo. Unfortunately when we were there no train was being loaded, but on a previous occasion Nev Pollard was able to capture this image of Fletchers privately owned locomotives and train.*



During the 2017-2018 year, Railway Digest managed to maintain steady, consistent sales, and continued to provide a broad oversight of the Australian railway scene, covering a wide range of subjects including operations, logistics, economics & politics, locomotives & rolling stock, rail travel, signalling & infrastructure, heritage & tourism and rail industry issues.

Lawrance Ryan continued in the role of National Affairs editor, compiling our well-regarded news section. Ken Date's quarterly International News pages continued to provide interesting insights into current railway and light rail developments throughout the world. Bruce Belbin and Shane O'Neil continued in their roles of Editor and Assistant Editor/Photo Editor respectively, while Darren Tulk continued to provide reliable proofreading and invaluable copyediting services, as well as contributing news, photos and articles from the sunshine state.

In November, Digest again participated as a media partner in AusRAIL, the Australian rail industry's flagship event. Held over three days at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, with the theme 'Rail's Digital Revolution', AusRAILplus 2017 attracted more than 1000 rail professionals from Australia and overseas and around 5000 visitors. Editor Bruce Belbin and Features Editor John Hoyle flew the flag for Railway Digest during what proved to be the biggest AusRAIL ever, attending various presentations and functions and catching up with some industry identities.

In July, Railway Digest participated as media partner in the Australasian Rail Industry Awards night. Held this year in Sydney, in the Grand Ballroom of The Sydney Hilton Hotel, the sold-out Awards Event saw twelve winners recognised by their peers and awarded with uniquely designed glass pyramid trophies

and the title for best in their field, across a broad range of categories. Each winner also received a certificate entitling them to a year's subscription to Railway Digest.

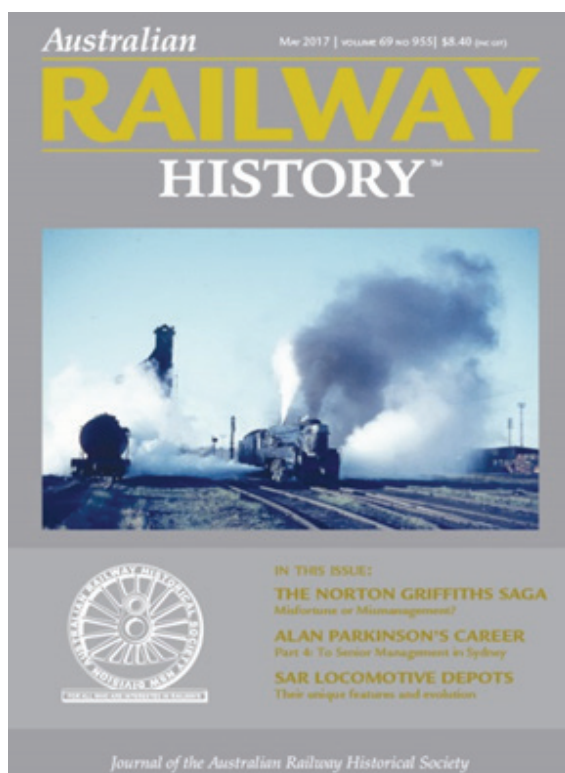
Kevin Mirah continued to skilfully manage Digest's popular Facebook page (which now boasts over 2060 'Followers') maintaining a positive online presence for the magazine and a strong, interactive and ongoing connection with its readers, particularly in the under-35 demographic. With postage costs steadily increasing, the digital version of Digest continued to steadily grow in popularity, proving particularly useful for overseas subscribers.

This year, once again, Railway Digest was the beneficiary of a steady stream of quality contributions from a wide range of supporters. Notable among these during 2017-18 were: Rod Avery, Tony Bailey, David Campbell, James Chuang, Peter Clark, Graham Crichton, Ken Date, Robert Driver, Wayne Eade, Dominik Giemza, Alan Graham, Malcolm Holdsworth, John Hoyle, Philip Laird, Ewan McLean, Max Michell, Rod Milne, Anjum Naweed, Neville Pollard, John Scott, Alan Shaw, Les Shepherd, Malcolm Simister, Graham Vincent, Philip Vergison, Chris Walters and Harold Winthrop, though many others also provided valuable material. For that, we sincerely thank them all, for without their support there would be no Railway Digest.

Throughout the year, David Campbell, Graham Vincent and David Whiteford maintained the high standard of their quarterly 'Signalling & Infrastructure' (S&I) pages, while John Beckhaus and Peter Clark continued to produce the magazine's well regarded quarterly 'Rolling Stock Contracts & Deliveries' section, providing a comprehensive record of recent orders and deliveries, as well as extensive background information on locomotive, rolling stock and light rail developments. Featured subjects in S&I included electro-magnetic latched emergency exit gates in Victoria, and the new arrangements at Torrens Junction in South Australia. Subjects profiled in RSC&D included the Hi-Rail Rail Grinders, SSR Grain Hopper Wagons, GSR Roomette Refurbishment, and the Pacific National RGWY Wilmar Sugar Hopper Wagon. The 'Remember When' section featured only one item this year – though it was a good one – Graham Crichton's evocative tribute in words and pictures to the erstwhile Cairns to Forsayth Mixed.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the Society's Board, management and staff for their ongoing encouragement and assistance, and to the magazine's contributors, volunteers and readers for their continuing loyalty and support of Railway Digest.

Bruce Belbin, Editor



In the year to April 2018, Australian Railway History published a wide range of articles covering Australian railway topics in each state, together with coverage of wider national issues.

Rodney Barrington's article on 'Locomotive Depots of South Australia in the May 2017 issue was illustrated with a range of excellent photos, including the impressive scene on the cover presented here. 'Railway Pubs of Orange' by Euan Greer and Ross Maroney and Richard Mathews' 'NSWGR Train Destination Signs' were featured in June, while the July 2017 issue featured Part 1 of Rod Milne's presentation on the history of the Katanning to Donnybrook cross country line in Western Australia. This concluded in the September 2017 issue, while Paul Nicholson's reminiscences of the railway enthusiast magazine Green Over Red brought a new topic to the magazine.

David Matheson's three part article 'From Steam to Diesel and Electric' in the August, October and December 2017 issues provided a detailed history of the transition from steam power to diesel and electric traction on Australian government railways between 1950 and the 1970s with a brief covering of the electric locomotives introduced by the Queensland Railways from 1986. Neville Pollard's article on Richard Thomas Ball, the New South Wales Minister for Railways was also featured in August, while Alan Parkinson rounded off the article on his railway career with an account of the 'Railway Disasters, Collisions and Derailments' that he helped clean up between 1965 and 1991.

John Beckhaus and Ross Willson marked the Centenary of the Trans-Australian Railway in October 2017 with their article on construction

of the line and its early motive power, carriages and rolling stock. This was followed by Rod Milne's article 'Kempsey: Gateway to the McLeay District' to mark the Centenary of the opening of the North Coast Line to Kempsey in November 2017. Jim Craddock's recollections of growing up beside the railway at Aintree and Wongarbone in the Central West of New South Wales provided a delightful and amusing account of his experiences in the 1940s and 1950s.

January 2018 brought Part 1 of Peter Cokley's account of, 'The Salisbury Freight Terminal' in Brisbane, with Part 2 in the March 2018 issue, while Frank Johnson brought us Part 1 of his 'Memories of a Divisional Engineer' which covered his period in the Narrabri Region of North West New South Wales and also concluded in the March issue. Don Estell's short article 'Why the Comet went to the Dogs' in the January ARH was also popular with readers.

February 2018 brought readers a taste of Tasmanian branch line operations with Jim Stokes' article on 'The TGR Upper Derwent Valley Line', together with Part 1 of Rob Webb's detailed account of his overnight journey from Delec in Sydney to Broadmeadow, which covered his memories of his trip with driver Lance Bryant on 18-19 August 1970. Part 1 covers their journey from Delec to Gosford with 46 class electric locomotives 4620 and 4622.

At Gosford Lance and Ron transferred to 38 class locomotive 3820, which led 60 class Garratt locomotive 6037 during the remaining leg from Gosford to Broadmeadow, which is covered in the April 2018 issue. Ron's detailed description of the journey and their tasks was popular with readers. Greg Blackwell's description of his journey from Moree to Inverell and return on 26 November 1976 rounds off the February issue.

Bob McKillop, Editor ARH

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee has had a constructive twelve months, with the production of two new publications, and some significant changes implemented.

The first of our publications was Board Member Nev Pollard's "Crown Land to Closer Settlement" dealing with the development of the Temora region and its railways. The launch was held at Temora, on March 17 this year, with Col and Cynthia Gilbertson taking extra copies of the book in the boot of their car for sale at a "pop up" shop on the day. The enthusiasm of the locals ensured it was a great day. Nev's book had been successful in gaining a heritage grant to assist with its printing costs.

Our second publication was former RRC Manager, Bill Phippen's book on the engineering history of the Hawkesbury river bridges. There was a formal launch on May 18 this year at the southern end of the first Hawkesbury bridge; with representatives of the ARHS, Sydney Trains and Hornsby Council; notably ARHS President, James Dalton; Head of Sydney Trains, Howard Collins; Hornsby Mayor, Philip Ruddock; and author, Bill Phippen. Production cost of Bill's book was partly funded by Sydney Trains.

Harry Anneveld has been busy drafting new policies and procedures for assessing potential manuscripts. This will involve sponsors for each manuscript from the ARHS, a checklist, and a formal application to the Board for funding. The Committee saw this as the next step in looking at publications from a business point of view as well as historic interest.

Sadly, we farewelled three of our regular committee members during the year: Ross Verdich, Bill Phippen and Bob McKillop have stepped down -as they also stepped down from their regular duties with the society. We wish them well, and will ensure that we stay in touch in order to tap into their vast wells of knowledge.

## NEWCASTLE BRANCH

Attendances at our Entertainment Meetings were down compared to the previous year, but were still considered satisfactory. During the year, all but three of the guest speakers were drawn from among our own members and visitors, but regrettably on one occasion the digital equipment refused to co-operate, so the programmed entertainment could not proceed - fortunately a brave volunteer from the assembly gave an impromptu talk to fill in.

Again, members of the Branch assisted at the Division's display and sales stand at the Our Town Model Show at the Newcastle Jockey Club.

Glen Magee and Spencer Ross are delegates to Heritage Hunter, the local umbrella group for organisations like ours, and Glen is a member of their committee.

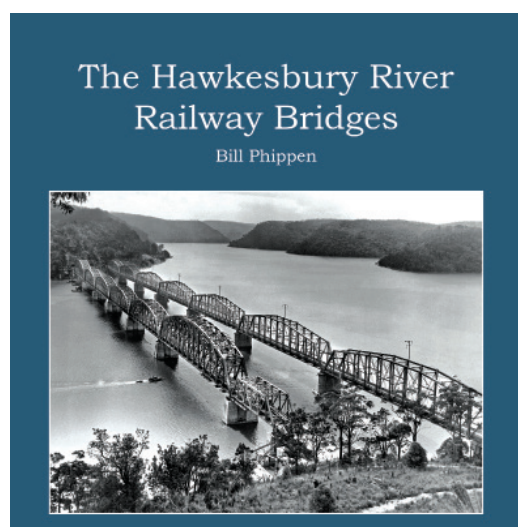
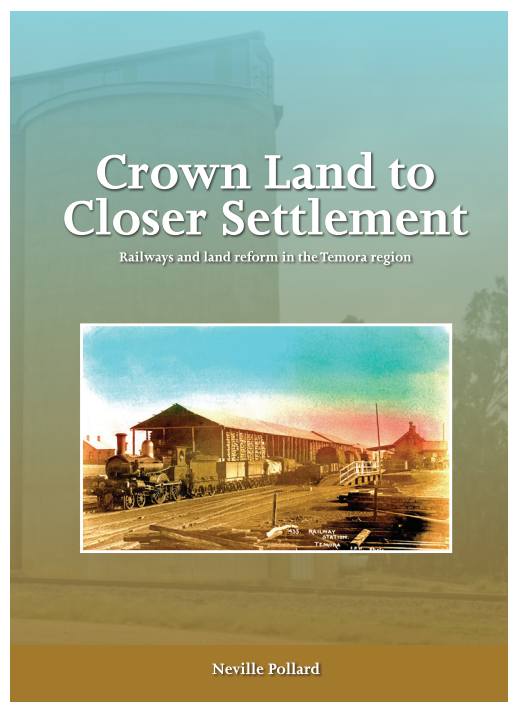
*John Barnes, Branch Secretary*

We also welcomed Paul Scells, who replaced Ross as General Manager. Paul brings new skills, and a fresh outlook, which has been of great benefit in the short time he's been with us.

Our next financial year already has an exciting new book from Bill Phippen for release later in 2018, and more in development from Nev Pollard.

My sincere thanks to all members of the committee. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of people.

*Chris Harding, Chair Publications Committee*



## 2017-2018 SYDNEY MEMBERS' MEETINGS SPEAKERS

May	Bob McKillop	Settlements and Industries on the GWR
June	Neville Pollard	Railways of the Temora Area
July	Frank Johnston	St James Station 90th Anniversary
August	Warren Miller	French rail speed record programs-1955 to 2007
September	Bob McKillop	Heritage Railways of Australia
October	Craig Mackey	Re-examining History
November	Gary Hughes	A Tale of Two Stations
December	Bob McKillop	Swiss Railways
January	Shane O'Neil	Exotic Railway Images
February	Peter Sage	The NSW Rail Scene 1958-1960
March	Ross Blunden	The Vulcan Engines
April	Alan Gardner	Challenges of Heritage Engineering

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## 2017-2018 NEWCASTLE MEMBERS' MEETINGS SPEAKERS

May	Annual Meeting,	Photographic competition and Quiz
June	Larry Greentree	ABT Railway
July	Gary Hughes	Broken Hill: Tale of two Stations
August	Ed Tonks	Book Launch
September	Chris Harding	Swiss Railways
October	Bruce Helmers	Bruce Helmers on Tour
November	Ed Tonks	Cockle Creek
December	Members' night	
January	Railways DVD	
February	High Speed Trains	
March	Ed Tonks	Rail Touring in Europe
April	John Ward	Transport Overview

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## 2016-2017 TOURS PROGRAM

May 21st	CPHs to Cessnock
May 23-27	QLD Div The Great Sth by SW Tour to Brookstead & Thallon
June 11-14	A Western Rail Cruise to Dubbo, Coonamble & Cobar
June 15	Luncheon Club Chullora Division 1
June 25 - July 7	China High Speed Rail
July 7	Luncheon Club Chullora Division 2
July 22-25	402 Club A Rail Cruise Around the North West Branch Lines
August 13 -14	A Look at the Life & Times Along the South Maitland Railways
August 20-28	ARHS QLD Div Normanton 125 Div 2 Tour
August 24	Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour
September 10	A Passenger Train to Rylstone (Almost)
October 15	Newcastle Harbour & Auchmuty Library Tour
November 8 -10	Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour
November 19	Port Kembla & Metropolitan Colliery Tour
December 11	End of Year Function 90th Anniversary of National Park Line
January 22	A Summer's Day on the South Coast (cancelled)
February 26	Hawkesbury River Wake of the General Gordon Tour
March 25	NSW/QLD Div NZ Tour (cancelled)
April 21-23	Blayney/Orange 140th Anniversary (cancelled)

# AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New South Wales Division

ACN 000 538 803

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board submits this report on the Society for the financial year ended 30 April 2018.

1. The and details of the Board members in office during the year and to the date of this report, together with their areas of responsibility, year of original appointment/election and attendance at Board meetings held during the year to 30 April 2018, are:

**Harry P Anneveld.** Age 69 years. Retired. Director since 11 February 2015. Resigned 15 August 2017.

**Nicole Buckley.** Age 53 years. Catering Aide. Director since September 2011.

**James Dalton.** BE(Mech), MBA. Age 47 years. Engineer and Business Consultant. Director since February 2016.

**Colin B. Gilbertson.** RFD, B.Bus., Grad. Dip (Tax). Age 68 years. Accountant and Tax Agent. Retired Air Force Officer. Director since April 2017, Treasurer.

**Christopher Harding.** Age 69 years. Retired bookshop manager and bank officer. Director since 2013. Vice President September 2014 to 2016. President since September 2016.

**Allen AF Kavanagh.** Age 76 years. Retired. Director since 11 February 2015. Retired 4 October 2017.

**Craig R Mackey.** BE BSc Age 52 years. Engineer. Director since 11 February 2015.

**Michael J Nicholls.** Age 60 years. Railway employee. Director since September 2008. Retired 4 October 2017

**Neville J Pollard.** JP BA MEd. Dip. Theol. Teach. Cert. Age 72 years, Retired High School Principal. Education Consultant. Director since 2007.

**Spencer C Ross.** C.T.M., FCIT. Age 77 years. Bus industry consultant. Director since 2001. Previous Councillor 1968–1971.

**Grahame L Thurling.** Age 71 years. Retired bank officer. Director since 1996. Secretary since November 2004.

### *Directors' Board Meeting Attendance:*

	<u>Number Eligible to Attend</u>	<u>Attended</u>
<i>HP Anneveld</i>	2	2
<i>N Buckley</i>	6	6
<i>J Dalton</i>	6	6
<i>CB Gilbertson</i>	6	6
<i>C Harding</i>	6	4
<i>AAF Kavanagh</i>	2	2
<i>CR Mackey</i>	6	6
<i>MJ Nicholls</i>	2	2
<i>NJ Pollard</i>	6	6
<i>SC Ross</i>	6	6
<i>GL Thurling</i>	6	6

# AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

2. The principal activities of the Society during the financial year were publication of books and magazines recording railway history, the collection of records of interest to railway historians, the operation of a railway bookshop and the operation of railway tours. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

3. The net surplus of the Society for the financial year amounted to \$59,352.

4. No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that significantly affect or may significantly affect the operations of the Society in subsequent years.

5. The Society expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the operations in future financial years.

6. The Society's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

7. The Society has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of a Director of the Society, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Society.

8. No person has applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Society or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Society is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Society for all or part of those proceedings. The Society was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

9. Short term objectives of the Society. The ARHSnsw is the only organisation of its type in NSW, holding the largest private repository of railway related documents, photos, records and publications. Its short-term objectives are to provide access to these resources to members, to the public and to organisations who have a commercial need to research a topic relating to railways in NSW. The Society also aims to provide a range of opportunities for supporting and encouraging railway enthusiasts including the publication of two regular magazines, arranging railway tours, organising railway-related events and operating a specialist bookshop.

The short term objectives are to generate sufficient revenue to maintain these operations and to be seen as the leading authority on railway history in NSW and its significant role in the development of the state.


10. Long term objectives of the Society. The Society has a long history and its aim has always been to support, encourage and facilitate the interests of those who are interested in Australian railways of the past and present. The Society faces a number of challenges which it will address in the medium to long term:

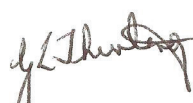
- An ageing and declining membership.
- Changes in the operating environment for bookshops, archives and libraries.
- Changes in the operating environment for railway tours and events.
- A generalised threat to volunteer organisations in maintaining the interest and contribution of volunteers to give their time to the level required.
- A change in the role of railways in society both as an employer and a service provider driven by profound social and technological changes.

However, the same forces also create opportunities for the Society. Therefore, the Society's long term objectives aim to address these threats and capitalise on the opportunities through:

- Increased membership and revenue by providing access to some of the Society's resources online.
- The expanded use of digital marketing tools to attract new and younger members and to retain existing members.
- Improve our facility, systems and processes to ensure our resources are available beyond living memory.
- Continue to grow, preserve and publicise the collection so that we become widely known as THE source of information pertaining to railways, and the authority on matters of railway history particularly in NSW.
- Develop links to related societies, government agencies and educational institutions to secure our reputation for historical research.

Dated this 12th day of September 2017. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

  
C Harding  
(President)

  
GL Thurling  
(Director)

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
ACN 000 538 803  
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017**

	\$ <u>2017</u>	\$ <u>2016</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales Books	379,274	425,252
Sales Railway Digest	397,234	405,324
Sales Australian Railway History	182,411	183,215
Member Subscriptions	44,715	40,534
Advertising Revenue	14,659	12,616
Archive Activities	29,688	21,941
Tour Income (Net)	39,178	28,798
Interest Received	21,843	13,654
Donations	1,500	21
Grant Received	8,000	3,000
Other Income	5,432	4,864
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,123,936</b>	<b>1,139,219</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting & Audit	5,076	9,260
Purchases & Selling Costs	254,108	265,596
Digest Publication Costs	257,489	252,193
ARH Publication Costs	137,795	125,419
Depreciation	9,804	11,366
Insurance	19,024	18,880
Premises Cost	41,041	42,809
Telephone	6,296	7,997
Donations Made	-	1,364
Salaried Staff	237,453	222,587
General Administration	96,495	110,507
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,064,584</b>	<b>1,067,978</b>
<b>Net Income for Year</b>	<b>59,352</b>	<b>71,241</b>



AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
ACN 000 538 803  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2017

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3	1,094,134	1,066,985
Receivables/Prepayments	4	89,759	88,880
Inventories	5	91,061	92,415
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		1,274,954	1,248,280
<b>Investments</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	3,201,680	2,909,080
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		3,201,680	2,909,080
<b>Total Assets</b>		4,476,634	4,157,360
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	7	233,450	262,904
Income in Advance	8	206,838	217,462
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		440,288	480,366
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		440,288	480,366
<b>Net Assets</b>		4,036,346	3,676,994
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Reserves		2,630,009	2,330,009
Retained Earnings		1,406,337	1,346,985
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		4,036,346	3,676,994



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		1,101,214	1,592,340
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(1,093,504)	(1,504,697)
Interest Received		21,843	13,654
<b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>	10	29,553	101,297
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Purchases of Plant and Equipment & Property		(2,404)	(5,971)
Repayment of Investment		0	3,000
<b>Net Cash used in Investing Activities</b>		(2,404)	(2,971)
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		27,149	98,326
<b>Cash at Beginning of Financial Year</b>		1,066,985	968,659
<b>Cash at End of Financial Year</b>	2	1,094,134	1,066,985

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017**

	<u>New Building Fund</u>	<u>Retained Profits</u>	<u>Capital Revaluation Reserve</u>	<u>Bequest Reserve</u>	<u>Revenue Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance 1 May 2016</b>	303,871	1,346,985	1,729,375	31,544	265,219	3,676,994
Surplus attributed to Members	-	59,352	-	-	-	59,352
Revaluation transfer	-	-	300,000	-	-	300,000
<b>Balance 30 April 2017</b>	303,871	1,406,337	2,029,375	31,544	265,219	4,036,346

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial report is for the Australian Railway Historical Society New South Wales Division as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements;

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements;

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date;

AASB 1004: Contributions;

AASB 1031: Materiality; and

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application of Standards.

No other Accounting Standards, Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

#### **Reporting Basis and Conversions**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Accounting Policies**

##### **a. Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

##### **b. Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Costs are assigned on first in first out basis and include expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventory and bringing it to its existing condition and location.

##### **c. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair values are indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

#### **Property**

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement.

The directors' perform periodic revaluations for freehold land and building and in the directors' opinion the buildings are well maintained thus maintaining their value. Accordingly the directors' have chosen not to apply depreciation against buildings.

#### **Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

#### **Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life to the economic entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

These notes form part of the financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

<i><b>Class of Fixed Asset</b></i>	<i><b>Depreciation Rate</b></i>
Plant and equipment	33.3%
Buildings	0%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

d. ***Impairment of Assets***

At each reporting date, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Income Statement.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon on the assets ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of a class of asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

e. ***Employee Benefits***

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to Balance Sheet date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages, salaries and annual leave which may be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

f. ***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

g. ***Goods and Services Tax (GST)***

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

h. ***Income Tax***

No provision for income tax has been raised, as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

i. ***Provisions***

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions previously recorded in the accounts have been transferred to Reserves as required by Accounting Standards.

j. ***Comparative Figures***

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

k. ***Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments***

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

*Key estimates – Impairment*

The entity assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the entity that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use or current replacement cost calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 12 September 2017 by the Board of Directors.

These notes form part of the financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

Cash flows (used in),/provided by operating activities

### NOTE 2: PROFIT

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Surplus for the year	59,352	71,241
After charging the following as an expense:		
Depreciation and Amortisation	9,804	11,366
Remuneration of auditor	5,000	5,000

### NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Cash at bank	1,092,934	1,065,785
Cash on hand	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,094,134</u>	<u>1,066,985</u>

### NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Trade receivables	86,759	85,880
Prepayments	3,000	3,000
	<u>89,759</u>	<u>88,880</u>

### NOTE 5: INVENTORIES

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
CURRENT (at cost)		
Stock – Retail Publications	67,519	68,826
– Society Book Publications	23,542	23,589
	<u>91,061</u>	<u>92,415</u>

### NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
PROPERTY		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
- Redfern – at directors' valuation	2,350,000	2,100,000
- Alexandria – at directors' valuation	850,000	800,000
	<u>3,200,000</u>	<u>2,900,000</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment – at cost	161,808	159,404
Less accumulated depreciation	(160,128)	(150,324)
	<u>1,680</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Total plant and equipment – at cost	<u>1,680</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>3,201,680</u>	<u>2,909,080</u>

### NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	167,443	202,113
Employee benefits	60,507	50,291
Audit Fees	5,500	10,500
	<u>233,450</u>	<u>262,904</u>

### NOTE 8: INCOME IN ADVANCE

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Subscriptions Prepaid	<u>206,838</u>	<u>217,462</u>

These notes form part of the financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

### NOTE 9: INCOME TAX

The Board of the Society is of the opinion that the Society is exempt from income tax under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Tax effect accounting has not been adopted.

### NOTE 10: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating surplus after income tax	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Surplus after income tax	59,352	71,241
Donation received plus interest	0	0
Non cash flows in profit		
Depreciation and amortisation	9,804	11,386
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables/prepayments	(959)	23,165
Increase/(Decrease) in subscriptions prepaid	(10,624)	(7,664)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	1,354	(5,993)
Decrease/(Increase) in provisions	0	0
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(29,374)	9,162
Cash flows (used in),/provided by operating activities	<u>29,553</u>	<u>101,297</u>

### NOTE 12: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Management control of the capital of the entity is to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its services and to ensure returns are maximised.

### NOTE 13: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the company and principal place of business is:

Australian Railway Historical Society New South Wales Division  
67 Renwick Street REDFERN NSW 2016

### NOTE 14: MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The entity is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. At 30 April 2017, the number of members was 1,267.

## ***DIRECTORS' DECLARATION***

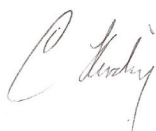
The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies prescribed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

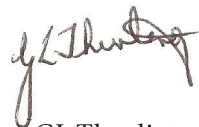
1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standards described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 April 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated this 12th day of September 2017



C Harding  
(President)



GL Thurling  
(Director)





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## AUDITOR'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

To the directors of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division

In relation to our audit of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division for the year ended 30 April 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, there have been:

- (a) no contravention of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division.

**SCS Audit & Corporate Services Pty Ltd**

  
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Brian Robert Taylor  
Registered Company Auditor

Sydney

31 August, 2018

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## AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

ABN 96 000 538 803

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

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#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division, which comprises the statement of Financial Position as at 30 April 2018, the statement of income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the period 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018 then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the financial report of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division, has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 April 2018 and of its financial performance for the period then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Responsibility of Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division for the Financial Report**

Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Australian Railway Historical Society, NSW Division is responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

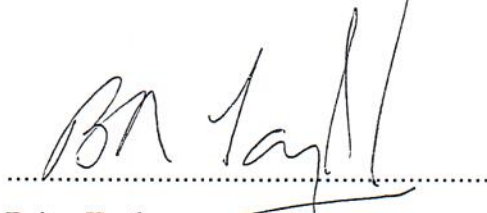
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entity's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material

uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the responsible entity regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Taylor', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Brian Taylor

Registered Company Auditor

Sydney

Date: 31 August, 2018