



Members' newsletter

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| Sat 1 | Redfern Bookshop and Railway Resource Centre closed |
| Sat 1 to Mon 3 | : Annual AMRA Model Railway Exhibition Liverpool |
| Mon 3 | Public Holiday Redfern Bookshop Closed |
| Tue 4 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Wed 5 | Members' Meeting: John Beckhaus-Railways of Slovenia |
| Sat 8 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 11 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 11 | Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks-B Paterson Videos |
| Sat 15 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 15 | Tour - Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library |
| Tue 18 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 22 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 25 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 29 | Railway Resource Centre open |

November 2016

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| Tue 1 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Wed 2 | Members' Meeting <i>Speaker: Warren Miller-Great Railway Stations</i> |
| Sat 5 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 8 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 8 | Newcastle Members' Meeting: Bill Phippen-images from RRC Tue8/Wed9/Thu10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour |
| Sat 12 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 15 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 19 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 19 | Tour to Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metropolitan Colliery |
| Tue 22 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Sat 26 | Railway Resource Centre open |
| Tue 29 | Railway Resource Centre open |

Annual General Meeting Report

At the AGM held in the evening of 7 September, the re-election of the four retiring directors went through unopposed. Congratulations go to Nicole Buckley, James Dalton, Spencer Ross and Grahame Thurling. In addition, Murray Harper stepped down as President and Chris Harding was elected unopposed as the new Chair of the Society's Board of Directors.

The updating of the Society's Constitution as endorsed by the Council meeting on 10 August was approved by the majority of the members present with one dissention.

Amongst the changes to the Constitution were the changes: 'Council' to 'Board' and 'Councillor' to 'Director'.

The new Constitution is available as a download from the ARHSnsw website (www.arhsnsw.com.au) in pdf format with hyperlinks to facilitate navigation through the document; or
Hardcopy from the Society for the cost of printing and postage (*if applicable*).

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| 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 |
| 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) |
| GM, 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' Photo Competition#

#Note: Please read new conditions of entry below.

The subject for September's competition was 'Stations out of the ordinary' and the entry judged to be the best was Peter Neve's image of the privately preserved Bongalong Station platform on the long-disused Cootamundra to Tumut Branch Line. The image was taken on 2nd February this year .



Upcoming subjects are:

October—Modern trains in NSW#

November—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours#

December—Selection of winner from monthly competitions#

From 5 October the photo competition will be for the submission of digital images only. Slides or prints cannot be accepted. The Society's Board hopes this will encourage more entries in this digital age. Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au . Digital images cannot be submitted on the night.

Contestants who cannot scan and email their print/slides may come to the Redfern Bookshop no later than seven days beforehand to have their photos scanned. In most cases the print/slides will be returned at the Members' Meeting. Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and to know when and where the photo was taken. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** digital images only.

No prize will be given on the night but the winning image will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner up will be awarded. Note: Images submitted from throughout the year will be considered, not just the winning entries. The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

Tour Schedule

October 15: Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library
(Tour has some vacancies left)

November 8/9/10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour
(Tour fully booked)

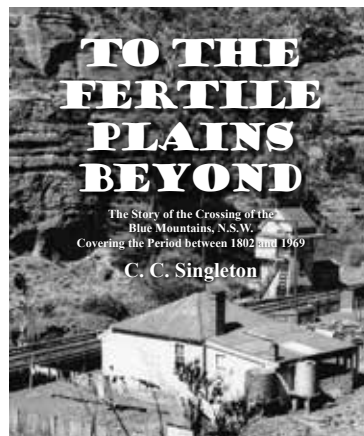
November 19: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metro Colliery
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

December 11: Members Xmas Party at Loftus Tram Museum
(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)

January 22: Annual Summers Day on the South Coast
(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

March 25 to April 8 2017: ARHSnsw New Zealand Tour
(Booking form in next month's newsletter)

For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.



A new ARHSnsw book by CC Singleton!
Recently transcribed by Harry Anneveld from an original sixties manuscript and featuring Sing's distinctive maps and 'period' images.
274 pages **RRP \$48***

Map Designer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who has good skills in using computer software such as Corel Draw to draw maps and diagrams specifically for inclusion in our *Australian Railway History* magazine. A good working knowledge of Australian railways is desired.

If you can help the Society out please contact Bob Mc Killop on (02) 8394 9017 or email: robert.mckillop@arhsnsw.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

ARHSnsw NEW ZEALAND TOUR 25 March to 8 April 2017

Christchurch/TranzAlpine to Greymouth/Westport/Denniston Incline/Charming Creek/Westport/Greymouth/TranzAlpine to Christchurch/ Coastal Pacific to Picton/ Inter-Islander ferry to Wellington/Rimutaka Tunnel/Featherstone & Fell Museum/Masterton/ Wellington/Ja1271 Steam Inc. Tour to Palmerston North & Taihape & Palmerston North behind Ja1271/Rail Motor RM 31 to Feilding & Wanganui to visit the Feilding & District Steam Railway/ "Waimarie" cruise./New Plymouth/Stratford/Rail Cart adventure to Okahukura/Taumararui/National Park/Northern Explorer to Auckland/MOTAT/Auckland Airport

Tour cost: \$6925. Single supplement: \$975

(Tour costing does not include international and domestic airfares, some meals and Masterton Metro train)

TOUR BOOKING FORM IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
SANDGATE**

In keeping with our normal custom of a yearly outing to the Hunter Region, on Wednesday 24 August the Luncheon Club visited Sandgate to see the remains of the former branch line there which closed on 13 October 1985, as well as some interesting facets of the cemetery itself.

Aby led by local Hunter historian, and well known ARHS member Ed Tonks, our group of 43 was treated to a wealth of information about the local history there and an enlightening look at the Newcastle War Cemetery. After all that, it was off to the Hamilton North Bowling Club for lunch.

Our thanks go to Ed for his very informative and professional presentation, to Stuart Sharp for his valued history of the station and also thanks to ARHSnsw Tours Director Spencer Ross for his assistance and for the provision of the coach.

There will be no outing in October, and our last outing for the year, our 3-day tour to Gunning and places beyond, is on 8, 9, and 10 November 2016. This tour is fully booked.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



Our group on the disused Sandgate Cemetery platform. Image: Bill Laidlaw



Upper: On 22 September 1985, 669 trails a 2-car set onto the Sandgate Cemetery branch at Sandgate.

Below: The same scene today. Both images: Ed Tonks



**A PASSENGER TRAIN TO RYLSTONE
(Well almost!)**



Saturday 10 September 2016 defied the weather forecasters and provided a clear fine day for the heritage 621/721 Rail Cars from The Rail Motor Society at Paterson to travel over the Western Line through the Blue Mountains to Lithgow, Wallerawang and Kandos. Our opportunity to continue the extra eight kms from Kandos by train was declined by line operator John Holland and a bus was provided for those passengers eager to explore Rylstone albeit for a short period only due to constraints of our timetable. An on-time departure from Central was followed by passenger pick-ups at Strathfield, Parramatta, Blacktown and Penrith. Continued on-time running over the Blue Mountains was maintained whilst passengers enjoyed a most welcome Devonshire morning tea served by the friendly and accommodating TRMS hospitality crew.

After stops at Mt Victoria to pick up another passenger and at Lithgow for our local driver we proceeded to Wallerawang and joined the truncated Mudgee Line. We passed the stations that once served the towns of Portland, Cullen Bullen, Ben Bullen, Capertee, Torbane, Excelsior, Brogans Creek to Clandulla where we awaited a train order to proceed to Kandos along the now out of use section of the line, arriving 10 minutes behind the table. On arrival at Kandos, passengers who had booked lunch walked across the park from the station to the Kandos Hotel where Publican Ray had a great Pub roast lunch followed by desert waiting to be served. The local bus proprietor then conveyed those passengers who chose to explore the township of Rylstone. Being a local market day, many took the advantage to check out local handicrafts and produce before walking through the historic town noting the various buildings and plaques. We rejoined our bus for the return to Kandos for an arranged 15 minute later departure for the return trip.

The afternoon sun created a great display on the Capertee Valley walls as we retraced the rails to Wallerawang, noting the Mt Piper and Wallerawang Power Station on the way. An on-time arrival at Lithgow was achieved where we thanked and farewelled our local driver and continued through the 10 tunnels noting some restoration work being carried out at the Zig Zag. Our descent of the mountains from Katoomba was slowed as we followed a regular timetabled service until St Marys where we were given the green light on the double track. Passengers were farewelled at their respective stations and an arrival at Central was eight minutes down. The train departed on time for the return run to Paterson and recorded a good run.

Our special thanks must go to the Rail Motor Society crew and those responsible for the preparation of the train and negotiating with the rail authorities responsible for the safe passage of our train throughout the tour, making it the great success it was.

Spencer Ross, Tours Director

CPH's TO PORT KEMBLA via Moss Vale and Unanderra

Saturday 19 November 2016

Join ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society on an interesting rail tour in our own special heritage CPH Rail Motors to explore the expansive rail system around Port Kembla.

The tour will depart Hornsby around 8.00am picking up at Epping and Concord West to travel via the Southern Sydney Freight Line from Sefton Park Junction to Macarthur. Cross to the Main South travelling through Picton, Mittagong and Bowral to Moss Vale Junction. Traverse the north arm of the triangle junction to the cross-country line via Robertson, Summit Tank and Dombarton to Unanderra. Continue via the Allen's Creek triangle junction to Port Kembla Station.

Our tour will continue exploring the Port Kembla Inner and Outer Harbour Loops passing the Port Kembla Steel Works exchange sidings complex where we will have a commentary by Gary Hughes before returning via Coniston to Wollongong heading north through Thirroul on the spectacular scenic Illawarra Line to Stanwell Park, then on to the Metropolitan Colliery Junction. Change ends to travel along and explore the short Colliery Branch. Return to the Main Line passing Helensburgh, Waterfall and Sutherland to Tempe and Meeks Road Junction. Passing the XPT Depot we continue along the Sydney Goods Line through Canterbury, Enfield and Flemington Junction to the western arm of the Strathfield triangle to Concord West. On our return journey to Hornsby, we have requested travelling on the new Epping to Thornleigh relief line.

Newcastle and Central Coast Members can join the train on request from Paterson, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Morisset, Wyong or Gosford.

Tour cost includes morning and afternoon tea on board. Cool drinks, snacks & TRMS Souvenirs will also be on sale. A suitable stop will be made for lunch. Historic line side notes will be distributed on departure from Hornsby and Concord West.

Please book me on our CPH's to Port Kembla via Moss Vale Tour on Saturday 19 November 2016

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 9699 1714 or **book at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop
 67 Renwick Street 67 Renwick Street
 REDFERN, NSW, 2016 REDFERN, NSW, 2016

ARHSnsw & TRMS Members and Guests..... seat(s)@ \$165.00 \$.....
 Non-members..... seat(s) @ \$175.00 \$.....
TOTAL \$.....(GST incl.)

I will join the train at.....Station
 Name.....
 Address.....Postcode.....
 Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No.
 E-mail.....
 Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for \$.....Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

Card No. Expiry /

SignatureDate

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 is not responsible for last minute changes to train consist by the train operator, tour route or destination.
 Refunds: up to 30 days prior—full refund; less than 30 days to 7 days prior to tour departure 90%; less than 7 days—NO REFUND

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A CHRISTMAS PARTY

**at the SYDNEY TRAMWAY MUSEUM, LOFTUS
to Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the electrification
of the Royal National Park Line
Sunday 11 December 2016**

ARHSnsw invites all members and their guests to come and celebrate at our end of year festivities.

Join Sydney Trains Heritage Set F1 restored single deck electric train for a journey over lines that were part of the ongoing electrification extensions to the metropolitan railway system opened 90 years ago.

This trip will start at Central Station Platform 21 and travel to Museum and St James (opened 20/12/26), then proceed around the City Circle and travel to Bankstown via Sydenham. (The Sydenham to Bankstown line electrification opened on 24/10/26.) Reverse at Bankstown and then again at Sydenham to proceed to Oatley. (From where the electrification opened to Sutherland on 16/8/26 and the Royal National Park on 24/12/26.)



Our train will continue on to Loftus and Waterfall before returning to Loftus where we will leave the train and transfer to the adjacent Sydney Tramway Museum. Specially arranged tram rides over the line to The Royal National Park and Sutherland will continue the 90th Anniversary Celebrations in a variety of trams from the collection not used in regular service throughout the afternoon.

A spit roast lunch will be provided as part of the festivities. Drinks will be provided.

At the conclusion of the day's activities, members and guests will be free to make their own way home.

Booking form for:

A Christmas Party at the Sydney Tramway Museum Loftus: Sunday 11 December 2016

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

or fax (02) 9699 1714

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
67 Renwick Street
REDFERN NSW 2016

Name.....
 Address.....Postcode.....
 Telephone (home)..... (mobile).....Membership No.
 E-mail.....
 Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

Please book for me.....Tickets (ARHSnsw Members and guests) @ \$85.00 \$..... (GST incl.)
Tickets non-members @ \$95.00 \$..... (GST incl.)
Train journey only @ \$45.00 \$..... (GST incl.)
TOTAL \$..... (GST incl.)

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

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD

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Tickets and timetable confirmation will be posted to your address 10days before departure.

ARHSnsw Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

ARHSnsw is not responsible for last minute changes by the train operator, route or destination nor arrangements at the Sydney Tramway Museum.
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AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NSW DIVISION

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER'S DAY ON THE SOUTH COAST

A TOUR WITH THE 621/721 RAIL CARS

Sunday 22 January 2017

Join ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society on our annual journey over the Illawarra Line to Kiama, Berry and Nowra (Bomaderry). Our tour will commence from the Paterson Museum and will pick up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Fassifern, Wyong, Gosford, Hornsby, Epping and Strathfield on our way to Sydney Central where we expect to depart at about 9.30am. There will be pickups at Hurstville and Sutherland also.

Enjoy a Devonshire Morning Tea whilst travelling south along the magnificent scenic Illawarra Line with the spectacular vista from Stanwell Park to Thirroul and Wollongong and further coastal views along the line to Kiama and Nowra (Bomaderry). This year we are offering the option of three destinations:

Option 1, leave the train at (a) Kiama to visit the Seaside Markets, walk to the famous Blowhole, have a picnic beside the water or choose a local restaurant for lunch or (b) leave the train at Berry to spend more time in this quaint historic village to enjoy a choice of luncheon venues and explore the village centre.

Option 2, travel to Nowra (Bomaderry) for a 2 course Fish and Chips, Salad and Dessert lunch with tea or coffee at the Bomaderry RSL Club. Our return journey will depart Bomaderry and return to Berry where we will allow an hour for those who would like to take the short walk to explore the village with its unique business centre and shops. Return to Sydney is expected to be at 7.00pm before the train continues on to Paterson.

Book early for this annual relaxing day out. A great Christmas Gift Voucher for this tour is available on application. Tour cost for both options includes the Devonshire Morning Tea and Afternoon Teas served at your seat. Cool drinks & TRMS Souvenirs will also be available on board during the journey.

Historic line side notes including the STN will be distributed on departure from Central.



BOOKING FORM: A SUMMERS DAY in the 621/721 RAIL CARS - Sunday 22 January 2017

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or **fax** (02) 9699 1714 or **Book at:** ARHSnsw Bookshop
 67 Renwick Street
 REDFERN, NSW, 2016

Please book for me **Option 1: Kiama, Seaside Markets and Blowhole**or **Berry Village**.....

.....Seats ARHSnsw & TRMS Members and guests @ \$115.00 \$..... (GST incl.)

.....Seats Non-Members @ \$125.00 \$..... (GST incl.)

Option 2: Nowra, Bomaderry RSL Lunch and Berry Village Walk

.....Seats ARHSnsw & TRMS Members and guests @ \$130.00 \$..... (GST incl.)

.....Seats Non-Members @ \$140.00 \$..... (GST incl.)

PLEASE PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHER FOR THIS TOUR

.....GIFT VOUCHERS for Option 1.....Option 2.....@ \$..... (GST incl.)

TOTAL \$..... (GST incl.)

I will join the train at.....Station

I request an alternative meal at Bomaderry RSL Club due to dietary requirements.....

Name.....

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

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

E-mail..... Name(s) of accompanying person(s).....

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