



Members' newsletter

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February 2015

Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Nev Pollard VIA Canadian Ride
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Vintage Film Night
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 14	Tour: Manly Tramlines Revisted with Vic Solomons
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre closed

March 2015

Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Alex Grunbach's South African Slides
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Warren Miller Indian NG
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 18	Luncheon Club: Windsor and Richmond
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 21	Tour: New Leppington Line and Lavender Bay 621/721
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre open

Tour Schedule

- February 14: Manly Tramlines by Bus** (*Booking Form P3*)
 - March 18: Luncheon Club to Windsor & Richmond**
 - March 21: The new South-West Line & Lavender Bay on 621/721 rail cars.** (*Booking Form on Page 4*)
 - April 17/22: Steamfest/Pits & Pubs Tour of Hunter Valley with Qld Div Sunshine Express** (contact 0428333443)
 - June 6/7/8: Griffith & Hillston on 621/721 rail cars.**
 - August 1/20: 11-day Trans Siberian journey from Beijing to St Petersburg plus cultural & railway museums.** (*See P2 for contact details & brochure*)
 - October (Late): Proposed NZ South Island** (TBA)
 - November 17/18: Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi**
- For more information contact ARHSnsw Tours @ Redfern 02 8394 9019 or Spencer Ross on 0428 333 443.*

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

The next event for the Luncheon Club is lunch only on Wednesday 18 February at the Great Southern Hotel, George St Sydney, from 12 noon. This is an informal get together and not an outing as such

As we enter our seventh year, we have nine outings planned for this year, with the first outing on Wednesday 18 March, when we will be going to Windsor and Richmond. Whilst the Richmond Line celebrated its 150th anniversary last November, we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of John Whitton's official inspection of the line, which was built under the supervision and design of engineer and architect William Weaver.

We meet at Windsor Station at 10.31am, following the arrival of the Down service which departs No.18 platform Central at 9.25am. After 30 minutes at Windsor we will be moving onto Richmond. Lunch will be at the Royal Hotel at Richmond. The outing will be led by Stuart Sharp and John Oakes.

In April, we are hoping to inspect the Mortuary Station at Central, and in May we are planning to travel on the new South West Rail Link.

Gary Hughes

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 7.30pm.	At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Redfern Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	www.arhsnsw.com.au

TRANS SIBERIAN TOUR

1 to 20 August 2015

This tour is especially designed for railway enthusiasts by ARHSnsw in conjunction with Imperial China Tours.

It starts in Beijing where both the Beijing Railway Museum (in Tiananmen Square) and the larger suburban China Railway Museum will be inspected. A visit to the Great Wall and Forbidden City is also scheduled.

A Chinese train will then take the tour participants on an overnight journey to the Mongolian border city of Erlian for transfer to the Tsaren Gold Private for an 11-day Trans Siberian journey. Extended stops will be made at Ulan Bator, Ulan Ude, Lake Baikal, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan before arriving in Moscow for three nights. The Kremlin, Red Square and the Moscow Metro are amongst the "attractions".

We then travel to St Petersburg via the high speed Sapsan train. While in St Petersburg visits to the brilliant St. Nicholas Church, Peter the Great's grand summer estate, Petrodvorets (Peterhof), the former imperial Winter Palace (Hermitage Museum), the Peter and Paul Fortress and the incredible Spilt Blood Cathedral and Catherine's Palace.

There will be visits to the Central Railway Museum which is undoubtedly the country's best museum concerned with railways and to the Museum of Artillery.

Singapore Airlines flights to Beijing and from St Petersburg via London are included in the tour cost. A land only option is available. For more details and tour costs see banner ad below.



The Trans Siberian tour will travel in the Tsaran Gold Private Train for 11 days.

Members' Photo Competition

The subject for January's competition was 'NSW Steam Tours to Remember'. Several outstanding entries were submitted from John Shoebridge, Chris Sim and Peter Sage. While 5713 hauling the ARHS 1959 Annual Tour was mesmerizing and triple black 38s (3822, 3820 & 3827) in October 1969 overwhelming, it was Peter Sage's well-composed shot, reproduced below, of 1301 and 2705 at State Brickworks on 4/7/71 that got the prize.



Upcoming subjects are:

February—Freights over the Blue Mountains*

March—Railway Accidents*

April—Railway Sunsets*

May—60 Class Garratts*

June—Sugar Cane Railways*

July—Railway Yards*

(Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. *Submissions are limited to **FIVE** slides or digital images only. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Contestants must know when and where the slide/image was taken and mark the slide accordingly otherwise image will be ineligible to win.)

Members' Meeting Speaker

January's guest speaker was Warren Miller who presented his DVD on Indian narrow gauge railways. NG railway operations are nothing but organised bedlam as management deal with overloaded carriages and locomotives and rolling stock that are serviced/repaired on the go. Warren shot the footage and captured the amazing colour and cacophony of sound that is India. Thank you Warren!

The Iconic Trans Siberian Rail Journey & Grand St Petersburg

by Private Train – the Tsaren Gold from Beijing to Moscow

Exclusive for ARHSNSW Members • 01 – 20 August 2015

This is one of the last great rail adventures, the legendary Trans-Siberian Railroad. Join our Private Train and set this dream of a lifetime on track. Experience Russia, Mongolia and China in the most comfortable, safest and pleasurable manner.

DEPART: 01 August 2015 from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane with Singapore Airlines, fully escorted and inclusive of all touring, meals and much more.

PRICE: from \$14,690 p.p twin share (Compartment categories on the train range from shared bathroom facilities to private ensuite facilities).



For further information please call Imperial China Tours, Sydney (02) 9221 0266, from elsewhere 1300 303 101 or Email: tony@imperialchinatours.com

**THE MANLY TRAMLINES REVISTED
A BUS TOUR WITH VIC SOLOMONS**

Saturday 14 February 2015

The tramways of the Manly Region operated in three stages. Commencing firstly in 1903 with horse drawn, followed by steam and finally electric trams until October 1939, when buses replaced all services.

Come and join us on this adventure to trace the lines of the Manly System from the Spit to Narrabeen with tramway historian, Vic Solomons. Many of the areas in which the system ran have now seen major road and building development over the years, however there is still some remnants remaining.

Our vintage single deck bus will depart the Bus Museum at Leichhardt Depot at 0930 hrs, picking up at the Lee Street Bus Stop at Railway Square at 10.00 hrs and return by 17.00 hrs.

There will be a stop at a suitable location for lunch. BYO or you may purchase your lunch requirements.

Book early as seats are limited.

BOOKING FORM:																				
THE MANLY TRAMLINES REVISTED ON SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2015																				
Mail to:	ARHS ^{nsw} Tours 67 Renwick Street REDFERN, NSW, 2016	or fax (02) 9699 1714	or Book at: ARHS ^{nsw} Bookshop 67 Renwick Street REDFERN, NSW, 2016																	
Please book me on the Manly Tramlines Revisted Tour on Saturday 14 February 2015:																				
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.....	Seats Non-Members	@ \$55.00	\$..... (GST incl.)																	
<i>I would like a copy of the Manly Lines of the Sydney Tramway System</i>																				
<i>by Ken McCarthy edited by David Keenan</i>																				
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Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure																				
ARHS^{nsw} Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443			ABN 96 000 538 803.																	

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Refunds: up to 30 days prior—90 %; less than 30 days to 7 days—50 %; less than 7 days—NO REFUND

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621/721 RAIL CAR TOUR

EXPLORE THE SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN LINE TO LEPPINGTON PLUS GLENLEE TRIANGLE - EAST HILLS - CENTRAL - BANKSTOWN - OLYMPIC PARK NORTH SYDNEY AND LAVENDER BAY



Saturday 21 March 2015

Join ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society on an exploration journey in Rail Cars 621/721 to celebrate the opening of the new South-West Suburban Line to Leppington.

Our tour will commence from the Paterson Museum and pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong and Gosford to start the tour around 9.30am from Hornsby. Travel then to North Strathfield and then via the Southern Freight line to Macarthur and on to the Glenlee triangle. Return to Glenfield to reverse and travel on the new suburban line to Leppington. Reverse and return via the East Hills line to Sydney Central Station for a lunch break.

Depart Central travelling via the Bankstown line to Regents Park and Lidcombe where we divert to the Olympic Park Loop and returning via North Strathfield to Hornsby again to reverse for a trip down the North Shore Line to North Sydney and Lavender Bay. Return to Hornsby where the tour ends. Passengers can return north to Paterson.

Tour Cost includes rail travel in Rail Cars 621/721, tour notes and morning and afternoon teas provided whilst travelling.

BOOKING FORM:

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN, NSW, 2016

or **fax** (02) 9699 1714

or **Book at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN, NSW, 2016

Please book me on the Tour to Celebrate the Opening of the new SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN LINE to Leppington in 621/721 RAILCARS on Saturday 21 March 2014.

book for me:Seats ARHSnsw & TRMS Members and guests	@ \$95.00	\$..... (GST incl.)
Seats Non-Members	@ \$105.00	\$..... (GST incl.)
	2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge		\$..... (GST incl.)
		TOTAL	\$..... (GST incl.)

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