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# Members' newsletter

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## May 2011

Tue 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Peter Berriman NSWRTM President</i>
Sat 7	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 10</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting:</b> AGM, slide comp & quiz
Sat 14	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 18	Railway Luncheon Club—Olympic Park
Sat 21	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat/Sun 21/22	Ed Tonks Newcastle Coal Mines & Lines Tour
Tue 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 28	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

## June 2011

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>Special General Meeting &amp; Members' Meeting</b>
Sat 4	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 7	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 7</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting</b>
Fri/Tue 10/14	June long weekend tour—Broken Hill by 621/721 railcars
Sat/Sun/Mon 11/12/13	Bookshop open - Special Central Weekend
Sat 11	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 13	NSW Public Holiday—Bookshop open
Tue 14	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 15	Railway Luncheon Club—Clyde Station
Sat 18	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 21	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 28	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

### Monthly Members' Meeting Slide Competition

The co-winners of April's competition titled 'Long Lost NSW Railway Stations' was Terry Flynn and Alex Grunbach with their respective images of Girilambone (Bourke line - mileage 414) and Kurrajong Station buildings. Upcoming subjects are:

- May—Breakdown gangs and track maintenance
- June—'Back view of anything'. Rail subjects please!
- July—My oldest Kodachrome

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to our Redfern office. Images via email to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au)

### Notice of Special General Meeting 1 June 2011

At last year's Annual General Meeting held on 1 September, it was resolved not to reappoint the Society's existing auditors McIntosh Bishop, but go to tender for the audit of the Society's accounts for the year 2010/2011.

Three tenders were obtained and the tender of Mr Paul Samuelson of Samuelson & Giacca was accepted. At the 1 June Special General Meeting members will be asked to ratify by vote the appointment of Mr Paul Samuelson.

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)
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<a href="http://www.arhsnsw.com.au">www.arhsnsw.com.au</a>		

# MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

## **RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB**

**Visit to Carlingford, Wed 20 April 2011**

*Gary Hughes reports:*

Carlingford is one of those places which most of us have heard about, but probably few have been to. It is the terminus of one of suburban Sydney's few branch lines, and is a line which, as it exists today, was built under two separate private Railway Acts passed by the NSW Government in October 1886 and June 1893. Over the years it has seen steam hauled goods and passenger trains, railmotors and since it was electrified in 1959, suburban electric trains.

Against this background, the Railway Luncheon Club conducted its April monthly outing to Carlingford. Whilst the station has seen much 'modernisation' over the years, the old goods shed, built by the Department of Railways in 1902 and privately acquired soon after, remains. It now serves as a Produce Store, selling all kinds of 'rural' goods. Remnants of sidings which once served it remain, although are no longer in use. Another 'gem' close by is the K13 Submarine Memorial. Whilst it has nothing to do with railways, the group was none the less fascinated to hear of the history of the Memorial and the submarines which it remembers.

It was certainly a different day, and our thanks must go to Ken Williams who suggested Carlingford in the first place, and then researched and wrote up the informative notes.

Our next outing is on 18 May, and we are going to Olympic Park Station. We meet on the upper concourse area adjacent to the Booking Office at 11.00am. For the future we are going to Clyde in June, Waratah in July, Lindfield in August and in September it's our 2-day outing to Goulburn. Booking forms for this will be in the June Newsletter.



*The Luncheon Club group outside the former Carlingford Goods Shed, now serving as a Produce Store. Part of one of the former sidings is in the right foreground. Image:- Nev Pollard.*

## **Forthcoming tours**

- May 18: Luncheon Club:** Olympic Park
- May 21/22: Ed Tonks - Newcastle City Coal Mines**  
*Booking form attached*
- June 10/14: To Broken Hill by 621/721 railcars**  
*Tour fully booked*
- June 15: Luncheon Club:** Clyde
- July: Newington Armoury**  
*Booking form next month*  
(Expressions of interest sought)
- August 6/7: Winter Winelander to Wallangarra**  
(Postponed tour) *Booking form attached*
- September: Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum Ltd**  
(Expressions of interest sought)
- October 13: Normanton (Sunshine Express Tours)**  
(Expressions of interest sought -10 places only)

For more info call our Tours Hotline on **02 8394 9019**.

## *New from Belbin Video*

### **FORGOTTEN FILMS**



A PRICELESS RECORD OF AUSTRALIAN STEAM IN THE 1940s AND 50s FROM 16MM KODACHROME FILM

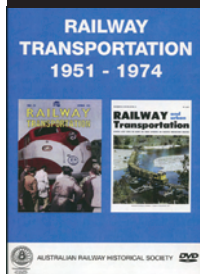


FOR GENERAL EXHIBITION

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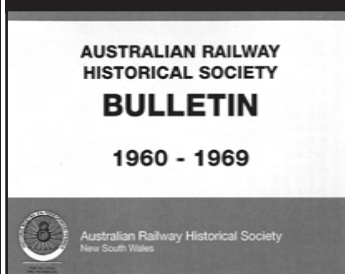
At the September 2006 members' meeting, the raw video footage of this program was run by courtesy of Graeme Belbin. It features 16mm colour movie footage of railways around Australia from the late forties, fifties and sixties. The longest segments covers NSW government and private railways and now features synchronized sound. This long-forgotten never seen before film was found in a suburban garage. Recommended viewing at only **\$40.00**

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# LOOKING AT THE MINES & LINES IN NEWCASTLE CITY & SUBURBS with Ed Tonks

**Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 May 2011**

**E**njoy a weekend exploring the mining sites and associated railway workings of Newcastle with our noted historian, Ed Tonks.

Areas to be explored will include A.A. Co. sites in areas close to the city, then Merewether and Hamilton. After lunch visit the recently opened Maritime Museum and view the changes being made to the Honeysuckle Railway Workshops as they are prepared to form the new Regional Museum. Visit Nobby's headland and see where the railway ran. Travel to the South Waratah Colliery on the Raspberry Gully line to view the railway and colliery site. Walk a section of the Belmont line now known as the Fernleigh Track through the Redhead Tunnel and over Fernleigh Loop. Pass mine sites along the Belmont line before booking in to your overnight accommodation.

On Sunday we will travel via Carrington, Port Waratah and Morandoo to Stockton. View Newcastle's changing CBD from across the river. Investigate the Stockton Colliery disaster of 1896. Visit the site of Walsh Island Dock Yard, birthplace of some of Sydney's first electric trains and view Kooragang Island's new third coal loader, now in operation. Lunch at the Stag and Hunter Hotel located at the Mayfield Tram Terminus. After lunch travel via New Lambton, Jesmond to Wallsend to retrace the railways and visit mine sites.

Travel to Newcastle by catching the 7.21am Intercity Service from Sydney Central due to arrive at 9.52am to join our bus tour. Pack your walking shoes, as there will be some areas only accessible by easy walking.

The weekend includes overnight accommodation at the Tudor Motor Inn, Hamilton, a group dinner at Anchors Seafood Restaurant on Saturday night, full breakfast Sunday morning and entry to the Maritime Museum. Lunches on both days will be at your own expense.

Return to Sydney on Sunday on 4.41pm Intercity service from Broadmeadow.

**BOOKING FORM: MINES AND LINES IN NEWCASTLE CITY & SUBURBS with Ed Tonks . 21 & 22 May 2011**

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop  
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EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve.....Weekend Package twin share ARHSnsw members and Guests	@ \$190.00	\$.....
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Please reserve.....Day tour only.....Saturday.....Sunday. Cost per day	@ \$ 65.00	\$.....
	2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge	\$.....
	<b>TOTAL (GST Incl.)</b>	<b>\$.....</b>

I require .....twin share.....Double accomodation

Name.....

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

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

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

Do you have any special requirements to travel on this tour?.....

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

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

Card No. ....Expiry ...../.....(Add 2% above)

Signature .....Date .....

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**WINTER WINELANDER to STANTHORPE & WALLAN-GARRA**

**Saturday & Sunday 6 & 7 August 2011**

Now that the lines are open again, the Queensland Division of the ARHS has again offered us a carriage on their Winter Winelander train. The tour cost is all inclusive with meals on board, wine tasting and double/twin share Motel accommodation at Stanthorpe on Saturday Night. A limited Single Supplement is available to early bookers.

Departing Brisbane at 7am (EST) on Saturday 6 August 2011, travel through Brisbane's Western Suburbs to Ipswich and Rosewood, the end of the suburban electrification. The countryside then becomes more rural as we proceed to Grandchester where the tortuous climb of the Little Liverpool Range begins. The next town is Laidley, which marks the start of the fertile black soil plains of the Lockyer Valley. Onward the train takes us through Forest Hill, Gatton, Grantham and Helidon before we again start to climb. These are the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and after Murphy's Creek the climb begins in earnest. Imagine the railway workers of 1866 with picks and shovels carving out the cuttings and tunnels to enable trains to reach the Darling Downs. As we approach the summit, note the panorama that unfolds on the left of the train as we approach the Garden City, Toowoomba. Travelling south, we encounter grain-growing areas. Wine Tasting (whites) and Lunch will be served as we proceed through the small towns of Cambooya, Greenmount, Clifton and Nobby before reaching Warwick. Climbing further through another range we reach the Granite Belt country at Dalveen. This area is famous for apples, pears and stone fruit. Several more small towns are passed to reach The Summit, which is the highest point on the railway in Southern Queensland.

You may wish to leave the train at Stanthorpe to join the Wineries Tour with Dinner at Claudia's Thunderbolt Farm Country Restaurant on Saturday Night.

Or continue to the rarely visited by train, State Border station at Wallan-Garra. This line is listed for permanent closure in the plans to rationalize QR operations in the very near future. See the Station Museum and what is left of the extensive change of gauge facilities that once existed here. Dinner will be served in the Dining Car on the return journey to Stanthorpe on Saturday Night.

A late start will be made on Sunday morning with more wine tasting (reds) followed by lunch as we have a leisurely return run to Brisbane arriving late afternoon.

The train will be made up with air-conditioned carriages from the Sunlander and Westlander trains hauled by a QR diesel electric Locomotive.

You will need to make your own arrangements to get to Brisbane and return and, likewise, accomodation. WINTER

**BOOKING FORM 6 & 7 AUGUST 2011 WINTER WINELANDER**

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Please reserve for me..... Seats on the Winelander Tour to Stanthorpe including the Winery Tour @ \$440.00 \$ .....  
 Please reserve for me.....Seats on the Winelander Tour to Wallan-Garra @ \$440.00 \$ .....  
 Limited Single Supplement @ \$ 60.00 \$ .....  
 2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$ .....  
**TOTAL (GST Incl.) \$ .....**

Name.....  
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