

AUSTRALIAN
RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
New South Wales Division

(ACN 000 538 803)

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Notice of Annual General Meeting



Notice is given that the 2018-2019 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 2 October 2019.

Business:

1. To receive and adopt the Income Account for the year ended 30 April 2019 and the Balance Sheet at that date.
2. To elect members of the Board for the year 2019-2020.
3. To appoint an auditor for the 2019-2020 financial year.
4. To appoint Life Membership to: Russell Butterworth, Ian Dixon, Ben Lewis, William Phippen and Ross Verdich.
5. 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 9/23 Bowden St Alexandria NSW 2015 and must be lodged with him at that address on or before 30 August 2019.

By order of the Board
Grahame L Thurling
Secretary

Sydney, 31 August 2019

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FOR THE YEAR TO 30 APRIL 2019
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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
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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.

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 2018-2019, and their attendances at Board meetings, are set out in a table in the attached Directors' Report.

General Manager Paul Scells also attends the Board Meetings. 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:

Sophie Nicolas	Bookshop Manager
Bruce Belbin	Railway Digest Editor
Shane O'Neil	Photo Editor and Bookshop Sales
Stephen McLachlan	Australian Railway History (ARH) Editor

Part Time:

Paul Scells	General Manager
James Dalton	Railway Resource Manager
Lawrance Ryan	Railway Digest Specialist News Editor
David Campbell	Railway Digest Specialist Signalling and Safe Working News Editor
Darren Tulk	Railway Digest Editorial Assistant

LIFE MEMBERS

John Barnes	John Beckhaus	Ian Brady	Terence Boardman OAM	Kenneth Date
Joseph Davis	George Gettens	Eric Walkley	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

RESOURCE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Resource Centre Advisory Committee (RAC) met regularly throughout the year. Decisions around the committee are further explained in the Railway Resource Centre Managers report on page 7.

The RAC members are:

Neville Pollard (Chairman), Ben Lewis (Minute Secretary), Steve Baker, Graeme Bolton, Ian Dixon, Ken Kershaw, Jim Longworth, Neil Munro, William Phippen OAM 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 2018 to April 2019.

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

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

of the year 2018 - 2019

CHAIRMAN

The Australian Railway Historical Society (NSW Division) has just completed its 85th year and with your help, it has been a memorable one. Any organisation of this age faces the challenges of remaining relevant, maintaining membership, sustaining participation and enthusiasm. I think we have a strong chance of meeting these challenges and much of what has been achieved this year is about positioning the Society for the future.

2018 was an important year for the Society having achieved the following:

- An updated website
- Changes to the membership structure to improve the value of membership and attract new members
- Establishment of a youth committee
- Release of four books with launch events that were positive, professional and reflected well on the Society.
- Decision to seek new premises and purchase of 5-7 Henderson Road
- Stronger relationships with Sydney Trains, Transport Heritage NSW and other heritage groups and museums
- Acquisition of several historically significant collections
- A new editor for ARH
- Improvements in back-office processes
- Progress towards more transparent accounts, automated membership subscriptions, online availability of RRC assets, an RRC collection management system and attainment of Deductible Gift Registry Status as a Museum/Gallery.

This was all achieved with minimal disruption to the ongoing business of the Society which included another year of memorable tours, monthly publication of Railway Digest and ARH, and operation of the RRC and Bookshop.

In 2019 we completed:

- The sale of the Redfern property,
- The sale of the Alexandria property,
- The purchase of the Henderson Road property at Waterloo.

Together, these represent asset transfers of over \$10m which is significant for the Society. In any property transaction there is some commercial risk and it's great news that this is now behind us.

Packing up the RRC in under three weeks was ambitious but it was a valuable opportunity to assess the breadth and depth of the collection. It will assist with the planning of RRC activities in the coming year and beyond. The tremendous progress made in the past twenty years in digitising so much of the collection allows us to build from a strong position.

Until our new headquarters at Henderson Road has been renovated and is ready for us to move in, we are leasing an industrial unit at Bowden Street as well as a retail premises on the Concourse at Central Station.

Packing up the bookshop in a short period was also ambitious and required a huge effort from staff and volunteers. However, the return to the concourse means the bookshop is so much more convenient for members and is a great location for attracting passing traffic. We expect that this will translate into increased sales and Society membership, as well as a higher profile amongst the enthusiast community and the broader travelling public.

The Board has developed a strategy for the Society supported by a range of initiatives and an annual budget. This allows us to manage finances carefully through the transition to a new property and make sure we are directing resources to the right areas. These improvements would not have been possible without the upgrade of our financial reporting systems earlier in the year.

Volunteers are at the heart of the Society and it's important that they are recognised, encouraged and developed. This year we have several very deserving members nominated for Life Membership. The Board is also looking at other means of recognition and a more formal programme of volunteer recruitment, training and reward.

I would like to thank all volunteers and staff for their forbearance during a year of extraordinary change and upheaval. I would also like to thank Paul Scells whose calm leadership and drive has propelled us forward. I have been encouraged by the support and encouragement of members who can see that temporary disruption is a sign of activity and progress towards a Society that will continue well beyond its 85th year.

James Dalton
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

The Division's membership as at 30 April 2019 was 1,303 compared with 1,210 a year ago.

This Increase in membership has occurred by the changes to our membership system. The changes were made to make the Society an attractive offer to all new members by giving them the flexibility of what they wanted included in their membership. We also introduced Corporate membership and this is slowly growing for us with four new additions this year.

The Society has thirty Life Members who meet on an annual basis. Twenty Life Members met for lunch at Club Redfern on 26 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

COMMERCIAL

Members are referred to the Income Account for the year ended 30 April 2019 on page 16 for a description of revenue and expenditure for the year.

Bookshop sales have increased to the prior year and this was across all platforms, shop/mail/phone/shopping cart. There has been increased activity in promoting our Bookshop through our newsletter, magazines and through Social Media.

With the introduction of a new website and shopping cart, the accessibility to titles and our normal stocks have become easier and we have seen an increase in transactions. 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

FINANCE

The financial results for the year ended 30 April 2019 show a surplus of \$390,006 including abnormal items. There were several abnormal items comprising a donation of \$100,000, the continuation of the computer upgrade project totalling \$84,000, receipts and expenditures incurred in connection with the sale of the Renwick Street, Redfern and Bourke Road, Alexandria properties and the purchase of the new society premises at Henderson Road, Redfern totalling a surplus of \$263,692. When the abnormal items are removed, the underlying result is a surplus of \$104,000. Normal operations were also adversely affected by the disruption caused by the relocation process which was only partially complete by the end of the year. Directors were pleased with the underlying result and believe the move to the larger and more appropriate Henderson Road premises will be a cornerstone in setting up the Society for future service delivery and growth.

Total sales for this year came in at \$634K, down from \$708K in the previous year. Some of this drop is related to closure of the shop during the relocation process and some no doubt is due the difficult location at Renwick Street Redfern. Subsequent to the end of the year, the Society was able to return to the Central Station Concourse and this, together with the opening of a new shop in the Henderson Road property is expected to see an increase in sales in the coming year.

The accounts show that total subscriptions for the year were \$320K, down slightly from the previous year's \$334K. The busy tours program provided a surplus of \$17K for the year, down from \$30k from the previous year, reflecting a slight reduction of activity while the Railway Resource Centre showed an increase in activity to return a surplus of \$71K compared with the previous year of a surplus of \$39K. The Centre has the potential to provide an increased service to the sector and return a stronger surplus in the coming years.

The Society arranged a line of credit of up to \$6,000,000 to facilitate the real estate transactions that occurred during the year and at the end of the year the loan balance stood at \$5,150,000 while cash reserves stood at \$501,302. The cash reserves will be used to minimise the loan costs. The loan balance fell to \$10,000 shortly after the end of the year but will increase again as the fit out of the new property proceeds. Directors anticipate that it will take the Society several years to fully clear the loan but are confident that the business model is in place to ensure that all operating expenses are paid on time and also to gradually pay down the loan.

Paul Holding FCPA, Treasurer

RAILWAY RESOURCE CENTRE

The Railway Resource Centre achieved several significant milestones in the past year.

We completed a very worthwhile project in collaboration with Transport Heritage NSW, to restore the Honour Rolls on the Grand Concourse at Central. A small team of volunteers led by Bill Phippen OAM wrote over 1200 short biographies of each of the names on the rolls, compiled from their record cards from State Archives and their service records at the AWM and National Library of Australia. Their hard work saw the project completed in time for the unveiling of the restored Honour Rolls in November.

The collection grew through several significant donations and volunteers continued the relentless task of scanning and cataloguing photos and slides. The team at Alexandria have been scanning our sizeable collection of engineering drawings while others scan and catalogue material for the intranet.

During the year, we have developed our relationships with Sydney Trains, Transport Heritage NSW, ARTC and others. We have demonstrated our capability and consequently business from these sources appears to be increasing. This is important for the growth and sustainability of the Society and the RRC in particular.

The RRC Advisory Committee (RAC) is a sub-committee of the board which has been in place in one form or another since 1996. It has played an important role in the management of the RRC, particularly in establishing policies and practices. During the year, it was agreed that the RAC no longer needs to formally meet as a board sub-committee, but in an advisory capacity on an "as-required" basis. I would like to thank the members of the RAC for their contribution in making the RRC what it is today – the leading railway archive in Australia.

At the end of the financial year, the RRC was packed-up in preparation for our move to temporary premises. In the time that we have been at the Redfern address, the collection has grown considerably and much of it scanned and transferred to the Bourke Road Alexandria repository. The new facility at Henderson Road will allow us more space to process donations, conserve old and damaged records, store irreplaceable items in a dedicated, controlled and fire-safe area, and

welcome researchers to an attractive, professional facility for historical research, unlike any other in the country.

While there is a dedicated bunch of regular volunteers, we are always looking for more. In particular, those with PC proficiency are needed to help with data entry and processing. If you can help or know someone who can, please let me know. I would like to acknowledge the work of our regular RRC volunteers and thank them for their time so freely given.

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

To start the year a day tour was operated to follow the progress, one year later, in the construction of Sydney's South East and CBD Light Rail in a heritage bus from the Sydney Bus Museum.

Another joint Tour covering the railways in Northern Japan in May with Opulent Journeys was very successful and has resulted in a further well supported Southern Japan Rail Tour in May 2019.

The annual June Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Tour extended over 5 days for our Two State Adventure to Albury, Seymour and Rutherglen. Because bookings were down in number for this tour due to various circumstances and operational issues, it was necessary to cancel our usual charter of the 621/721 Rail Cars from The Rail Motor Society at Paterson and we utilised regular timetabled rail travel by XPT and VR Regional Services, together with Martin's Coaches in Albury. However, we continued to enjoy some regular patronage, with several of our patrons traveling on their seventeenth trip with us. Our special thanks are 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 the Society's future tours.

Other tours with The Rail Motor Society included a tour to the re-opened line to Rylstone in the 621/721 Rail Cars, whilst the 402 Club enjoyed a tour around the State's Western branch lines.

Our grateful thanks are extended to Grahame Swanson and his volunteers at the Lake Macquarie Light Railway, Toronto for their very professional operation of their steam and diesel hauled trains for our End of Year function and Spit Roast luncheon.

Sincere thanks again go to Ed Tonks, Greg Anderson and the Newcastle University Auchmuty Library Staff for hosting another visit to view a screening of more archival movie and photo collections being processed at the library involving railways in the Hunter region. This tour also included a cruise around Newcastle Harbour on the restored replica paddle steamer William IV, viewing locations with commentary noting where rail activity occurred around the harbour-side. This tour concluded with a trip on the newly opened Newcastle Light Rail from Newcastle Beach Terminus to the Newcastle Rail Interchange.

There were three tours arranged in conjunction with the Society's Luncheon Club. These involved a two day Coach Tour to Catherine Hill Bay, the Fernleigh Track and Belmont areas.

The other Luncheon Club outings included a visit to the former Lapstone Zig Zag site and the XPT Depot at Meeks Road. Special thanks to Gary Hughes and his team in the organisation of these interesting and informative tours.

A Ferry Cruise was arranged to celebrate the Society's launch of Bill Phippen's Hawkesbury River Railway Bridges Book and to successfully complete the journey by ferry following the route of the "General Gordon" from Brooklyn to Gosford.

Thanks to Jim Longworth for his preparation of notes providing site locations and commentary on our Where Rails Met the Harbour Ferry Cruise in January.

Another popular day tour in February, was to again visit the Sydney Tramway Museum for their annual special Heritage Day event in the restored 1937 Leyland TD4 Double Decker Bus from the Sydney Bus Museum. It was great to see and ride Sydney's Heritage trams to Sutherland and on The Royal National Park line.

The Tour year concluded with another regular weekend tour with historian Ed Tonks in April 2019, visiting Maitland SteamFest, the South Maitland Railways lines and former colliery sites and including the Richmond Vale Railway Museum.

Our tour year involved activities with the following main line and museum operating organisations, The Rail Motor Society Paterson, the Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus and buses from the Sydney Bus Museum and the Richmond Vale Railway Museum.

Also, Central Coast Ferries for the "General Gordon" cruise on the Hawkesbury River and Brisbane Water, and Rosman Ferries for our Sydney Harbour cruise.

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 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 members Stuart Sharp, Gary Hughes, Ed Tonks, Greg Anderson, Neville Pollard, Jim Longworth and Bill Phippen for their contributions to the ARHS NSW and Luncheon Club Tours.

Our very special thanks also must be given to 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.

If any member is interested in assisting in the preparation of Tours, please contact the Tours Director or any member of the Society's 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 2018 to April 2019 inclusive) the outings took in: -

May 2018 – Oatley

June 2018 – Lapstone Hill Zig Zag

July 2018 – No outing

August 2018 – 2 day tour Beyond Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay

September 2018 - XPT Depot at Meeks Road

October 2017 - No outing

November 2018 – Ashfield

December 2018 - No outing

January 2019 - No outing

February 2019 - No outing

March 2019 - Wahroonga.

April 2019 - No outing

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

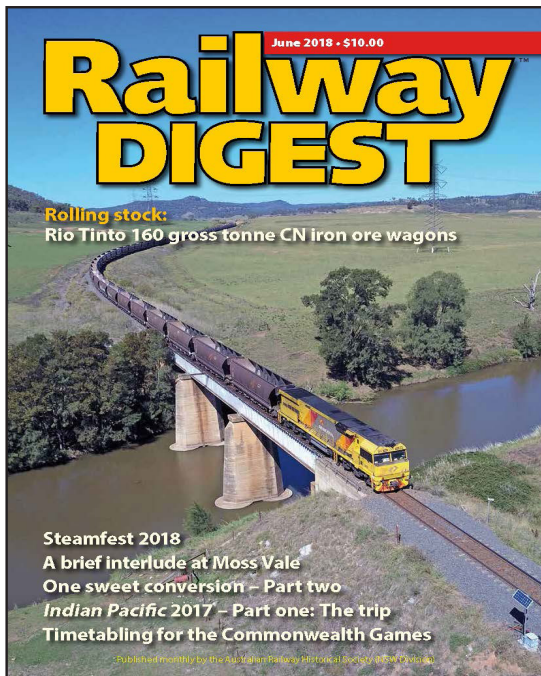
A special thanks is also due to the various officers from Sydney Trains and NSW Trainlink who in many cases make these outings possible.

The Luncheon Club outings are now in their 11th 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.





During the 2018-2019 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, Railway Digest again participated as a media partner in AusRAIL, the Australian rail industry's flagship event. Held over two days at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, with the theme 'Rail - For a Better Future', AusRAIL 2018 attracted more than 700 rail professionals from Australia and overseas and over 1000 visitors. Editor Bruce Belbin and Rolling Stock Editor Peter Clark flew the flag for Railway Digest, attending various presentations and functions and catching up with some industry identities.

In July, Railway Digest again participated as media partner in the Australasian Rail Industry Awards night. Held this year in the opulent surrounds of the Palladium Room at Melbourne's Crown Towers, the sold-out Awards Event saw fourteen 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.

Two weeks later, Bruce Belbin took a leisurely drive from Sydney to the picturesque western NSW town of Parkes to attend the Australian Logistics Council and Australasian Railway Association's inaugural two-day Inland Rail Conference, which proved to be a very informative and entertaining event.

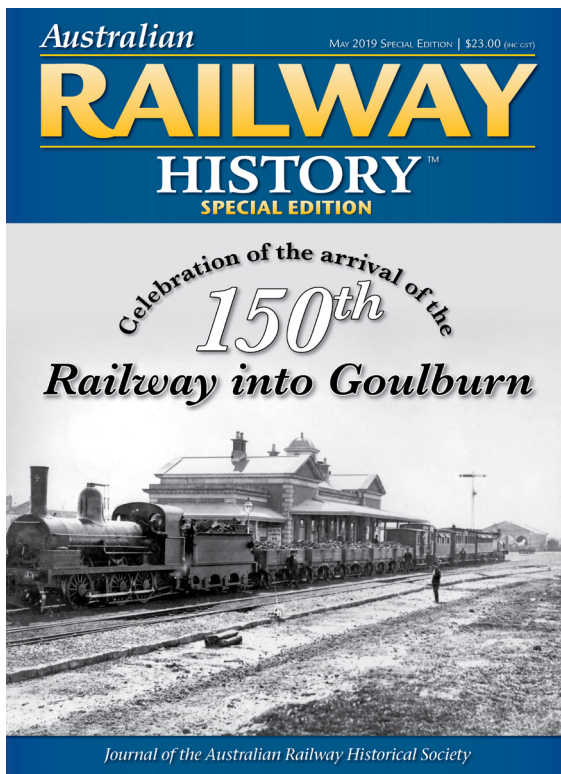
Kevin Mirah continued to skilfully manage Digest's popular Facebook page (which now boasts over 2160 'Followers') maintaining a positive online presence for the magazine and a strong, interactive and ongoing connection with its readers, particularly in the under-35 demographic. With postage costs steadily increasing, the digital version of Railway 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 2018-19 were: Rod Avery, David Campbell, James Chuang, Peter Clark, Graham Crichton, Ken Date, Robert Driver, Wayne Eade, Dominik Giemza, Alan Graham, Malcolm Holdsworth, John Hoyle, Michael James, Philip Laird, Ewan McLean, Phil Melling, Max Mitchell, Rod Milne, Anjum Naweed, Neville Pollard, John Scott, Alan Shaw, Les Shepherd, Malcolm Simister, Graham Vincent and Chris Walters, 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 our 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 during the year included the Epping to Chatswood conversion, Ballarat line upgrade works and Victoria's last main line semaphore signals. Subjects profiled in RSC&D included the Rio Tinto 160 gross tonne Ore Wagons, SPENO Ultrasonic Testing Vehicle US 7, Stadler's Ski Tube Refurbishment, and the Vlocity 3.0: The short/medium distance version. The 'Remember When' section featured two interesting contributions, 'Lanefield then, Lanefield now' and 'One Rusty Rail at Lindum'.

Bruce Belbin, Editor



I would like to thank the ARHS Board, office holders and the wider membership for making me feel extremely welcome over the last year. I would also like to specially thank the transition team of Paul Scells, Col Gilbertson, Richard Mathews, and Bill Phippen, as well as James Dalton and Sophie Nicolas. I really appreciated their help in the early months, but I am still enjoying their ongoing support and their friendship.

Appeals were placed in the ARHS newsletter for some extra help in assessing the consistent stream of articles that keep coming in for publishing. Thank you all that raised their hands to assist. This has certainly improved the facts and the grammar style of the magazine with many eyes reviewing material prior to the design stage. Authors have also appreciated the various helpful comments made prior to the final sign off. This has allowed for several perspectives to be considered prior to publishing, thus making sure the readers get the best possible product that we can offer by the time they see the magazine on the shelves. This extra assistance has also helped to revise and update the Author's guide, which is due to be released before the end of the year. This is a great guide and assists many experienced and first-time writers when publishing material in ARH. Further collaboration with interstate partners has also helped to maintain and understand local attitudes or lingo which has supported ARH's factual strength.

Over the 2018-19 period, ARH published a wide range of articles that contained high quality research into Australia's railways. Some examples are:

- (May 2018) The Sydney Suburban Passenger Train Service - Bill Phippen
- (July 2018) A History of Gooramma Siding -

Greg Blackwell

- (August 2018) Keeping the Home Fires Burning: Sydney Firewood Traffic - Neville Pollard
- (September 2018) William Rowan and his Steam Railcars - Darryl Grant
- (October 2018) Demondrille Coal Bunker Investigating its Origins and Operations (3 parts) - Stephen Baker
- (December 2018) The Railways of Wolseley (3 parts) - Des Egan
- (January 2019) 1632: A Narrative of Dedication - Tony Hallam
- (March 2019) Circus Trains of Australia - Antony Roth
- (March 2019) L Class Genesis - Philip Dunn
- (April 2019) The Tasmanian Main Line Railway (2 parts) - Jim Stokes

Two very special editions for the period were November 2018 and February 2019. November 2018 commemorated the Centenary of the Armistice of the Great War. Bill Phippen was able to mark the event by acknowledging the NSW Government Railways and Tramways employees who died during the conflict. Bill Phippen wrote an article that focused on the history of the Memorial and Roll of Honour that was created for Sydney Railway Station. The subsequent history of the boards after 1960 is unknown, until they were delivered to the Heritage Store in the old paint shop at Eveleigh about 2007. ARHSnsw was commissioned by Transport Heritage NSW to prepare brief biographies for each of the 1219 names that appear on the boards. Some of these have featured throughout the edition.

For the February 2019 edition, previous editor Bob Mckillop got the ball rolling early and was able to contact Graeme Reynolds who took on the difficult task of returning to the confronting material of the coroner's report for the 1969 Southern Aurora disaster. Col Gilbertson was also able to extensively write on his experience of being in the NSWGR Secretariat at the time of the disaster. His article focused on the departments swift and decisive reaction to the disaster and the organising of the rolling stock for the next days service. A feat that we would not see today under similar circumstances.

We were then able to take ARH on the road to Violet Town in Victoria to join the towns commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Southern Aurora railway tragedy. (See July 2019 edition – Explorer section for extended report on the event)

Thank you very much for all your readership and submissions. I am looking forward to seeing so many more articles and meeting more members in the next coming year.

Stephen McLachlan - Editor ARH

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Following the successful launch of Bill Phippen's excellent *The Hawkesbury River Bridges* book, we then launched his fantastic collection of images of the construction of the city railway *By Muscle of Man and Horse*, at St. James Station in September 2018. Both occasions drew the senior management of Sydney Trains, and promoted the ARHS brand to the community.

Although, not an ARHS publication, we have been pleased watch to the development of Bob Taaffe's five-volume publication on the Signal boxes of NSW. To help Bob with this task, the Society gave him a grant of \$10,000.

As publication methods continue to change, we have been able to examine options not previously available for small runs. Digital printing, or downloadable material are available where printed hard bound books would have been unaffordable. This has allowed us to publish material that would have previously been rejected. The grant to Bob Taaffe is another method we are able to employ as support to authors, and at a budget that we can manage.

The sad fact is that many of the publications that come to us are not print ready and require a great deal of fact checking and rewriting. In the past, those duties have been taken on by the Publications Committee, and that takes its toll on volunteer hours and costs that the Society absorbs for research using the RRC facilities. After years of work, some promising works begin to reveal as too much of a task to make interesting reading for the general enthusiast. As a result, we have been revising our policy of how to proceed with publications offered to us. Harry Anneveld contributed a great deal of work in helping us formulate a policy for publication, and to put the Society on a more commercial footing, while still maintaining its role for historical necessity.

NEWCASTLE BRANCH

Attendances at our Entertainment Meetings have continued to decline slightly. This year just over half of the guest speakers were drawn from among our own members and regular visitors. The January 2019 meeting had to be abandoned as the Community Centre suffered a blackout while we were setting up - it soon became obvious that the problem was a power pole (just across the road) which was sparking and shedding burning insulation.

Committee

Glen Magee - Branch Chairman

John Barnes - Branch Secretary

Tony Lowther, Matthew Parr, Raymond Power, Spencer Ross, Wal Williams - Committee Members

Glen Magee and Spencer Ross were once again delegates to Heritage Hunter, and Glen has continued as a member of their committee.

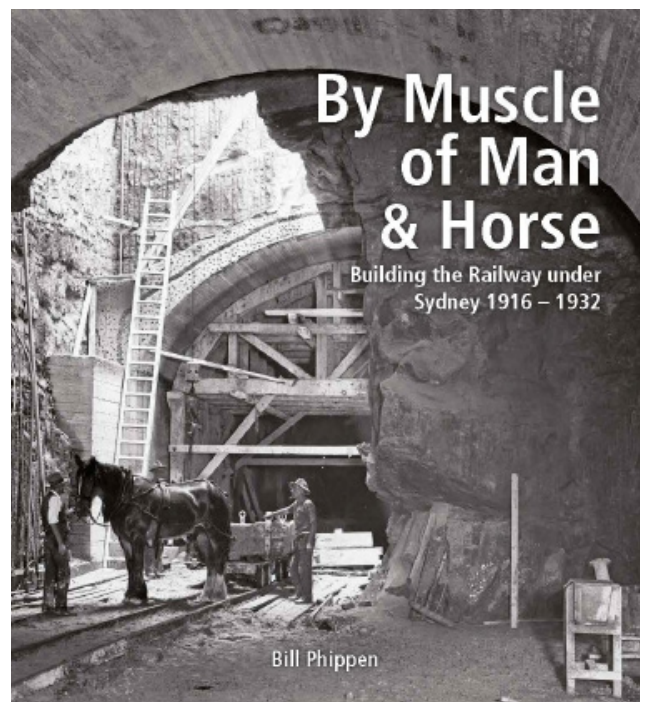
John Barnes, Branch Secretary

Areas that need attention are the ability of a publication to pay its way, its input to our historical knowledge, and general interest outside the core railfan business. Following my resignation from the Committee in January, the Board has reviewed the policy work, and the demands on the Committee members; so, resolved to temporarily put the Committee on hold for a time, while continuing any works in progress.

I would like to record my sincere appreciation of the work by all members of the Publications Committee, and the assistance of the Board of the ARHS, together with Paul and Sophie, over the past year.

I look forward to seeing the Committee active again in the near future.

Chris Harding, Chair Publications Committee



2018-2019 SYDNEY MEMBERS' MEETINGS SPEAKERS

May	Stuart Kean	The Career of Cornelius Ambrose Cardew
June	David Honer	South African Railways
July	David Jehan	Hudson Brothers
August	James & Paul	ARHSnsw Update
September	Warren Miller	India's Nilgiri rack railway, steaming into the 21st century
October	Craig Mackey	3801 Q&A
November	Peter Sage	NSW Rail Scene – 1961-66
December	Mike Moy	My Life in the Railway
January	Bill Phippen	Honour Boards
February	Graham Black	3 Surviving R.O.D.'s
March	Amy Keighran	Sydney Trains Heritage
April	Ed Tonks	Tracking Back

2018-2019 NEWCASTLE MEMBERS' MEETINGS SPEAKERS

May	Annual Meeting,	Photographic competition and Quiz
June	Russell Butterworth	China Rail 1986
July	Ed Tonks	Great Britain Part 2
August	James & Paul	ARHSnsw Update
September	Bill Phippen	By Muscle of Man and Horse
October	Ed Tonks	Great Britain Part 3
November	Warren Miller	India's Nilgiri Rack Rail
December	Members Night	
January	Warren Miller	DVD Presentation
February	Ed Tonks	Tracking Back
March	Graham Black	3 Surviving R.O.D.'s
April	John Ward	Images of Rail Memories

2018-2019 TOURS PROGRAM

May 7-20	Opulent Journeys Northern Japan by Rail Tour
May 26	CBD Light Rail Construction 1 Year Later Tour
June 9-13	A Two State Tour to Albury, Seymour and Rutherglen
June 20	Luncheon Club Lapstone Zig Zag Site outing
August 15-16	Luncheon Club Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay
September 2	A Passenger Train to Rylstone
September 19	Luncheon Club XPT Depot Meeks Rd Tour
October 28	Hawkesbury River Rail Bridge Book Launch Cruise
November 2-6	402 Club Central West Tour
December 9	End of Year Function LMLR Toronto Christmas Party
January 20	Where Rails met the Harbour Ferry Cruise
February 24	Heritage Tram Day at Sydney Tramway Museum
March 23	Newcastle University Auchmuty Library Tour
April 13-14	Steamfest, SMR, Richmond Vale Museum Tour

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 2019.

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 2019, are:

Nicole Buckley. Age 54 years. Catering Aide. Director since September 2011.

James Dalton. BE(Mech), MBA. Age 48 years. Engineer and Business Consultant. Director since February 2016. Chairman since October 17

Colin B.Gilbertson. RFD, B.Bus., Grad. Dip (Tax). Age 69 years. Accountant and Tax Agent. Retired Air Force Officer. Director since April 2017, Treasurer until 11/10/18.

Christopher Harding. Age 70 years. Retired bookshop manager and bank officer. Director since 2013. Vice President September 2014 to 2016. President 2016-2017, Vice Chairman since October 17

Paul Holding. Age 72 years. Retired. Director since October 2018, Treasurer since October 2018

Craig R Mackey. BE BSc Age 53 years. Engineer. Director since 11 February 2015.

Neville J Pollard. JP BA MEd. Dip. Theol. Teach. Cert. Age 73 years, Retired High School Principal. Education Consultant. Director since 2007.

Spencer C Ross. C.T.M., FCIT. Age 78 years. Bus industry consultant. Director since 2001. Previous Councillor 1968–1971.

Grahame L Thurling. Age 72 years. Retired bank officer. Director since 1996. Secretary since November 2004.

Directors has been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Directors' Board Meeting Attendance:

	<u>Number Eligible to Attend</u>	<u>Attended</u>
N Buckley	6	6
J Dalton	6	6
CB Gilbertson	6	6
C Harding	6	5
P Holding	4	4
CR Mackey	6	6
NJ Pollard	6	5
SC Ross	6	6
GL Thurling	6	6

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New South Wales Division

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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 \$390,006 (2018: 130,770).

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 ARHS NSW is the only organisation of this 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 organisation 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 30th day of August 2019. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.



J Dalton
(Chairman)



GL Thurling
(Director)

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
ACN 000 538 803
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019

	\$ <u>2019</u>	\$ <u>2018</u>
Revenue and Other Income		
Sales Books	631,132	443,262
Sales Railway Digest	193,386	314,311
Sales Australian Railway History	29,928	162,021
Member Subscriptions	100,349	102,181
Advertising Revenue	7,559	9,240
Archive Activities	71,230	39,509
Tour Income (Net)	17,292	30,014
Interest Received	22,478	18,287
Donations	100,000	-
Gains on disposal of property	558,692	-
Other Income	5,687	7,516
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Total Revenue	1,737,733	1,126,341
 Expenditure		
Accounting & Audit	20,154	19,828
Purchases & Selling Costs	172,770	117,813
Digest Publication Costs	246,369	266,814
ARH Publication Costs	116,044	142,363
Depreciation	9,987	9,920
Insurance	18,028	20,186
Interest Expense	98,290	-
Premises Cost	52,460	47,304
Telephone	10,121	7,316
Legal Fees	6,734	-
Donations Made	-	-
Salaried Staff	278,426	260,225
Relocation Expenses	150,685	-
General Administration	167,659	103,802
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Total Expenditure	1,347,727	995,571
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Current year surplus before Income Tax	390,006	130,770
Income Tax	10	-
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Net Current year surplus	390,006	130,770
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AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
ACN 000 538 803
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2019

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2019</u> \$	<u>2018</u> \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3	508,349	960,139
Receivables/Prepayments	4	5,444,480	76,182
Inventories	5	226,605	243,606
Total Current Assets		6,179,433	1,279,927
Investments			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	5,489,192	4,298,932
Total Non-Current Assets		5,489,192	4,298,932
Total Assets		11,668,626	5,578,859
Current Liabilities			
Bank Loan - secured		5,150,000	-
Payables	7	630,709	88,330
Income in Advance	8	227,383	217,114
Provision for Employee Benefits	9	4,441	4,597
Total Current Liabilities		6,012,533	310,041
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provision for Employees Benefits	9	5,680	8,702
Total Non-Current Liabilities		5,680	8,702
Total Liabilities		6,018,213	318,743
Net Assets		5,650,413	5,260,116
Members' Funds			
Reserves		600,925	3,723,009
Retained Earnings		5,049,488	1,537,107
Total Members Funds		5,650,413	5,260,116



FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RAILWAYS

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
ACN 000 538 803

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
		\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers		1,156,563	1,192,589
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(1,287,584)	(1,330,699)
Interest Received		22,478	18,297
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	11	(108,543)	(119,823)
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchases of Plant and Equipment & Property		(5,493,247)	(14,172)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(5,493,247)	(14,172)
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Cash Flows from Financial Activities			
Bank Loan		6,000,000	-
Repayment of Loan		(850,000)	-
Net Cash used in Financial Activities		5,150,000	-
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Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		(451,790)	(133,995)
Cash at Beginning of Financial Year		960,139	1,094,134
Cash at End of Financial Year	3	508,349	960,139

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019

	<u>New Building</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Bequest</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Profits</u>	<u>Revaluation</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance 1 May 2018	303,871	1,802,617	-	31,544	3,122,375	5,260,407
Surplus attributed to Members	-	390,006	-	-	-	390,006
Revaluation transfer	-	-	3,122,375	-	(3,122,375)	-
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Balance 30 April 2019	303,871	2,192,623	3,122,375	31,544	-	5,650,413

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019

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 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The financial report is for the Australian Railway Historical Society New South Wales Division as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Australian Railway Historical Society New South Wales Division is a company limited by guarantee.

Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, and Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standard Board. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

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.

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

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	33.3
Buildings	0%

Depreciation continued

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 31 August 2019 by the Board of Directors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019

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

NOTE 2: PROFIT

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	3,512,672	130,770
After charging the following as an expense:		
Depreciation and Amortisation	9,987	9,920
Remuneration of auditor	5,000	5,000

NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	502,869	958,939
Cash on hand	5,480	1,200
	<u>508,349</u>	<u>960,139</u>

NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	89,806	73,182
Other receivables - Property	5,336,862	-
Prepayments	17,812	3,000
	<u>5,444,480</u>	<u>76,182</u>

NOTE 5: INVENTORIES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
CURRENT (at cost)		
Stock – Retail Publications	226,605	243,606
– Society Book Publications		
	<u>226,605</u>	<u>243,606</u>

NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
PROPERTY		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
- Redfern – at directors' valuation	-	3,024,000
- Alexandria – at directors' valuation	-	1,269,000
-Alexandria - at cost	5,456,824	
-Alexandria - Land improvements	10,450	
	<u>5,467,274</u>	<u>4,293,000</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment – at cost	201,953	175,980
Less accumulated depreciation	(180,034)	(170,048)
	<u>21,819</u>	<u>5,932</u>
	<u>5,467,274</u>	<u>4,298,932</u>

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Trade payable	105,987	46,853
Other Payables	7,854	2,369
Superannuation payable	737	596
GST payable	513,420	35,303
PAYG payable	2,711	3,209
	<u>630,709</u>	<u>88,330</u>

NOTE 8: INCOME IN ADVANCE

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Subscriptions	158,342	188,262
Tour Income	69,041	28,852
	<u>227,383</u>	<u>217,114</u>

NOTE 9: PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Annual Leave - Current	4,441	4,597
Long Service Leave - Non-Current	5,680	8,702
	<u>10,121</u>	<u>13,299</u>

NOTE 10: 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 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating surplus after income tax		
Surplus after income tax	390,006	130,770
Donation received plus interest		
Non cash flows in profit		
Depreciation and amortisation	9,987	9,920
Gain on sale of property	(558,692)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables/prepayments	(31,436)	13,577
Increase/(Decrease) in subscriptions prepaid	10,269	(78,126)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	17,001	(152,545)
Decrease/(Increase) in provisions	-	-
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	54,322	(43,419)
Cash flows (used in),/provided by operating activities	<u>(100,543)</u>	<u>(119,823)</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
9/23 Bowden Street Alexandria NSW 2015

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 2018, the number of members was 1,210.

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 2018 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 31st day of August 2019



J Dalton
(Chairman)



GL Thurling
(Director)





SCS AUDIT & CORPORATE SERVICES PTY LTD

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10 July, 2019

Mr G Thurling
Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division
Unit9, 23 Bowden Street
Alexandria NSW 2015

Dear Mr Thurling,

Audit Engagement

You have requested that we audit the financial report of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2019 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

The objectives of our audit 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 this financial report.

Auditor Responsibility

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a) 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.
- b) 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 entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial report that we have identified during the audit.

- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d) Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 Company'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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) 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.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Company Responsibility

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a) For the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards;
- b) For such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- c) To provide us with:
 - (i) Access to all information of which the directors and management are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - (ii) Additional information that we may request from the directors and management for the purpose of the audit;
 - (iii) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Independence

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, we currently meet the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit of the financial report. In conducting our audit of the financial report, should we become aware that we have contravened the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, we shall notify you on a timely basis. As part of our audit process, we shall also provide you with a written independence declaration as required by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

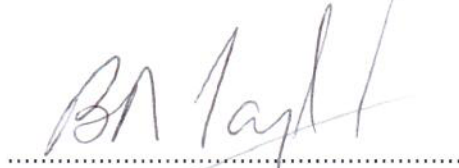
Annual General Meetings

The *Corporations Act 2001* provides that members can submit written questions to the auditor before an Annual General Meeting provided that they relate to the auditor's report or the conduct of the audit. To assist us in meeting this requirement in the *Corporations Act 2001* relating to Annual General Meetings, we request you provide to us written questions submitted to you by shareholders as soon as practicable after the question(s) is received and no later than five business days before the Annual General Meeting, regardless of whether you believe them to be irrelevant.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgement of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial report including our respective responsibilities.

Yours faithfully,

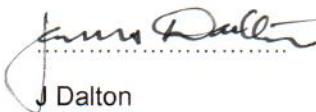
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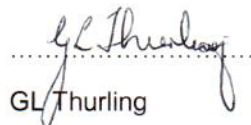
Registered Company Auditor

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division

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J Dalton

Director

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GL Thurling

Director

Dated: 30 AUGUST 2019

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
New South Wales Division
ABN 96 000 538 803

30 August, 2019

SCS Audit & Corporate Services Pty Ltd
Suite 802, Level 8, 309 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sirs,

Re: 2019 Audited Accounts

This representation letter is made in connection with the Independent Audit of the financial statements of Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division (the Company) for the year ended 30 April 2019.

We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, as it applies to these accounts.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made available to you during your audit.

General

All financial records and related data, other information explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit, and information relevant to your audit for the year ended 30 April, 2019 have been made available to you.

Fraud

There :

Has been no fraud, error or non compliance with laws and regulations involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control.

No fraud, error or non compliance with laws and regulations that could have a material effect on the financial report.

No communications from regulatory agencies, other than that made available to you, concerning non- compliance with, or deficiencies, in financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report.

Internal Control

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect error. We have established and maintained adequate internal control to facilitate the preparation of reliable financial report, and adequate financial records have been maintained. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.

Classification

We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying values, or classifications, of assets or liabilities

ASSETS

1. The assets shown in the Company's books and accounts at 30 April, 2019 were owned by the Company and were free from any charge except as disclosed in the accounts.
2. All assets, including foreign currency amounts, if any, have been accounted for and are disclosed in the Company's books and accounts at 30 April, 2019. No shares or any other forms of investments are held by the company in any Australian or foreign company except as disclosed in the accounts.
3. We have considered the requirements of AASB 136 Impairment of Assets, when assessing the impairment of assets and in ensuring that no assets are stated in excess of their recoverable amount

Fixed Assets

4. The net book amounts at which fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet are arrived at :
 - (a) after taking into account all capital expenditure on additions thereto, No items of a capital nature have been expensed to the Profit and Loss Account during the year.
 - (b) after eliminating the cost and accumulated depreciation relating to items sold or scrapped; and
 - (c) after providing for depreciation and obsolescence on bases and at rates calculated to reduce the net book amount of each asset to its estimated residual value by the end of its probable useful life in the company's business.

5. At the balance sheet date there were no outstanding commitments for the purchase of fixed assets except as disclosed in the accounts.

Current Assets

6. On realisation in the ordinary course of the company's business the current assets in the balance sheet are expected, in our opinion to produce at least the amounts at which they are stated. In particular, adequate provision has been made against all amounts owing to the company which are known, or may be expected, to be irrecoverable.

Bank accounts and Term and Security Deposits and Investments

7. All Bank accounts, Security Deposits, Term Deposits and Investments have been brought to account and appropriately disclosed in the financial report.

Insurance

8. All insurable assets and risks are in our opinion adequately covered and the premiums on the policies are current.

LIABILITIES

Trade Creditors and Accruals

9. All creditors, trade creditors and accruals taken to account are a legal liability of the company and are expected to be paid within the normal course of business

General

10. All known liabilities at the balance sheet date have been taken up in the books of account, including the liability for all purchases to which title had passed prior to the balance sheet date, and for all items included in stocks.

Taxation

11. The company is not liable
12. Superannuation payments made during the year were sufficient to satisfy the Superannuation Guarantee Legislation. At the end of the financial year the company has no further obligations in respect of these commitments.

Commitments

13. There were no purchase commitments in excess of normal requirements or at prices in excess of the prevailing market prices, or agreements to repurchase items previously sold.
14. There were no commitments for the purchase or sale of investments except as disclosed in the accounts.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

15. Invoices made available to you are a complete and authentic record of all sales or income made by the Company.
16. Except as disclosed in the accounts, the results for the year were not materially affected by :
 - (a) transactions not usually undertaken by the Company;
 - (b) circumstances of an exceptional or non-recurrent nature;
 - (c) charges or credits relating to prior years; and
 - (d) any change in the basis of accounting.

Contingent Liabilities

17. All contingent liabilities including lease commitments, have been provided or noted in the accounts.
18. Except as disclosed in the accounts, the results for the year were not materially affected by :
 - (a) transactions not usually undertaken by the Company;
 - (b) circumstances of an exceptional or non-recurrent nature;
 - (c) charges or credits relating to prior years; and
 - (d) any change in the basis of accounting.

20. Since the date of the balance sheet no events have occurred which, though properly excluded from the accounts, are of such importance that they should be disclosed to shareholders or interested third parties through some other medium.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN PROPERLY RECORDED AND WHERE APPROPRIATE DISCLOSED IN THE FINANCIAL REPORT

21. The following have been properly recorded and/ or disclosed in the financial report:
Related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable, sales, purchases, loans, transfers and guarantees or contracts and agreements, share options, warrants, conversions or other arrangements
- Arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances or deposits or similar arrangements, Material liabilities or contingent liabilities or assets

Title Deeds

22. The directors have reviewed all the title deeds and are satisfied that the company has a proper and defensible usage and interest.


Property and Investment Valuations

23. Freehold property and valuation of shares and investments approximates market value and the directors expect to recover the carrying values through sale.

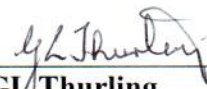
We understand that your examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and was therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the entity taken as a whole, and that your tests of the financial records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose

Yours faithfully,

Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division



J Dalton
Chairman / Director



GJ Thurling
Director