



# AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY New South Wales Division (ACN 000 538 803)

## ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009 Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the 2008-2009 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 September 2009.

### Business:

1. to receive and adopt the Income Statement for the year ended 30 April 2009 and the Balance Sheet at that date.
2. to elect members of the Council for the year 2009-2010.
3. to appoint Dr Stuart Sharp and Dr Robert Taaffe as Life Members of the Society.
4. to transact any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with the Society's Constitution.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy (who need not be a member of the Society) to attend and vote in the member's absence. Clause 14 of the Society's Constitution prescribes the form of appointment of a proxy. Such forms may be obtained from the Secretary at the registered office of the Society at 67 Renwick Street, Redfern 2016 and must be lodged with him at that address on or before 31 August 2009.

By order of the Council  
Grahame L Thurling  
Secretary

Sydney, 12 August 2009

# ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR TO 30 APRIL 2009

### AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

ACN 000 538 803

67 Renwick Street Redfern NSW 2016

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#### 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 slides.

The ARHS Railway Resource Centre (formerly known as the ARHS Archives and housing thousands of documents, periodicals, books and photographs) is located at 67 Renwick Street, Redfern. The bookshop is located at Rail Heritage Central, on the concourse at Central Railway Station.

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

Australian Capital Territory	PO Box 1615, Queanbeyan, NSW 2620
Victoria	GPO Box 5177, Melbourne, Vic. 3001
Queensland	Box 682, GPO Brisbane, Qld 4001
South Australia	PO Box 16, Melrose Park, SA 5039
Western Australia	PO Box 363, Bassendean, WA 6054
Tasmania	PO Box 162, Sandy Bay, Tas. 7006

#### AFFILIATIONS

Australian Electric Traction Association	New South Wales Rail Transport Museum
Canadian Railway Historical Association	New Zealand Railway & Locomotive Society
Irish Railway Record Society	The Rail Motor Society
Light Railway Research Society of Australia	Railway Correspondence & Travel Society (UK)
Light Rail Transit Association (UK)	Railway Society of Southern Africa
Narrow Gauge Railway Society (UK)	Royal Australian Historical Society
National Railway Historical Society (USA)	3801 Limited

# COUNCIL

The Society is managed by the Council on an honorary basis. Its members during 2008–2009, and their attendances at council meetings, are set out in a table in the attached Directors' Report. General Manager Ross Verdich also attended council meetings. Spencer Ross has been attending council meetings in the dual role of councillor and representative of the Newcastle Branch.

# NEWCASTLE BRANCH

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

Branch Chairman: Glen Magee  
Branch Secretary: John Barnes  
Committee: Howard Civill, Tony Lowther, Ray Power and Spencer Ross

# STAFF

The following people are employed by the Society:

## Full Time

Ross Verdich	General Manager
Chris Walters	<i>Railway Digest</i> Editor
David Wynter	Resources Manager/ <i>Australian Railway History</i> Editor
Bill Kerr	Bookshop Manager

## Part Time

John Clifton	Webmaster
John Hoyle	<i>Railway Digest</i> Specialist Editor
Chris Harding	Bookshop Sales Assistant
Shane O'Neil	Bookshop Sales and Editorial Assistant
John Parker	Bookshop Sales Assistant
David Potter	RRC scanning/magazines
Ken Williams	RRC Senior Research Officer
Richard Whitford	<i>Australian Railway History</i> Assistant Editor

# LIFE MEMBERS

Tony Bailey	John Barnes	John Beckhaus	Terence Boardman
Ian Brady	Kenneth Butt	Joseph Davis	John Forsyth
George Gettens	John Glastonbury	Alexander Grunbach	Donald Hagarty
Graham Harper	John Hoyle	Geoffrey Lillico	Glen Magee
Barry Millner	Peter Neve	John Newland	John Oakes
Ray Pickard	Ray Power	Colin Short	Spencer Ross
	Grahame Thurling	Eric Walkley	

# RRC TRUST

Members of the RRC trust met regularly throughout the year: The trust members are:

Terence Boardman (Chairman)	Donald Hagarty	Graham Harper (ex officio)	
Ray Love (NSWRMTM)	Neville Pollard	Dr Stuart Sharp	
Allan Watson (Minute Secretary)	John Ward	Ken Williams	David Wynter

# CREDITS & THANKS

The Council would like to acknowledge those listed below for their generous contributions of time and effort made to the Society's various activities during the year.

Harry Anneveld	Bookshop	Tony Lowther	Newcastle Branch Committee
Alan Bailey	RRC	Ross McClelland	Railway Digest
Tony Bailey	Bookshop	Tony McIlwain	RRC
Bernie Baker	Railway Digest	Bob McKillop	Publications, Author
Trish Baker	Railway Digest	Tony McMiles	RRC
Warren Baker	RRC	Frank McQuade	RRC
John Barnes	Newcastle Brch Sec./Treasurer	Tom Marschall	Railway Digest
John Beckhaus	Publications, Railway Digest	Glen Magee	Bookshop, Newcastle Brch Com.
Barry Blair	Railway Digest	Rod Milne	Railway Digest, ARH
Graeme Bolton	RRC	Barry Millner	Membership
Graham Boulton	Bookshop	Geoff Moss	RRC
Ray Book	RRC	Peter Neve	ARH
John Brown	RRC	Keith Newell	Bookshop
Gordon Burr	RRC	John Newland	ARH, Publications
Ken Butt	Tours	John Oakes	Publications, Tour Guide
David Campbell	Railway Digest	Richard Parry	Bookshop
Howard Civil	Bookshop, Newcastle Brch Com.	Dennis Pate	RRC
Peter Clark	Railway Digest	Brad Peadon	Railway Digest
John Clifton	Bookshop	Ray Pickard	Financial, RRC, ARH, Mailing
Bob Daniel	Bookshop	Ray Power	Newcastle Branch Committee
Ken Date	Railway Digest	John Roberts	RRC
Ian Dixon	RRC	Hans Schoevers	RRC
Kevin Dodds	RRC	Peter Sellars	ARH
Jennifer Edmonds	Publications	Peter Stock	RRC
Trevor Edmonds	ARH	Stuart Sharp	RRC, Railway Luncheon Club
Denny Ellis	Speaker	Alan Smith	RRC
Graham Fry	RRC	Bob Stack	ARH, Railway Digest
Bob Gibson	Railway Digest	Bob Taaffe	ARH, RRC
Colin Gilbertson	Bookshop	Myrle Tanner	Bookshop
Phil Griffiths	Slide Competition	John Temple	Railway Digest
Alex Grunbach	ARH, Publications	Ed Tonks	Speaker, Tour Guide
Don Hagarty	RRC	Len Truscott	RRC
Stephen Halgren	Author, RRC	Darren Tulk	ARH, Railway Digest
Chris Harding	Publications	Eric Walkley	RRC
Lyn Harper	RRC	John Ward	RRC
Derek Hobbs	RRC	John Watkins	RRC
Michael James	Railway Digest	Allan Watson	RRC
Evan Jasper	Railway Digest	Alan Websdale	RRC
Greg Jeanes	Bookshop	Ron White	RRC
Jim Jones	RRC	David Whiteford	Railway Digest
Bernie le Breton	RRC	Richard Whitford	Computers
Geoff Lillico	RRC, ARH, Mailing	Jack Withford	RRC
Ray Love	RRC, ARH	Ken Williams	RRC
Maikha Ly	Railway Digest	Bill Wilson	RRC
Jim Longworth	ARH	Tony Woodland	RRC

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

The past year has been another successful one for the Society. Once again, our financial results have been gratifying, and allow the Society to pursue its objects as never before. However, the financial result was not quite as good as the year before and the current financial downturn is showing some evidence of impinging on our commercial activities so we must be careful to constrain expenditure until the future is clearer.

Our staff have again worked diligently and hard to keep the basic functions of the Society working smoothly. David Wynter joined the team and has now settled in as RRC Manager and part-time ARH Editor. David's main task is to get all of the projects being undertaken in the RRC under control and reported to Council regularly.

But the greatest work is done by our volunteers, who do tasks including magazine contributions, paying the bills, assisting with tours, maintaining membership records, manning the RRC and the bookshop, providing research services, indexing, cataloguing and scanning for the RRC. The list of volunteers shown elsewhere in this report is impressive, and augurs well for the Society, with the exception of service on the Society's Council.

A significant task for the Council in the immediate future is to attract new members who can replace the present ageing members. At time of writing, the average age of Councillors is 66 years, with the youngest 51 and the eldest 78. Whilst the staff and volunteers can keep the activities of the Society functioning, it is imperative that there be a Council (or Board of Directors) to set policy and look at the overall operations. Back in the mid 1960's, there was a wide range of ages represented on Council ranging from about 24 to 70. It is time we got back to such a position, and we must now seek younger members to ensure the Society's future.

Another significant event was Graham Harper's resignation as President in April. Graham's health had been poor for some time, and he felt he could no longer give the effort necessary to the position of President. Graham has been a member of the Society for 33 years and served on Council for about 30 of those years. Graham's passion is for archives. He originally joined the NSWRTM in 1970 and became their Archives Officer in 1970. He became involved with the ARHS Archives in 1972 and soon recognised that

the two organisations would be better served by a combined archive, with the ARHS being responsible for the paper etc archive and the RTM for the 'hardware'. By 1979, he had convinced the two organisations of the benefits of this proposal and the archives were combined.

When he became responsible for the ARHS Archives it was a collection of boxed material at 41a Belmore Street, with no-one really knowing what was there. He set about to sort, catalogue, index the material and prepare it for access (with assistance from other volunteers) and thus set the basis for what we have today. He supervised the moves to the Elizabeth Street premises, where for the first time the Archive became available to researchers. He also supervised the move to Croydon, then to Redfern. In addition, the collection had grown beyond the capacity of the Society's premises and part had to be stored in rented 'self storage' units. This material was subsequently moved to Wilson Street, and then to the Argus building at the end of No.1 Platform Redfern. This was a difficult time for Graham and the volunteers because of the packing, moving, unpacking and re-arrangement of the material at temporary premises. It was for this reason that he pushed for the Society to acquire additional premises and this was done with the purchase of the Alexandria facility in 2006. It is now the permanent home of much material, including second copies (where available) of material held at Redfern.

He was keen to have our collections protected by copying, initially to microfiche and more recently by scanning. He worked with Bob Taaffe to create a complete collection of Track and Signal Diagrams, which were microfiched and subsequently scanned for issue on CD for general use. The microficheing and scanning process has been extended to cover Weekly Notices, General and Local Appendices, Working Timetables and other material.

He also took part in many other activities, including the setting up of the ARPG (David Hill's initiative to rationalise the donation of material to the various preservation groups), the establishment of the Society's St James Tunnel Tours and the revamping of the Society's Bulletin to save it from extinction.

This tribute would not be complete without reference to his wife Lyn's support and assistance in catering, cleaning, painting, removals, tours and welfare of members and partners over the years.

## RAILWAY RESOURCE CENTRE

Income from business activity in the Railway Resource Centre increased substantially in this financial year with the appointment of a full time manager (David Wynter) from July. The manager devotes three and a half days a week to the RRC while spending a day and a half editing our magazine *Australian Railway History*.

Income for the period showed a 42% increase on last year with a gross total of \$14,577.97. The RRC answered 682 enquiries during the year.

The requests were split up as follows:

ARHS Publications	75
Commercial	63
Family Histories	24
Other Historical Societies	6
Other purposes	33
Private Research	441
Thesis or private publication	40

To enable us to provide greater service to our members, a decision was made to open the RRC every Saturday. Previously, the RRC was closed if there was a fifth Saturday in a month. It is hoped that this may help our country visitors who may only be able to get to Sydney on a weekend. Services continued to be provided on a Tuesday. A \$15 refundable deposit on all orders was introduced from August 2008.

RRC volunteers not only provide “over the counter services” but provide valuable research services, scanning, filing and administrative work throughout the week.

Our facility at Alexandria continues to take the overflow from Redfern. Fire resistant and waterproof safes were purchased during the year and many original slides have been re-located there. Additionally second copies of our digitised photographs have been moved to Alexandria as a backup should any harm come to these at Redfern. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Eric Walkley resigned from leading the team at Alexandria.

Following Eric’s departure, volunteers at Alexandria were consolidated so that a

full team of four would be available every two weeks on a Thursday. This has proved to be beneficial in achieving greater work loads at the one time, however sickness in the area from time to time has limited work being undertaken. More volunteers are required to undertake this valuable sorting and cataloguing work.

The Railway Resource Centre again provided photographic display assistance at both the Newcastle and Hurstville Model Railway Exhibitions.

The Society’s policy of scanning the archives continues and grateful thanks are expressed to Dr. Bob Taaffe for his assistance to the Society in this work in regard to scanning publications.

Our own volunteers continue to scan both our colour and black and white photographs so these may be preserved for generations to come. At the end of this reporting period, over 18,000 photos had been scanned by our volunteers in addition to over 20,000 35mm slides already done.

Donations of books, magazines, photographs and other material continue to arrive at the Railway Resource Centre. There have been several anonymous donations during the reporting period but we would also like to thank the following people for their kind donations; ARHS Tasmania, ARHS Victoria, Estate of Jim Beeney, Estate of Bruce Cook, David Brawn, Mary Burgess, CityRail, Countrylink, Mrs Greenlee, Paul Hutchison, Colin Kay, Kenneth Marshall, Mario & Margaret Quintal, Len Regan, John Reid, Lois Russell, Fred Saunders, Barny Seghers, Ginette Smith, Walget District Historical Society and Brian Webber.

Ken Williams continued to provide invaluable research services both as a volunteer and a paid part time staff member. His knowledge as a previous RRC Manager has been invaluable in ensuring a smooth transition in the RRC management team. Ken’s knowledge of all things ‘Railway’ continues to astound all.

We would like to thank all volunteers for their assistance in the success of the RRC.

## AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORY

The magazine went through a number of changes during the subscription year. In a trend commenced late in the previous reporting period, *Australian Railway History* continued to regularly appear as a 32-page journal, with irregular 48-page special editions.

A number of new authors emerged during 2008/2009, including Geoff Plunkett (“Chemical Warfare and Railway Tunnels”—May 2008), Brian D Patterson (“Operation of Cowan and Hawkesbury River Signal Boxes”—June 2008), Darren Tulk (“The Oakey Region”—August 2008), Len Ardill (“Dining out on Sunshine Rails”—December 2008) and Frank McQuade (“Remembering the North Sydney Tramway System” in two parts—January and April 2009).

Highlights for the year included the Flying Scotsman feature in August 2008 (written by Shane O’Neil, with images supplied by a veritable ‘who’s who’ of the railway photography scene), the David Buckle pictorial in February 2009—which generated perhaps the highest level of positive feedback for any issue for some years, and the big South Maitland Railway feature in a special 48-page March 2009 issue, compiled by Rob Driver and Graham Black. Trevor Edmond’s article on “The Lost Train” also provoked good interest as did reprints of John Buckland’s wonderful travels throughout south-eastern Australia that could only be told in a larrikin style of the time.

From the September 2008 issue, the editorial duties for ARH were assumed by David Wynter, who also performs the duties of full-time Manager for the Railway Resource Centre. He took over from magazine office staff Chris Walters and Trisha Harris, who for some months prior, had been looking after ARH in a caretaker role. In late 2008, Trisha left us and her position was filled by Richard Whitford, who has since come to be in charge of layout and design duties of ARH.

Since all these changes, sales have trended upwards (albeit slightly) in the magazine and positive feedback on each issue has been increasingly common. Working with the magazine office, David instituted a number of improvements to the managerial side of the magazine, including the formulation of an article policy and set of guidelines, a timeline/

spreadsheet updated regularly, and more stringent book keeping in regards to copyright and accountability. We have tried to search for more ‘quirky’ articles to provide some lighter material for the magazine. Much effort has gone into expanding our article base from interstate but unfortunately material from Tasmania and Victoria remains elusive. We are also encouraging authors to provide shorter articles to fit in the boundaries of a monthly 32 page journal.

The ARH editorial team has been expanded to make the most of the talents and resources at hand, and now on a regular basis includes such specialists in their field as Alex Grunbach, Graham Harper, Geoff Lillico, Shane O’Neil, David Potter, Ray Pickard, Peter Sellars, Bob Stack, Bob Taaffe, Darren Tulk and Chris Walters, with each bringing their own expertise to various aspects of the magazine. Other expert knowledge is tapped from time to time to provide close technical checking of articles to ensure authenticity.

## RAILWAY DIGEST

During early 2008 Railway Digest experienced its highest ever sales. However, as the economy took a downturn into the second half of 2008, sales plateaued and then dipped towards the end of the calendar year.

During early 2009, sales began to trend upwards once more, however actual sales figures for issues April 2009 onwards are pending.

Railway Digest is now in a position to plan and organise features well into the future, with some articles laid out and ready for press as far ahead as January 2010.

Of course, news is the magazine’s forte and the strongest determinant of future content, so although this long-term planning is undertaken and carried out, it is considered ‘fluid’.

Preparations are underway to shift the retail release date for the magazines ahead by one week. This would put Railway Digest in the position of being the first railway magazine on the stands each month.

Staff changes during the period resulted in the office losing both Jennifer Edmonds (Copy Editor) and Trisha Harris (Assistant Editor), replaced by Darren Tulk (who was already assisting us in a support capacity) and Richard Whitford, respectively. Darren provides invaluable help remotely (via email), as he is

located in Brisbane. Choosing Darren as Copy Editor is particularly significant, as Railway Digest now has two vital team members located in Brisbane, reflecting strongly the growing importance of both the Queensland readership, and the magazine's national focus that mirrors the changes in the rail industry over recent years.

News Editor John Hoyle and Magazine Office assistant Shane O'Neil both continue to form the solid foundation upon which the editors can rely, and, without their stellar efforts, the production of both magazines would not be possible.

The regular Operations contributors Michael James, Tom Marschall, Ross McClelland and Evan Jasper continued to provide vital support throughout the year, although all took various leaves of absence to enjoy some holiday time in 2009, and, as of the time of writing, Tom was still winging his way through Europe. Peter Clark, Rod Milne, Shane O'Neil and a number of noted article contributors provided excellent support during their absences.

ARHS Rail Resource Centre scanning officer David Potter joined the team in March, and has since provided good support in proofing, copy writing and field material.

The popular LocoShed Express and Rolling stock columns both continue under the stewardship of Brad Peadon and John Beckhaus respectively, while Melbourneian David Campbell is proving more and more a vital asset since taking over the Signalling section in 2008.

Former Railway Digest editor Ken Date continues to put together the quarterly International column, although general overseas features coverage in the magazine has been removed for the time being due to Council and reader request.

The number of volunteer reports, contributors, article writers and photographers continues to rise, and the magazine team continue to be both humbled and overwhelmed by the amount of support the volunteers offer and provide. Without this support there would be no Railway Digest.

Thanks go to the ARHSnsw Council, management and staff for their continuing encouragement and assistance as well as to our contributors, volunteers and readers for their ongoing loyalty and support of the magazine.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee held meetings over the reporting period May 2008 to April 2009. As in past years some manuscripts are under long term active development and are subject to funding and publishing commitments while others have been deferred from further progress for the time being for many reasons such as the need for further research.

A small but significant publishing schedule was maintained during the past year. The books published were:

A book co-authored by Bob McKillop with David Sheedy titled *Our Region, Our Railway: The Hunter and the Great Northern Railway 1857 to 2007* was launched in July 2008. An official launch by the Mayor of Maitland took place on Maitland Railway Station and the book has received good sales.

A Guide to Australian Locomotion-2009 edition, compiled by Chris Walters with Bernie Baker and Brad Peadon was published and released in November 2008. The book has been prepared with a majority of colour photographs to illustrate and complement the text and is a field guide to modern Australian diesel and electric locomotives. The book should fulfil a market niche and sales have proved promising.

A third edition of the book *The Goondah-Burrinjuck Railway* by John Newland was published in March 2009. The book has been revised and enlarged with the inclusion of a colour photo section in this edition and the work generally brought up to date particularly as to the history of the Krauss locomotives used on the line.

The long awaited reprint of the *Guide to Australian Heritage Trains and Railway Museums* is nearly ready for publication. It has been subject to delay due to on-going heritage group changes.

A number of books are nearing finalisation. A book by Jim Longworth titled *Boilers, Beauforts and Bogies—Chullora Locomotive and Rolling Stock Workshops: 1913–2000* relating to the NSW Department of Railways very extensive workshops at Chullora is nearly ready for publication. It covers the workshop operations prior to the Second World War, as an armaments manufacturer during the Second World War, work in the post war boom period and modernisation

## MEMBERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

Our Society's membership as at 30 April 2009 totalled 1404 (last year 1381). The stability in membership is very pleasing. The exposure the Society receives with its showcase bookshop at Central Station together with enhancements to the Society's *Australian Railway History* magazine has perhaps helped maintain membership levels in these uncertain financial times. A new membership and subscription database continues to be sought.

Redfern has 15 computers, seven in the RRC and eight upstairs in the magazine office and administrative areas. Council approved the installation of a dedicated server to initially service the 15 computers at Redfern and as the financial year closed the necessary wiring and cupboard to house the server was installed in the RRC. The server will run the the latest Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2008 operating system. An integral back-up facility is a necessary part of the installation and the network will be extended to the bookshop and Alexandria using a VPN facility. Off-site data storage will continue to be implemented.

The Alexandria property continues to receive more relocated material from the RRC at Redfern. Although there is still ample room, it is filling somewhat alarmingly as not all the material can be readily sorted for storage or appropriate disposal. A relatively new compactus was moved to Alexandria from the front of the RRC and a large volume of material, that is not accessed very often, went as well. (This vacated area of the RRC became the new non-public research area and is used by our volunteers involved in scanning and image research.) Bill Phippen provided more capentary help with his instaling the server cupboard and new research benches.

A CCTV system was installed at Redfern together with a recording facility.

As the year closed, the new air conditioner for the upper floor at Redfern had been ordered and was awaiting instalation by the contractor. Also, given the number of second hand books on hand at Redfern, a booksale at that location was being contemplated.

of the complex into the diesel-electric era. The book is also a social history study and describes the human aspects of the workers at Chillora.

The next book by Brian Andrews in the Coal, Railways and Mines series, *The Colliery Railways of the Newcastle District and the Early Coal Shipping Facilities* is nearly ready for publication and should prove to be the definitive text on the now almost extinct Newcastle area collieries and coal lines. It will be published in two volumes and follow the format and information contained in Brian's previous publication, *The Story of the Railways and Collieries of J & A Brown*.

The next book by John Oakes in the Sydney's Forgotten Railways series titled *Sydney's Forgotten Industrial Railways* which is in a substantially advanced stage for publication.

Another book by Jim Longworth titled *Triking the Length—a Short History of Railway Track Vehicles in NSW: 1855-1984* is in production. There are no other books on this subject and publication should fill a niche market on these very interesting vehicles.

As in past years sincere thanks are extended to all members of the Publications Committee, the Division's Railway Resource Centre, divisional members and many others for their generous assistance and contribution to the Divisions publications activities. All participation and assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

## NEWCASTLE

Our entertainment meetings continued to attract good attendances. The branch had one outing - a visit to Newington Armoury late in August 2008.

Members of the branch assisted with the Division's sales stand at the Our Town Exhibition at the Newcastle Jockey Club; and manned a smaller version of this during the Newcastle Regional Show in March 2009.

Once again the majority of the guest speakers was drawn from among our own members and regular visitors. Historical topics were in the majority among the lectures; but the current scene was not neglected.

Volunteers from the branch have been regularly helping with sales assistance at the bookshop on Central Station.

## FINANCE

The net surplus for the year ended 30 April 2009 amounted to \$115,691. Notable highlights this year included reducing the ANZ mortgage on Alexandria to \$9,391 and the almost total amortisation of bookshop fit out at Sydney Central. Capital expenditure on the upgrade of computers, security systems and facilities for archive management amounted to \$37,310.

The Society's magazine and book sales have remained at the same level as 2008.

However since the beginning of 2009 there has been a slow down in sale activities reflective of the current economic climate. Additional expenditure on salaries and computer maintenance has absorbed in excess of \$100,000 compared with 2008. The Council has implemented a management review to contain much of this expenditure in 2010.

The building maintenance reserve will be utilized in 2010 to cover much needed maintenance to the Redfern premises.

The 2010 financial year will be one of cost containment. The net worth of the Society is now \$1.823 million.

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Railway Luncheon Club was formed in early 2009 to cater for those members who wish to meet other members in a social environment to talk about railways.

Some members cannot attend the night-time monthly meetings. The Railway Luncheon Club provides a daytime opportunity for members and their guests to talk with other members on any aspect of railways and, in particular, interesting aspects of station history or operation.

All attendees will be given the opportunity to speak, if they wish to mention some interesting aspect of station history or operation. Such discussion will provide the opportunity for everyone to learn a little more about the NSW railways.

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month in registered clubs or pubs near to railway stations. Each month the Club will meet at a different venue, including those stations where upgrading works are underway. No formal business will be conducted at the luncheon

venues, except for exchange of ideas about future places to visit. Apart from luncheon and transport costs, there is no cost to members and guests.

The Club Convener is Stuart Sharp. The first meeting took place at Revesby Station on Wednesday, 18th February 2009 with lunch taken at the nearby Revesby Workers' Club. Other stations visited in the following months have been Chatswood and Epping. The daytime meetings have been a great success with around 35 people attending.

## COMMERCIAL

The Society has had another good year with overall sales revenue just under last year.

The bookshop at Rail Heritage Central on Central Station has continued to attract good custom and together with magazine revenue and increased RRC receipts has allowed the Society to fund its principal commitment to the preservation of Australian railway history. However, there were indications early in 2009 that the downturn in the economy was starting to have some effect so the new financial year may well be quite different for the Society's revenue base.

With this in mind the bookshop has been fine tuning its purchases of mainstream stock of books, magazines and DVDs to ensure sales efficiencies. Despite this the selection of publications on offer in our bookshop are expansive and varied. We are finding the titles are less generalised than a decade or so ago, being more specific in the topic(s). DVD tiles are also more specific. This is clever marketing as it opens up sales of topics that were only generalised before. The upshot is the wide variety of specific yet quality titles on the shelves compared to a decade ago.

Bookshop Manager Bill Kerr continues to manage the bookshop proficiently and has key support from fellow staff members Chris Harding John Parker and Shane O'Neil. Continued assistance from bookshop working week volunteers in Harry Anneveld, Howard Civill, Bill Harrison, Myrle Tanner, Tony Mc Miles, Glen Magee, Graham Boulton and Keith Newell. Our long serving bookshop Saturday volunteers also provide consistent backup to our staff

member-in-charge, Chris Harding

Our magazines: *Australian Railway History* and *Railway Digest* have been consistent performers despite a harder financial climate. It is gratifying that subscriptions and newsagent sales have remained steady overall.

Wholesale sales have fallen slightly during the latter part of the year as some of our more popular titles have gone out of print. Reprints and new titles are expected to bolster wholesale and retail sales in the latter part of 2009.

The bookshop staff are still bombarded with frequent requests from members of the public for rail related and general information which the staff and volunteers endure in our unofficial role for CityRail at the Central station bookshop.

In late August the bookshop again travelled up to the Our Town Model Exhibition at the Newcastle Jockey Club at Broadmeadow and to AMRA's Railway Modelling Exhibition at Hurstville over the October Long Weekend. The later exhibition is moving back the Whitlam Centre at Liverpool in 2009.

The contribution of our hardworking volunteers is always valued, and again, the dedication of Society secretary Grahame Thurling is recognised.

John Clifton, our webmaster and bookshop volunteer, again provided valuable assistance to our commercial activities. George Gettens (another bookshop volunteer) continues his behind-the-scenes work with our computers and has for a long time been the principal person in our annual stocktake.

The Society's bookshop enjoys a strong, loyal and expanding customer base which underlines its position as the premier railway bookshop in Australia.

Thanks also are due to RailCorp's Office of Rail Heritage for their support over the year. Of course, the principal thanks goes to our members for their continued custom of our bookshop.



## TOURS

Fifteen Society tours and outings were run during the past year.

Once again we were involved in joint activities with main line operating organizations, ARHS Qld Division, The Rail Motor Society, 3801 Ltd. and NSWRTM's Heritage Express, the Historic Electric Traction Society, the Powerhouse Museum and the Sydney Bus and Truck Museum at Tempe. Our special thanks to ARHS Qld Division for their wonderful hospitality on the Winelander Tour from Brisbane to Wallan-Garra in February 2009. A tour we are recommending again for 2010.

We would also once again like to commend The Rail Motor Society for their excellent service. Thanks also to the staff, crews and volunteers associated with our joint tours with 3801 Ltd and the NSWRTM's Heritage Express.

Our annual June Long Weekend Tour in the restored CPH Rail Motors Nos 1 and 7 from The Rail Motor Society at Paterson continues to enjoy regular patrons with several groups traveling for their eighth trip with us. This year we went west to Coonamble via the Blue Mountains, Bathurst, Blayney, Orange and on to Dubbo on day one. Dubbo to Coonamble and return on day two. Our homeward route was via Merrygoen, Gulgong, Ulan, Denman, Muswellbrook and Singleton. A feature of this tour was the time allowed for exploring Blayney, Coonamble and Gulgong.

The variety of tours members and their guests have enjoyed are listed on page 12. Many thanks must go to society members and friends for supporting our tours and outings. Thanks also to the Tours Committee, Ken Butt, Grahame Thurling, Ross Verdich and others for their attendance at meetings and for assistance in making sure all tours went to plan. Very special thanks to Grahame Thurling who once again assisted in the production of lineside notes for tours. Our thanks also go to Vic Solomons and Ed Tonks for acting as our tour guides on their tours.

The Committee will continue to provide a variety of tours and outings in the coming year. Tour suggestions are always welcome from our members.

Members interested in joining the Tours Committee, please contact the bookshop staff. Your interest will be greatly appreciated.

## 2008–2009 SYDNEY MEMBERS’ MEETINGS: SPEAKERS

May	Bob McKillop	A Century of Central
June	Larry Greentree	ABT Railway Reconstruction
July	Spencer Ross	Archival film of Clyde’s GM 1
August	Spencer Ross	Archival film from the RRC Archive
September	Graham Black	Flying Scotsman in Australia
October	Ed Tonks	UK Slide presentation
November	John Ward	35mm Slide presentation
December	Members slide, video and DVD Night	
January	Jim Longworth	NSWGR’s O Scale Model Trains
February	Howard Quinlan	Australia’s First Public Railways
March	Denny Ellis	NSWGR Livestock transport
April	Marianne Hammerton	Office of Rail Heritage

## 2008–2009 NEWCASTLE MEMBERS’ MEETINGS: SPEAKERS

May	Election of Officers, Photographic competition and Quiz	
June	Robert & Bruce Wheatley	Railway Portraits
July	Ron Drummond’s films of Clyde’s GM 1 under construction	
August	Larry Greentree	ABT Railway Reconstruction
September	Bob McKillop	Researching <i>Our Region, Our Railway</i>
October	David Rollins	Flying Scotsman’s visit to Australia in 1988
November	Howard Civill	Newcastle to Stockton Vehicular Ferry Service
December	Members’ slide and photography night	
January	Graham Black, Tony Lowther, Len Regan DVD night	
February	Ross McCallum	Railways and Ports around the World
March	David Rollins	British Industrial Railway Locomotives
April	John Ward	Tramways of Sydney 35mm Slide presentation

## 2008-2009 TOURS PROGRAM

25 May 2008	Honeymoon Express to Lunch at the Hydro Majestic at Mellow Bath
7/8/9 June 2008	Coonamble Tour with The Rail Motor Society
28 June 2008	50th Anniversary of Closure of the North Sydney Tramway System
26/27 July 2008	More Mines and Lines of the Hunter Valley with Ed Tonks
31 August 2008	Newington Armoury Museum Railway
21 September 2008	75th Anniversary of ARHS Tour & Lunch to Bathurst
29/30 October 2008	Rail Motors around the City
11-16 November 2008	402 Rail Motor Grand State Tour
22 November 2008	50th Anniversary of Closure of Sydney’s Red Lines Tramway System
14 December 2008	End-of-Year Function on the Cockatoo Run to Robertson
18 January 2009	A Summers Day on the South Coast with The Rail Motor Society
21/22 February 2009	ARHS Qld Division Winelander Tour to Wallan-Garra
27 February 2009	Powerhouse Museum Repository Tour at Castle Hill
15 March 2009	Eveleigh North Inspections with Historic Electric Traction Society
19 April 2008	Maitland Steamfest Triple Headed Steam Tour

# AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New South Wales Division

ACN 000 538 803

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Councillors present this report on the Society for the financial year ended 30 April 2009.

1. The names and details of the Councillors 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 Council meetings held during the year to 30 April 2009, are:

**Terence P Boardman.** FCIT, JP. Age 74 years. Retired railway officer. Councillor since 1999 responsible for the Railway Resource Centre. Previously a Councillor 1970–1972, 1973–1975 and 1990–1997 (Secretary during the latter two periods).

**Ian W Fathers.** B. Leg. S (Macquarie). Age 63 years. Public servant. Councillor since 1999. Previously Councillor 1986 – 1990. Minute Secretary.

**George W Gettens.** Age 67 years. Retired bank officer. Councillor since 1997. Previously a Councillor and Treasurer 1967–1971 and 1986–1992, Secretary 1997–2001.

**Graham W Harper.** B.A., Dip. Lib. Age 58 years. Retired railway officer. Councillor since 1987, President since 1996. Previously a Councillor 1978–1985.

**Murray C Harper.** B.Comm., CPA. Age 69 years. Accountant. Councillor since 1994, Treasurer since 1996.

**Andrew S Hayne.** JP. Age 44 years. RailCorp employee. Councillor since 2003. Responsible for publications. Resigned in September 2008.

**Royce L Jowett.** Age 65 years. Sales and marketing manager. Councillor since 1990. Previously, a director of 3801 Ltd (since 1990), the Australian Railway Historical Society Victorian Division (10 years) and Geelong Steam Preservation Society (10 years). Resigned in September 2008.

**Michael J Nicholls.** Age 51 years. RailCorp employee. Councillor since September 2008.

**Neville J Pollard.** JP BA MEd. Dip. Theol. Teach. Cert. Age 63 years, Retired High School Principal. Education Consultant. Councillor since 2007.

**Spencer C Ross.** C.T.M., FCIT. Age 68 years. Bus consultant. Councillor since 2001 responsible for tours and representing the Newcastle Branch. Previously Councillor 1968–1971.

**Grahame L Thurling.** Age 61 years. Retired bank officer. Councillor since 1996 responsible for tours and exhibitions. Secretary since November 2004.

### Directors' Meeting Attendance:

		<u>Number Eligible to Attend</u>	<u>Attended</u>
TP	Boardman	6	4
IW	Fathers	6	6
GW	Gettens	6	6
GW	Harper	6	6
MC	Harper	6	6
AS	Hayne (to September 2008)	2	-
RL	Jowett (to September 2008)	2	-
MJ	Nicholls	4	4
NJ	Pollard	6	4
SC	Ross	6	6
GL	Thurling	6	6

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# AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

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

3. The net surplus of the Society for the financial year amounted to \$115,691.

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 Councillors 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 Councillor of the Society, other than conduct involving a willful 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.

Dated this 12th day of August 2009. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

GW Gettens

MC Harper

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
ACN 000 538 803  
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30 APRIL 2009**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2009</u> \$	<u>2008</u> \$
Revenues from Ordinary Activities		1,695,166	1,820,007
Changes in Inventories		9,490	(19,068)
Membership Subscription Revenue		27,794	28,599
Interest Revenue		4,374	6,819
Direct Costs incurred in Receiving Revenues		(937,902)	(1,075,356)
Employee Expenses		(377,189)	(298,104)
Depreciation Expense		(44,834)	(40,884)
Provision for Archive Restoration		(0)	(22,078)
Provision for Building Restoration		(0)	(20,000)
Auditors Remuneration		(8,682)	(8,700)
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities		(252,526)	(239,065)
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Surplus from Ordinary Activities before Income Tax	2	115,691	132,170
Income Tax relating to Activities	12	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Surplus from Activities Attributable to Members		<hr/> <hr/> 115,691	<hr/> <hr/> 132,170

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION  
ACN 000 538 803  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2009**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2009</u> \$	<u>2008</u> \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	3	246,592	84,429
Receivables/Prepayments	4	139,223	117,421
Inventories	5	143,746	153,236
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		529,561	355,086
<b>Investments</b>			
Investment advance to Rail Motor Society	6	21,000	24,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	1,888,971	1,896,495
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		1,909,971	1,920,495
<b>Total Assets</b>		2,439,532	2,275,581
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	8	275,083	221,697
Income in Advance	9	228,007	171,998
Provisions	10	103,943	135,078
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		607,033	528,773
<b>Term Liabilities</b>			
Mortgage	11	9,391	39,391
<b>Total Term Liabilities</b>		9,391	39,391
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		616,424	568,164
<b>Net Assets</b>		1,823,108	1,707,417
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Reserves		860,886	860,886
Retained Surplus		962,222	846,531
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		1,823,108	1,707,417

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 2009**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2009</u> \$	<u>2008</u> \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		2,193,023	2,012,754
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(1,970,924)	(1,832,697)
Interest Received		4,374	6,819
<b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>	13	<u>226,473</u>	<u>186,876</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Purchases of Plant and Equipment & Property		(37,310)	(17,111)
Repayment of Investment		3,000	3,000
Mortgage Advance/Repayment		(30,000)	(210,609)
<b>Net Cash used in Investing Activities</b>		<u>(64,310)</u>	<u>(224,720)</u>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		162,163	(37,844)
<b>Cash at Beginning of Financial Year</b>		84,429	122,273
<b>Cash at End of Financial Year</b>	3	<u>246,592</u>	<u>84,429</u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009**

	<u>Retained</u> <u>Profits</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Revaluation</u> <u>Reserve</u>	<u>Bequest</u> <u>Reserve</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance 1 May 2007</b>	714,361	538,622	31,544	140,720	1,425,247
Surplus attributed to Members	132,170				132,170
Property Revaluation		150,000			150,000
<b>Balance 30 April 2008</b>	846,531	688,622	31,544	140,720	1,707,417
Surplus attributed to Members	115,691				115,691
<b>Balance 30 April 2009</b>	<u>962,222</u>	<u>688,622</u>	<u>31,544</u>	<u>140,720</u>	<u>1,823,108</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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

**Basis of Preparation**

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, and the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements;

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements;

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

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date;

AASB 1004: Contributions;

AASB 1031: Materiality; and

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application of Standards.

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

**Reporting Basis and Conversions**

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

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

**Accounting Policies**

**a. Revenue**

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

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are designated for a specific purpose, where they are carried forward as a specific reserve on the balance sheet.

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 cost, adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential.

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.

These notes form part of the financial statements.

### 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. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the income statement and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

### Plant and Equipment

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

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

### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, 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. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold Improvements	33.3%
Plant and equipment	33.3%

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.

These notes form part of the financial statements.

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 Cashflow 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.

j. **Comparative Figures**

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

k. **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

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

*Key estimates – Impairment*

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

The financial report was authorised for issue on 12 August 2009 by the board of directors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

NOTE 2: PROFIT

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
After charging the following as an expense:		
Depreciation and Amortisation	44,834	40,884
Remuneration of auditor — audit or review	8,680	8,700

NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	245,392	83,229
Cash on hand	1,200	1,200
	<u>246,592</u>	<u>84,429</u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>246,592</u>	<u>84,429</u>

NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade receivables	94,189	117,421
Prepayments	45,034	0
	<u>139,223</u>	<u>117,421</u>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT (at cost)</b>		
Stock – Retail Publications	119,084	121,752
– Society Book Publications	24,662	31,484
	<u>143,746</u>	<u>153,236</u>

NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Rail Motor Society – Advance (interest free)	<u>21,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>

These notes from part of the financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009**

**NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
<b>PROPERTY</b>		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
- Redfern – at directors’ valuation	1,100,000	1,100,00
- Alexandria – at cost	759,247	759,247
	<u>1,859,247</u>	<u>1,859,247</u>
Leasehold Improvements		
-Rail Heritage Central Bookshop - at cost	59,678	59,678
Less amortisation	56,647	36,754
	<u>3,031</u>	<u>22,924</u>
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Plant and equipment – at cost	135,778	160,276
Less accumulated depreciation	109,085	145,952
Total plant and equipment	<u>26,693</u>	<u>14,324</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u><u>1,888,971</u></u>	<u><u>1,896,495</u></u>

**NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade payables	236,663	172,511
Employee benefits	30,420	41,186
Audit Fees	8,000	8,000
	<u>275,083</u>	<u>221,697</u>

**NOTE 9: INCOME IN ADVANCE**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
Subscriptions Prepaid	<u>228,007</u>	<u>171,998</u>

**NOTE 10: PROVISIONS**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Archive Records Restoration	55,943	87,078
Building Maintenance	48,000	48,000
	<u>103,943</u>	<u>135,078</u>

**NOTE 11: LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	\$	\$
Mortgage Advance ANZ Bank (Secured over property at Alexandria)	<u>9,391</u>	<u>39,391</u>

These notes form part of the financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

### NOTE 12: INCOME TAX

The Council 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 13: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating surplus after income tax	2009 \$	2008 \$
Surplus after income tax	115,691	132,170
Non cash flows in profit		
Depreciation and amortisation	44,834	40,884
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables/prepayments	(21,802)	(16,088)
Increase/(Decrease) in subscriptions prepaid	56,009	(26,272)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	9,490	(19,068)
(Decrease)/Increase in provisions	(31,135)	42,078
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	53,386	33,172
Cash flows (used in),/provided by operating activities	<u>226,473</u>	<u>186,876</u>

### NOTE 14: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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

### NOTE 15: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

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

The principal place of business is:

Australian Railway Historical Society New South Wales Division Bookshop  
Rail Heritage Central, Sydney Central Station, HAYMARKET NSW 2000

### NOTE 16: 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 \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding and obligations of the company. At 30 April 2009 the number of members was 1,404 (last year 1,381).

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

- A. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 13 to 23, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
  - i. comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 April 2009 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
- B. 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.

MC Harper (Director)  
Dated this 12th day of August 2009

## Independent Auditor's Report



To the members of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 April 2009, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

#### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the disclosing entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

#### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, provided to the directors of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division on 19 August 2009, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

#### *Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the disclosing entity's financial position as at 30 April 2009 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert David Macdonald'.

Robert David Macdonald

19 August 2009

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

To the Board of Directors  
Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division

As auditor for the audit of Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division for the year ended 30 April 2009, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the independence requirements of the Corporations Act in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Robert David Macdonald  
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