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Members' newsletter

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Sat 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
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
Tue 27	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 31	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

April 2012

Tue 3	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Alan Baird Illawarra Steam DVD
Fri 6	Good Friday Bookshop & RRC Closed
Sat 7	ARHS Railway Resource Centre Closed
Mon 9	Easter Monday Bookshop & RRC Closed
Tue 10	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: John Ward
Sat 14	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 18	Luncheon Club - Arncliffe Station
Sat 21	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 22	Innovation by Accident Exhibition/Lectures @ Trainworks
Tue 24	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 25	ANZAC Day Bookshop & RRC Closed
Sat 28	Bookshop closed for annual stocktake/RRCentre open

Forthcoming tours*

- March 21:** Luncheon Club - Central Platform Buildings
 - April 22:** Tour to Innovation by Accident at Trainworks (Booking form attached.)
 - May 16:** Luncheon Club - Katoomba Scenic World (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
- More information on our Tours Hotline on (02) 8394 9019.*

Members' Slide & DVD Night

The February topic was 'Australian railways less than 3'6" gauge'. The winner was Chris Sim with his shot of a Bush Mill Miniature Railway locomotive on this now closed railway in Port Arthur, Tas. Upcoming subjects are:

- March—Railway Accidents/Collisions/ Mishaps
- April—Southern Aurora (*celebrate its 50th Anniversary*)
- May—NSW Railway Stations pre 2000
- June—Working on the Railway

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. (7.30pm from April 2012)	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	Phone: 02 9379 6633 • Fax: 02 9379 4745 Email: sbo@arhsnsw.com.au
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)
Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

NEW COLOUR BOOK SOUTHERN AURORA

The 50th Anniversary of the Southern Aurora will be celebrated on Monday 16 April in three ways.

A new exhibition titled *The Glamour and the Gauge* will be formally opened for invited guests at Rail Heritage Central by RailCorp CEO, Mr Rob Mason.

Mr Mason will also formally launch the Society's all-new history of the *Southern Aurora*, written by Victorian Chris Banger who has had a long-term interest in the train and has travelled on it many times, including the later iteration the *Sydney Express & Melbourne Express*.

The book has 216 full-colour pages, hard covered with dust jacket and is crammed with photos of the train, exterior/interior views and images of the objects associated with the service such as menus, posters etc. Printed in Australia, the book will retail for \$80, less 10% discount for members. However, a pre-publishing price of \$66 applies to over-the-counter sales up until Saturday 14 April. Mail order or internet sales will need to allow domestic P&H of \$8.50. Pre-paid sales will not be available for pick-up until Monday 16 April.

The third event on the 16th will be the official evening launch of the 50th Anniversary Southern Aurora by Heritage Express on an extended 10-day tour charter tour.

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Luncheon Club outings for 2012 will commence on Wednesday 21 March when we are going to Central. On this tour we will be looking at the platforms and buildings. Meet outside the ARHSnsw Bookshop at 11am. The lunch venue will be the Evening Star Hotel.

In April we are going to Arncliffe, and in May to Scenic World and the Scenic Railway at Katoomba - the booking form for this outing is in this Newsletter.

Note that our two-day tour for this year is to Dungog, Paterson and Singleton and this will be on 17 and 18 of July.

Gary Hughes

CAMDEN LINE ARTIFACT

Member Colin Butcher advises:
"John Holland are now working on the SSFL where it will pass under the Narellan Road bridge to the south of Campbelltown and have cleared away a lot of vegetation alongside the creek. This has revealed the small bridge where the Camden line turned away from the main line and started the climb towards the peak on Kenny Hill. At the moment it is visible from trains running between Macarthur and Campbelltown and may be visible from the road bridge but there is no pedestrian walkway on that side of the road and getting a picture might be a bit risky."

RRC MYSTERY NOTE BOOK

Alex Grunbach believes (well he is 99% sure!) the past member's notebook, a page of which is reproduced in last month's Newsletter is C.C. Singleton's.

SPECIAL EVENT @ TRAINWORKS INNOVATION BY ACCIDENT

Members who also subscribe to Railway Digest should note the advertisement on page 7 of the March issue for the special event and exhibition at Trainworks Thirlmere. The Society has been invited by the NSWRTM and Trainworks to help stage the exhibition which will run from 14 April to 12 July 2012.

The temporary exhibition will feature various innovations by the NSW Railways in response to accidents or as required by its operations. Six separate displays will supplement those already at Trainworks for the duration of the four-month exhibition. One will be the on the 'new' Hawkesbury Railway Bridge which probably represents the zenith of the Railways' design and building abilities.

On the special day of lectures on Sunday 22 April, Bill Phippen will speak on this marvelous achievement by the Railways, while Garratt steam locomotive operation enhancements will be spoken about by Craig Mackey, and Warwick Allison will discuss how signaling has developed from innovation by accident to safety by design.

Members are encouraged to pre-register for the special day of lectures on the 22nd, as seating is limited, by calling Trainworks on 4681 8001. ARHSnsw members have been granted discounted admittance to Trainworks for the term of the exhibition for only \$5 per day.

The Society will be running a special coach from Newcastle to Trainworks and return on the 22 April. A booking form is attached and the cost includes admittance to Trainworks and a reservation to the three lectures.

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORY

Members by now will have noted the March 2012 issue features another Photographer's Spotlight.

This time it is the largely unknown photographic work of Norm Read BEM; more popularly known for his railway modelling over the decades. He died in 2003.

For his encouraging youth to get involved in the railway hobby he was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1982.

We did not intend to run Photographer's Spotlight again following the February issue's publishing of the Ken Cranfield Collection but an urgent request from the ARH Editor Richard Whitford to have annual leave to travel to the USA meant a change to our publishing schedule.

Fortunately we had plans in hand for such a photographic issue and Craig Mackey quickly volunteered to choose selected images and write the informative captions. Many thanks to you Craig!

The publishing of this small piece of the RRC's Norm Read Collection, which was kindly donated by Australian Model Railway Association to the Society, will no doubt please those members who saw the slide show at last year's AMRA NSW Liverpool exhibition.

The April issue will be a feature issue on the 50th Anniversary of the standard gauge through to Melbourne.

FEBRUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Bill Laidlaw spoke about high speed railways in Taiwan, South Korea and Japan following his visit with the RTSA group tour last year. The lecture was entertaining and well-illustrated and the audience was left pondering about when Australia will finally build such high speed railways. Thanks Bill for a great presentation!

STEAM TO THE SUBURBS

With South Maitland Railways No.18

Sunday 25 March 2012

Note: Re Deferred 4 March Tour to Richmond

Due to a technical problem with locomotive No. SMR 18 this tour will be deferred to another date in April. Call (02) 8394 9019 for latest information or refer to ARHSnsw website.

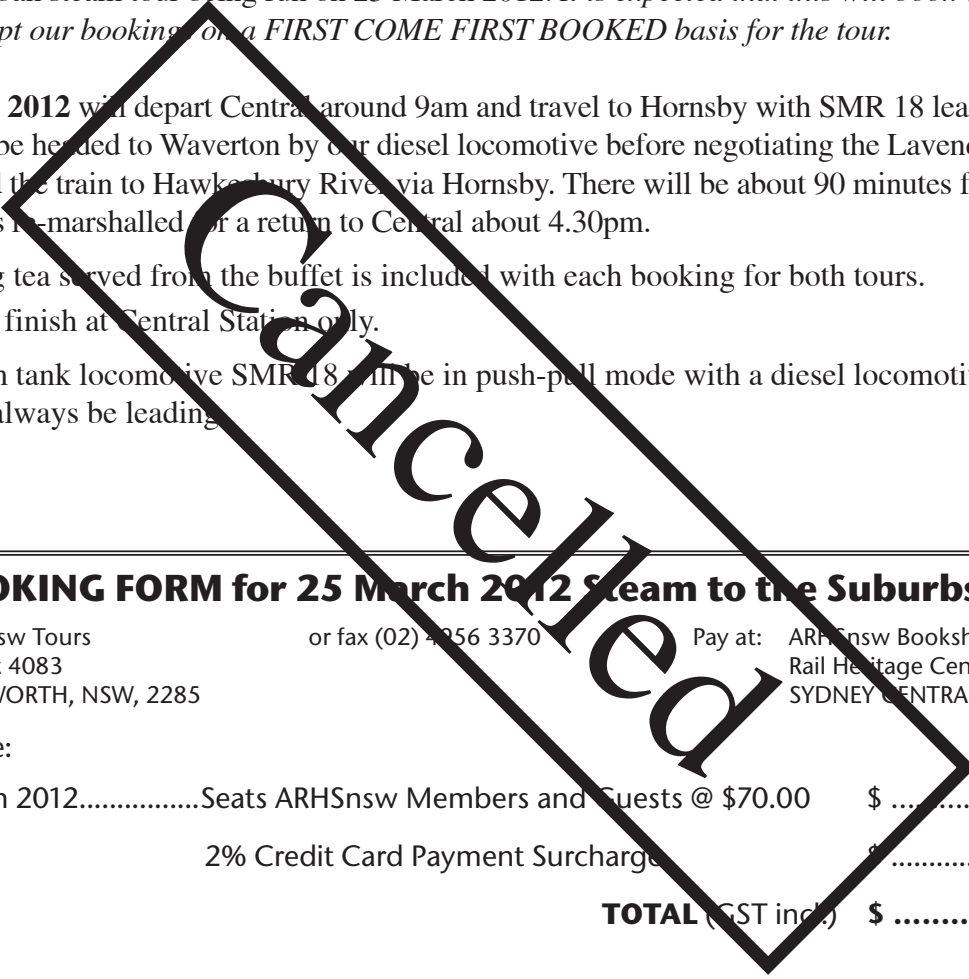
ARHSnsw by invitation from 3801 Limited in association with the Hunter Valley Training Company has been offered a carriage on the suburban steam tour being run on 25 March 2012. *It is expected that this will book very quickly and 3801 Limited will accept our bookings on a FIRST COME FIRST BOOKED basis for the tour.*

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. There will be about 90 minutes for a leisurely lunch whilst the train is re-marshalled for a return to Central about 4.30pm.

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

The tour will start and finish at Central Station only.

Please Note that 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 25 March 2012 Steam to the Suburbs

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4256 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
 PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
 EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve for me:

On Sunday 25 March 2012.....Seats ARHSnsw Members and Guests @ \$70.00 \$
 2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$
TOTAL (GST incl) \$

Name.....
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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

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**INNOVATION BY ACCIDENT
EXHIBITION & LECTURE TOUR
AT TRAINWORKS THIRLMERE**

Sunday 22 April 2012

Come and join us for an informative full-day experience viewing a special exhibition detailing some of the innovative improvements designed and implemented by the railways throughout the years, since the first locomotive-hauled the first train. Including many that have come about to improve safety following accidents. The exhibition will include photographs and small railway objects.

On Sunday 22 April three one hour lectures will be held during the day:

- 10.30am Civil engineer, historian and bridge expert Bill Phippen
How the Hawkesbury River (railway) Bridge was built and why it was better than the original.
- 1.30pm RailCorp Chief Engineer, Signals and Control Systems, Warwick Allison
How signalling has developed from innovation by accident to safety by design.
- 3.30pm Renowned railway author Craig Mackey.
Wonderful innovations and inventions on the Garratt steam locomotive.

These times allow for a steam train ride on the 12.00 Loop Line service for anyone who wishes to attend all three lectures.

Travel by special coach to Trainworks; departing Newcastle at 6.00am and picking up at Hornsby at 7.45am, Parramatta at 8.15am and Liverpool at 9.00am and returning in the afternoon at the completion of the day's special events.

Trainworks has a cafe where meals and light refreshments can purchased all day. Alternatively, bring your own lunch and relax in the extensive landscaped gardens where BBQ facilities are provided. Thirlmere village is just a short walk away too.

The tour cost includes the coach travel, entry to Trainworks for the special exhibition including all three lectures. Please book early as both coach seats and the lecture seating is limited.

BOOKING FORM - Innovation by Accident at Trainworks on 22 April 2012

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
PO Box 4083
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285

or fax (02) 96991714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Centre
SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve for me:

.....Seats ARHSnsw Members only @ \$35.00 \$ (coach & discounted Trainworks admission)

.....Seats non members @ \$50.00 \$ (coach & normal Trainworks admission*)

TOTAL (GST Incl.) \$

* Family and concessional Trainworks only admission cost available on application - call ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019

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**LUNCHEON CLUB TOUR INVITATION
KATOOMBA & SCENIC WORLD**

Wednesday 16 May 2012

Come and join us for an informative full day's adventure exploring Scenic World at Katoomba and the history of Katoomba Railway Station.

It will include a presentation by Phil Hammon, proprietor of Katoomba Scenic World on its history and environs and travel on the Scenic Railway, Skyway and Cableway. View the exhibition of relics at the old coal mine and enjoy a buffet lunch at the famous revolving restaurant.

Travel to Katoomba on the CityRail service departing Central at 8.24am. On arrival at Katoomba, due at 10.18am, we will be transported by a specially chartered double-deck bus with commentary directly to Scenic World. The bus will return us to Katoomba Station after lunch for the inspection and talk. Return is on the 3.25pm Sydney service due to arrive at Central at 5.33pm.

Tour cost includes Return Travel from Katoomba Railway Station in our chartered double-deck bus, entry and travel on Scenic World's Railway, Skyway, Cable Way and lunch at the famous Revolving Restaurant.

You will need to purchase your own CityRail ticket to travel to Katoomba or meet the group at Katoomba Station.

Book early as we are limited to 50 passengers.

BOOKING FORM -

Railway Luncheon Club Katoomba & Scenic World Wednesday 16 May 2012

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
PO Box 4083
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285

or fax (02) 9699 1714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Centre
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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 availabilty) @ \$ 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.....

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