

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION
 ABN 96 000 538 803

Application for Membership

**To: The Council, ARHS/New South Wales Division
 67 Renwick Street, REDFERN, NSW 2016**

I,.....
 of
 Postcode.....Email address.....Phone.....

having attained the age of 15 years, hereby apply to become an ordinary member of the Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division, and ask you to enter my name in the Register of Members. I agree to be bound by the Constitution of the ARHS New South Wales Division.

Subscription (Choose one option only. Membership includes subscription to ARH Magazine.)

- 1. Membership for one year from May 2008 to April 2009 inclusive at \$75.00. \$.....
- 2. Membership for months* at \$6.25 per month up to & incl. April 2009. \$.....
- 3. Membership & Railway Digest for one year from May 2008 to April 2009 inclusive at \$155 \$.....
- 4. Membership & Railway Digest months* at \$12.95 per month up to & incl. April 2009 \$.....

Plus joining fee \$ 2.00

Total paid \$

Signature.....date.....

* Minimum term is 4 months. Applicants joining from January to April will join for a further 12 months.

Payment(** delete whichever does not apply):

** Cheque/money order is enclosed

** Charge my Mastercard/Visa

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Signature.....date.....

OFFICE USE ONLY: Banking no..... Approved..... Acceptance sent..... Membership no.
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If you are interested in some particular aspect of railway working or in railways generally, if you like to photograph trains or to ride on them, if the 'romance' of railways is in your blood, even if you can't explain why – you are sure to find among the members of the Australian Railway Historical Society others whose interests are similar.

Origins. On 19 May 1933, six enthusiasts met in Sydney and formed the Railway Circle of Australasia. In May 1936 the name was changed to Australian Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and further changed to Australian Railway Historical Society in 1951.

Membership grew steadily and in 1945 a Division was formed in Victoria. Subsequently further divisions were formed in South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT.

Due to the increasing size and range of activities of the Society, separate companies were formed in each State to take over the assets and liabilities of the Divisions of the unincorporated Society. The Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division, is a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Aims and Objectives of the Society can be summarised as:

- a) to enable people interested in the history and operations of railways in Australia to be associated with others with similar interests, for their mutual benefit and enjoyment;
- b) to encourage the study of Australian railways;
- c) to encourage the compilation of authentic records;
- d) to encourage preservation of historic artefacts;
- e) to arrange outings, tours etc.
- f) to produce publications and other records etc.

ACTIVITIES

Meetings, at which visitors are welcome, are held in Sydney and Newcastle. Venues are:

Sydney: at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, SYDNEY on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm.

Newcastle: New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Road & Cromwell Street, New Lambton on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm.

These meetings usually feature a talk on a topic of railway interest, accompanied by a programme of films or colour slides.

Competitions: The monthly meeting in Sydney regularly includes a slide competition. Entry is free to all members of the Society.

Tours. The Society arranges outings to places of railway interest. Some of these excursions are by special train and arrangements are made for the passengers to record the outing on film and tape. Other outings are just designed to give members and their friends the opportunity and enjoyment of travelling in a train and/or to visit areas of historical interest.

Archives and Reading Room. The ARHS Rail Resource Centre houses the thousands of documents, periodicals and books the Society has acquired over the years. This collection is available to members as a research library of Australian Railway history. It contains much that is not readily available from any other source.

The Centre is located at 67 Renwick Street, Redfern and is open between 10.00am and 3.00pm on the first, second, third and fourth Saturdays of each month and between noon and 4.00pm on the first, second, third and fourth Tuesdays.

ARHS Sales. The Society's Bookshop at Rail Heritage Central, on the Concourse at Sydney Central Station is open between 8.30am and 5.30pm Mondays to Fridays and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturdays (not public holidays). The shop stocks books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and audio tapes from Australian and overseas. These are sold at competitive prices, and financial members receive 10% discount on most of the books offered. A reliable mail order service (Visa and Mastercard) is also provided.

Publications. The New South Wales Division publishes *Australian Railway History* magazine, the foremost record of Australian railway history. It is supplied to members each month as part of the membership subscription. *Railway Digest*, reporting day to day rail activities, is also published monthly. The Society also publishes and distributes books. Write to us at our Redfern address for a list or visit our website: www.arhsnsw.com.au.

MEMBERSHIP of the ARHS New South Wales Division is open to anyone 15 years of age or older. Ordinary membership gives you full voting rights.

The membership year starts on 1 May, but new members may join at any time. New members who pay a full year's membership receive back issues of magazines to the previous May. Or you can pay pro rata for the rest of the financial year.

Please use the reverse of this form to apply.

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