



# Members' newsletter

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## April 2015

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Chris Sim NSW Country Steam in 1966</i>
Fri 3/Mon 6:	Good Friday/Easter Monday - Bookshop closed
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre Closed/Bookshop open
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 14</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting:</b> <i>John Ward Presents</i>
Wed 15	Luncheon Club: Regent Street Mortuary Station
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 20/21/22	Historic railway/tramway/mining sites/Pits & Pubs tour
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	(ANZAC Day) Railway Resource Centre & Bookshop closed
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open
Thur 30:	Annual bookshop stocktake - Bookshop closed

## May 2015

Sat 2	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 3	Tour: Goulburn with 42101 and 6029
Tue 5	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Craig Mackey presents John Stormont Slides</i>
Sat 9	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Annual Meeting, Photo slide competition &amp; quiz</i>
Sat 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 20	Luncheon Club: Exploring the new Leppington Line
Sat 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 26	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 30	Railway Resource Centre open

## 2015 - 2016 MEMBERSHIP FEE & MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The ARHSnsw Council has approved a rise of \$3 in the yearly membership fee to \$90 after a review of costs by the Treasurer and a financial sub-committee. By far, the bulk of the increase can be found in magazine printing costs and postage costs - we have no control over these expenses particularly the latter. The increase in printing costs is solely attributed to the cost of imported paper in line with the falling Australian dollar. A membership plus *Railway Digest* subscription will rise by \$5 to \$185. The cover price of *Australian Railway History* magazine will rise to \$8.40 (up 20 cents) while *Railway Digest* will cost \$10.00 (up 30 cents). A combined subscription of \$185 will save members \$35 on the cover price over 12 months.

## END-OF-YEAR STOCKTAKE BOOKSHOP CLOSURE ON 30 APRIL 2015

The bookshop will close all day on Thursday 30 April for our annual stocktake. All going well we should reopen on Friday 1 May at 10am for normal trading.

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	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
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)	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

**Tour Schedule**

- April 15:** Luncheon Club inspection of Mortuary Station.
- April 20/21/22:** Pits & Pubs Tour of Hunter Valley.
- May 3:** Goulburn via Unanderra with 42101 & Garratt 6029.  
(See booking form on page 4)
- June 6 to 9:** Griffith & Naradhan on 621/721. (Some changes have been made to the itinerary, see booking form on page 5)
- July 16:** Luncheon Club tour to Toronto.
- July (tba) :** Steam-hauled Honeymoon Express to Meadlow Bath - lunch at the newly restored Hydro Majestic Resort.
- August 1/20:** 21-day Trans-Siberian journey from Beijing to St Petersburg plus cultural & railway museums. (See below for contact details/brochure)
- September (tba):** The Great '01' Tour with heritage diesel-electric locomotives 42101, 4401 & 4501 to Orange.
- October 17/30:** NZ South Island Tour featuring Ab608.  
(See booking form on page 6)
- November 18/19:** Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi.  
For more information contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

**ARHS PUBLICATIONS STYLE GUIDE**

The *Australian Railway History* editor, Bob McKillop, has been working on developing an 'ARHS Author's Guide'. While the focus of the Guide is on preparing articles for *Australian Railway History* magazine, it updates the ARHS style issues for both our magazines and other publications. The Guide in PDF format is available for reference and download off the website. Go to: <http://www.arhsnsw.com.au/arh.htm>

**Members' Photo Competition**

The subject for March's competition was 'Railway Accidents'. Several outstanding entries were submitted in slide and digital formats. Chris Stratton, Nev Pollard and John Shoebridge submitted digital images of a high standard but the winner was Peter Sage with his slide of 3817 down a large hole caused by a washaway at Aylmerton on 30 October 1958.



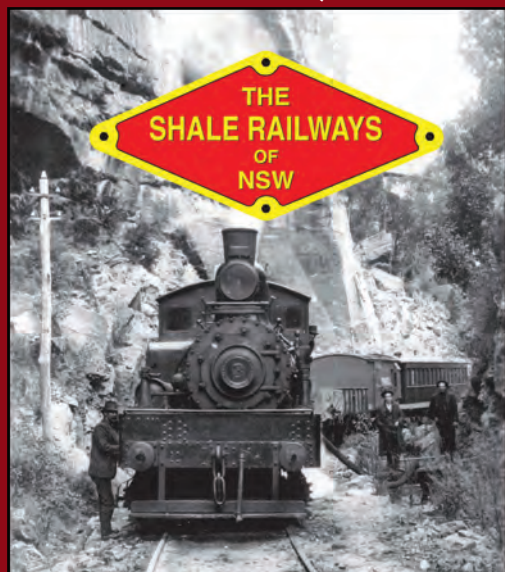
Upcoming subjects are:

- 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](mailto: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. The winning image may used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

**New edition available mid-April at the bookshop!**

*The Shale Railways of New South Wales*



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**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB  
WINDSOR & RICHMOND**

Our first Luncheon Club outing for 2015 saw our group of about 50 travel to Windsor and Richmond on Wednesday 18 March to look at the stations and railway history from days gone by. Despite some train delays caused by level crossing problems at Riverstone, Stuart Sharp and John Oakes described the features of these fine old stations, and Ed Tonks gave an informative description of the War Memorial opposite Richmond Station, his presentation interrupted by a low flying USAF C17 plane.

Our thanks to Stuart, John and Ed for their efforts.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club is on Wednesday 15 April, and we are going to the Mortuary Station in Regent St. We meet at the Regent Street entrance to the station at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the Agincourt Hotel on the corner of Harris Street and Broadway. Notes for the Mortuary Station are available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

In May we will be going to Leppington on the new SW Rail Link, and in June to Lawson in the Blue Mountains. In July we are going to Toronto for which we will be hiring a bus, and booking forms for this outing will be available in the Newsletter in May.

*Gary Hughes*



Upper: The 1883-built station at Windsor from the car park side.  
Lower: The former Windsor goods yard crane has been repositioned.

*Images courtesy of Peter Neve*



**March Members' Meeting**

March's guest speaker was Alex Grunbach who presented a slide show on his tour of South Africa in the mid-seventies.

While the slides were a great record of his tour with plenty of steam locomotives in many different classes, it was Alex's various stories of encounters with the overbearing and obstructive Boers in the period of apartheid that captured the audience's attention.

Travelling by himself, on the way back from the UK, Alex very nearly didn't get past some very inquisitive and suspicious customs officers at Johannesburg airport.

At the end, President Murray Harper thanked Alex for an entertaining presentation.

**NSW Amusement Railways**

Jim Longworth is speaking at the August members' meeting on the subject of NSW amusement railways.

Jim is continuing to research this subject and has asked if anyone who has their own story on these small railways to tell to please contact him.

You can contribute anything, no matter how small, just send what you know into Redfern by mail or email:

mail@arhsnsw.com.au



*Cyril Cauldwell drawing (former NSWGR graphics artist).  
ARHS RRC Image No. 306407B*



# RIVERINA ROVER RAIL CRUISE TO GRIFFITH AND NARADHAN 621/721 RAIL CAR TOUR

**June Long Weekend 6/7/8/9 June 2015**

Celebrate the 82nd Birthday of the ARHS, travel and explore the delights of the Main South to Junee in the restored 621/721 rail motors from the Rail Motor Society, Paterson. On Saturday our expected departure time from Sydney Central Station is 6am. We will follow the newest route to the south via the East Hills line to Glenfield and the Main South line via the spreading southern suburbs to Campbelltown, Picton and on to the Southern Highlands passing Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale. Enjoy a Devonshire morning yea as we enjoy the crisp winter air proceeding to Goulburn for a leg stretch. Continue through Gunning, Yass, Harden, Cootamundra to the once grand railway town of Junee for lunch in the heritage Refreshment Room whilst the rail cars visit loco to refuel. Here we reverse to travel to the Riverina via Narrandera and Leeton to Griffith. We will be transferred by coach to our motel accommodation for the next two nights. Rejoin our coach at 6.30pm for the short trip to the Yarran Winery at Yenda for a wine tasting and dinner.

Day 2: After breakfast we will transfer by coach to rejoin our train at 8am for the run to Temora, Barmedman, West Wyalong, Ungarie and Naradhan. There will be a packet lunch distributed as our trip today covers over 600 kms. Back at Griffith, our coach will return us to the motel for dinner.

Day 3: After again transferring by coach to the station we will retrace the line to Temora where we will transfer to the Aviation Museum for a tour and lunch. Return to our train and on to Stockinbingal to reverse direction at the junction for the cross-country run to Forbes. Here we will stop for a short break to visit the local craft shop located in the station building and then continue on to Parkes for our overnight stay. There is a short walk or join the shuttle bus to the motel.

Day 4: After a hearty breakfast we will transfer to Parkes Station for our journey eastward through Molong to Orange Station via the West Fork for a leg stretch. Our train then reverses to travel to Blayney and Bathurst for lunch at the Victoria Hotel located opposite the station entrance. Resume our homeward journey through the very scenic countryside to Lithgow. We then climb through the 10 tunnels to Newnes and Mt Victoria and then start our descent of the Blue Mountains. An evening light snack will be provided on board. Our arrival in Sydney is expected to follow the evening peak embargo on special trains. The train will then return to Paterson.

The Tour will start and finish at Sydney Central Station. Other pickups and set downs can be arranged en-route by application. For those who wish to travel to Sydney from Paterson on Friday 5th June, you will need to arrange your own accommodation in Sydney for Friday night.

Tour cost includes rail travel, coach transfers, wine tasting and dinner at Yarran Winery, dinner bed and breakfast accommodation at the Econolodge Griffith Motor Inn and the Park View Motel, Parkes, all lunches, morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling on the train and an evening snack on Tuesday. Tour Notes will be provided on departure from Sydney.

Limited single supplement will be available upon request. Items of a personal nature and drinks are at your own expense.

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.....Twin Share.....Double Accommodation			
A credit card charge applies if booking by credit card. Please add 2%			\$.....
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Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Please note your **special accommodation or dietary** requirements.....

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Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

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

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# New Zealand South Island Tour

## 16 to 30 October 2015

**A** RHSnsw Tours in conjunction with Guidepost Tours present a tour to the South Island of New Zealand. The highlight is to travel over 1250 kms behind the recently restored 100 year-old Ab 608 *Passchendaele* steam locomotive on the major sector of its South Island tour.

Itinerary: Fly into Wellington, board the Inter Island Ferry to Picton and then spend six days behind the Ab steam loco traveling down the east coast line from Picton to Invercargill/Bluff. We return to Dunedin behind the Ab and it then hauls a special excursion through the Taieri Gorge to Middlemarch.

We transfer to a coach for an onward journey to Queenstown for a two-night stay. We visit the renowned National Transport Museum at Wanaka and cruise on the vintage Steamship *TSS Earnslaw* with dinner at the high country Colonel's Homestead at Walter Peak. Our coach then travels through the scenic Kawarau Gorge and over the Haast Pass to the west coast stopping to view the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers and onto Greymouth. The next day we visit and walk along the Charming Creek Railway, the Denniston Incline Museum and Railway site with an overnight stay at Westport.

The coach returns across the mountains via Arthur's Pass to Christchurch, where we stay for two nights. The Silver Stream Railway and Ferrymead Historic Park are two significant operating heritage railways that we won't miss and in the evening we enjoy a meal on Christchurch's Dinner Tram. The return flight from Christchurch completes the tour.

A two-day pre tour option will also be available for those who wish to fly to Auckland and travel on the *Northern Explorer* to Wellington where you will join the main group.

The tour cost is for the land content tour of New Zealand. Air fares will be arranged through Guidepost Tours at the best price at time of booking the tour. If you wish to arrange your own flights, they will need to coincide with the morning flights to Wellington or Auckland for the group transfer to our accommodation. (Flights can also be arranged from Brisbane or Melbourne.)

A full itinerary with Conditions of Travel is available when booking the tour or it can be downloaded off the ARHSnsw website.

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..... Single Supplement (Main Tour)	@ \$1030	\$ .....
..... Pre-tour Excursion	@ \$ 495	\$ .....
..... Single Supplement (Pre Tour)	@ \$ 75	\$ .....
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	<b>TOTAL (GST Incl)</b>	\$ .....

Please arrange my flights to/from Wellington/Christchurch.....or Auckland/Christchurch.....

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First instalment of	\$1300	due 1/6/2015	\$ .....
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