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Members' newsletter

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February 2012

Wed 1	Members' Meeting: Bill Laidlaw Asian High Speed Rlys
Sat 4	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 7	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Newcastle Members' Meeting: TBA
Sat 18	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 18	Winelander Tour to Wallangarra with ARHS Qld Div
Sun 19	Winelander Tour from Wallangarra with ARHS Qld Div
Tue 21	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tues 28	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

March 2012

Sat 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 4	Tour with SMR No.18 to Carlingford & Richmond
Tue 6	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: George Gettens' European Tour
Sat 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks
Sat 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 21	Luncheon Club - Central Platform Buildings
Sat 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 25	Tour with SMR No.18 to Waverton & Hawkesbury River
Tue 27	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

Forthcoming tours

February 18 & 19: Winelander with ARHS Qld.

March 4: SMR No.18 to Carlingford & Richmond (Limited seating-booking form attached.)

March 21: Luncheon Club - Central Platform Buildings

March 25: SMR No.18 to Waverton & Hawkesbury River (Very limited seating - booking form attached.)

June 15 to 18: To Brisbane & Beyond with RMS 621/721 Railcars (Booking form attached.)

July 28/29: Ed Tonks Tour of Historic Road & Rail Bridges of the Hunter

For more information call our Tours Hotline on (02) 8394 9019.

Members' Slide & DVD Night

Colourful Australian locomotive combinations was the topic of the January slide contest. The winner was Chris Sim with his shot of B74 and three ATN L Class at Carlton on a Up Freight.

Upcoming subjects are:

February—Australian railways less than 3'6" gauge

March—Railway Accidents/Collisions/ Mishaps

April—Southern Aurora (*celebrate its 50th Anniversary*)

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern via email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

A reminder that contestants should limit their submissions to five slides or digital images only. The subject of the contest should also be the image's focus.

Sydney meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Sydney on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings commence 6.30pm (seating available from 6pm)	At the 'Mitchell Room', 1st floor, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney (between Park & Bathurst Sts)
Newcastle meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Newcastle on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm.	At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 9am to 5.30pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	The bookshop is located at Rail Heritage Central on the Concourse of Sydney Central Station
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
Administration and Mail Order:	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (no general access—by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RRC MYSTERY

This page, dated 2.9.49, from a past member's notebook is reproduced below. The scribe remains a mystery to the RRC volunteers who are trying to establish the notebook's credentials. Bill Phippen would like to hear from any member who may have a clue whose handwriting it might be.

SYDNEY - MUDGEES 2.9.49

No. 63 Mudgee Mail

(a) Sydney - Katoomba

STATION	DUE		ACTUAL		REMARKS
	P	M	P	M	
Central dep.	10	47	10	47	-
Strathfield arr.	11	0	11	1	1 late
dep.	11	2	11	3½	1½ late
Parramatta arr.	11	16	11	17	1 late p.w. slack at Duck CK.
dep.	11	19	11	18½	½ early
Blacktown	11	30	11	30	-
Penrith arr.	11	47	11	48	1 late
dep.	11	49	11	50½	1½ late
Glenbrook	12	5	12	6½	1½ late
Valley Hts arr.	12	20	12	22	2 late
dep.	12	25	12	26½	1½ late
Linden	12	40	12	42	2 late
Lawson	12	55	12	58	3 late
Wentworth Falls	1	6	1	9½	3½ late
Katoomba arr.	1	17	1	20½	3½ late

LOCO: 3608

ASST LOCO: 3201 (Valley Hts - Katoomba)

CARS: 6-1 Van (FL.CX.FR.VAM.TBC.FS.MHO)

LOAD: 254 tons (28.29.30.40.46.39.42)

OFFICE OF RAIL HERITAGE 2011 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Marianne Hammerton, Director, Office of Rail Heritage, visited the ARHS Railway Resource Centre, Redfern on Friday, 16 December 2011. Also present from the ORH was Sarah Grosse and Jacqueline Irwin. Ms Hammerton presented the ORH 2011 Volunteer Awards. These annual awards honour those who have given generously of their time and effort during the past year. Winners from the ARHSnsw in 2011 were: Administration award - Ian Dixon. Long Service Award - Gordon Burr. Volunteer Encouragement Award - Rick Lawler.

NZ TOUR CANCELLED

The cancellation of this April 2012 tour disappointed both those who had booked and our Tour Committee who had worked with Darjeeling Tours to present a very good itinerary. Unusually, the root cause of the cancellation was the container ship wreck off the Bay of Plenty which has absorbed funds that had been set aside for North Island tour promotion budgets. The three days of jazz festivities at Tauranga, the port in the Bay of Plenty, was cancelled due to a lack of funds. The festivities included Steam Incorporated's J Class 4-8-2 No. 1271 running excursion trips out of Tauranga. Getting the steam loco to Tauranga also gave an opportunity to travel behind steam on the mainline. Sadly, with all the steam trips cancelled, the itinerary lost its highlights and could not be reworked in the short time available.

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Over 50 members and friends participated in the Luncheon Club's outing to Sydney Signal Box on Wednesday 21 December 2011. Led by ARHSnsw life member and signal expert Dr Bob Taaffe, the group was treated to a rare look at this facility which controls the signals and points between Erskineville and Milsons Point, including the ESR.

The Sydney Signal Box was opened in 1979 and took over the work of five signal boxes in the region. Although there is now much computer control, the equipment is becoming outdated compared with other signal boxes in the Sydney area, e.g. Homebush. Our thanks go to the staff on duty on the day and especially to Bob Taaffe.

There will be no Luncheon Club outing in February 2012, however on Wednesday 15 February, Stuart Sharp and John Oakes will be having lunch at Whelans Hotel at Strathfield and invite anyone who so wishes to join them from 12 midday. Note that this is an informal social event, is not an ARHS outing.

On 21 March 2012, and we will be going to Central to look at platform level buildings. We meet under the clock on the main assembly platform (near the ARHS Bookshop) at 11am.

In April we are going to Arncliffe and it will be led by well-known railway historian Jim Longworth.

For the future, in May we have arranged a tour of Scenic World and the Scenic Railway at Katoomba. This will require bookings, and a booking form for this outing will be in the March Newsletter.

Gary Hughes

STEAM TO THE SUBURBS

With South Maitland Railways No.18

**Sunday 4 March &
Sunday 25 March 2012**

ARHSnsw by invitation from 3801 Limited in association with the Hunter Valley Training Company has been offered a carriage on the two suburban steam tours being run in March 2012. *It is expected that these tours will book very quickly and 3801 Limited will accept our bookings on a FIRST COME FIRST BOOKED basis for both tours.*

Tour 1 on Sunday 4 March 2012 will depart Central around 9am and travel via the Bankstown line and the Lidcombe triangle to Carlingford. The train will then return to Rosehill with SMR 18 trailing followed by a brief trip to Sandown before continuing on to Blacktown and the branch to Richmond. There will be sufficient time for a leisurely lunch while the train is re-marshaled for a bunker-first return run to Central due about 4.30pm.

Tour 2 on Sunday 25 March 2012 will depart Central around 9am and travel to Hornsby with SMR 18 leading. From Hornsby the train will be headed to Waverton by our diesel locomotive before negotiating the Lavender Bay Sidings. SMR 18 will then head the train to Hawkesbury River via Hornsby. Once again there will be about 90 minutes for a leisurely lunch whilst the train is re-marshalled for a bunker-first run returning to Central about 4.30pm.

A Devonshire morning tea served from the buffet is included with each booking for both tours.

Both tours will start and finish at Central Station only.

Please Note that on both trips steam tank locomotive SMR 18 will be in push-pull mode with a diesel locomotive, which means that SMR 18 will not always be leading.

BOOKING FORM for 4 & 25 March 2012 Steam to the Suburbs

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve for me:

On Tour 1 on Sunday 4 March 2012Seats ARHSnsw Members and Guests @ \$70.00 \$

On Tour 2 on Sunday 25 March 2012.....Seats ARHSnsw Members and Guests @ \$70.00 \$

2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$

TOTAL (GST Incl.) \$

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No.

Name of accompanying person(s).....

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for \$.....

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (add 2% surcharge to payment)

Card No.Expiry/.....

SignatureDate

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure.

ARHSnsw Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 ABN 96 000 538 803.

ARHSnsw (ABN 96 000 538 803) is not responsible for last minute changes to locomotive/train composition, tour route or destination(s).
Refunds: up to 30 days prior-100 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-90 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date booking rec'dDate processedCar.....Seats.....Tickets sent.....

To BRISBANE & BEYOND

A Rail Car Cruise on Set 621/721-15 to 18 June 2012

**Telarah-Paterson-Taree-Wauchope-Kempsey-Macksville-Coffs Harbour-Grafton-Casino-Kyogle
-Brisbane-Fisherman Islands and Roma Street to Landsborough**

With the regular planned track work and complete shut downs of the Short North and Main North lines over the June long-weekend by ARTC and RailCorp, this tour has been moved to the following week-end to enable us to get to Brisbane. Now that The Rail Motor Society has been granted access to the standard gauge line beyond Border Loop into Queensland, this will be our first tour in the 621/721 Rail Cars to travel over the line into Brisbane and the first standard gauge passenger train to the Fisherman Islands Port of Brisbane branch.

Our best option is to start the tour from Telarah and Paterson. We expect to depart Paterson/Telarah on Friday 15 June at around 7am to travel along the North Coast line, pausing for lunch at Wauchope and then on to Grafton for our first night's rest.

Departing Grafton on Saturday morning, we proceed north to Border Loop and on to Roma Street Station in Brisbane. The afternoon will be spent exploring the Port of Brisbane branch to Fisherman Islands. A packet lunch will be provided on this leg.

On return to Brisbane, our overnight accommodation is in the Holiday Inn right above the Roma Street Station.

On Sunday we join the QR preserved 2000 Class Rail Motors for a journey along the QR North Coast line to Landsborough whilst our ARHS Qld Division members take our train for a return trip to Kyogle.

We rejoin our train at Roma Street mid-afternoon for the return trip to Casino for the overnight stay. Our departure for home on Monday will be about 8am with a lunch break at Macksville. Our expected return to Paterson/Telarah is 8pm.

The tour cost includes all rail travel, lunches, dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation on a twin share basis (with limited single supplement accommodation available at Grafton, Brisbane and Casino) and on-board morning and afternoon teas. Items of a personal nature and drinks at the motels are at your own expense. Secure parking is available at the Rail Motor Museum at Paterson. Accommodation in Paterson and Telarah can be arranged on request for Thursday and Monday nights.

BOOKING FORM: A RAIL CRUISE TO BRISBANE ON SET 621/721-15 TO 18 JUNE 2012

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please book me on the full 4-day tour including the QR 2000 Class trip to Landsborough on Sunday 17 June.

.....Seats ARHSnsw members and guests twin share @ \$1250.00 \$.....
.....Seats Non members twin share @ \$1375.00 \$.....

I would like to have some free time in Brisbane on Sunday.

.....Seats ARHSnsw members and guests twin share @ \$1200.00 \$.....
.....Seats Non members twin share @ \$1325.00 \$.....
.....Single Supplement (limited availability) @ \$ 215.00 \$.....

2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$.....

Total payment \$.....

I requiretwin share.....Double accomodation. Special dietary requirement.....

I require accomodation in Paterson or Telarah on Thursday night 14 June.....

I require accomodation in Paterson or Telarah on Monday night 18 June.....

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No.

Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

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