



Members' newsletter

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January 2017

Mon 2	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Tracey Pallas-NSW Stockyards
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Titfield Thunderbolt movie
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 22	Tour - Annual Summer's Day on the South Coast
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Thur 26	Public Holiday Bookshop closed
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 31	Railway Resource Centre open

February 2017

Wed 1	Members' Meeting: Bill Phippen - 1st Hawkesbury River Bridge Photo Album
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Newcastle Members' Meeting: J Beckhaus Slovenian Rlwys
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 26	Tour - General Gordon Hawkesbury River Cruise
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open

ARHSnsw Member Survey

Members will find in this January magazine and newsletter package a Member Survey Form. We are a not-for-profit organisation that exists for its members and others interested in railways. To help the Society continue to serve the needs of the railway enthusiast community, we would be interested in your answers to this short survey. Your participation is much appreciated.

Completion of the survey will put you into the draw for a \$50 voucher at the Society's bookshop.

If you would prefer to complete the survey on-line, please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHSXDHM>

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

NEW ARHS_{nsw} MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following rejoining and new members:

3538	Nick SHERIDAN	Waverton
4436	John WALKER	Sherwood Qld
5300	Ronald VOKES	Homebush
5301	Harry COLE	Redfern
5302	Colin PURSEHOUSE	Jilliby
5303	Francis HUTCHINSON	Annandale
5304	Michael SASIM	Ashbury
5305	Derek WILLIAMS	Mascot
5306	Patrick O'GRADY	St Andrews
5307	Douglas McMASTER	Gladesville
5308	Paul SUTTON	Coolum Beach Qld
5309	Neil HOGG	St Ives
5310	Trevor O'LEARY	Bathurst
5311	Graham JONES	Somersby
5312	Grahame REID	Picton

Tour Schedule

January 22: Annual Summers Day on the South Coast

(Booking form on Page 3 of this newsletter)

February 26: 'General Gordon' Hawkesbury River Cruise

(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

March 25 to April 8 2017: ARHS_{nsw} New Zealand Tour

(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)

April 21 to 23: Blayney to Orange 140th Anniversary Tour

For more info contact ARHS_{nsw} Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.



These two images relate to the ARHS_{nsw} Xmas Tour to Loftus and the Sydney Tramway Museum on 11 December.

Above: F1 pauses at Oatley.

Lower: Tram LP154 in its Newcastle livery departs for Sutherland

Both images: Shane O'Neil



Members' Photo Competition#

The December competition was our first annual selection of a winner and runner-up from our monthly competitions over the year.

Peter Sage won the competition with his November 1959 slide of the through western goods lines at Enfield with many withdrawn 57 and 58 Class being the real focus of the picture. It was the subject for the May competition - 'Sydney's Forgotten Goods Lines (100-year anniversary)'.



The runner-up was Anthony Roth with his late afternoon shot of Mortuary Station in July 2011

Upcoming subjects are:

January—From the footbridge#

February—Green diesels#

March—Unfulfilled plans#

April—Shunting#

The photo competition is now held 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.

Donation Acknowledgement

The Society wishes to acknowledge the generous donation of a collection of books and magazines by Mike Hardwick, the son of former member George Hardwick, who passed away on 23 November 2001.

140 YEARS OF RAILWAYS IN ORANGE AND THE WEST SYMPOSIUM & TOUR

The arrival of the Western Railway line in Orange on 19 April 1877 brought great benefits to the town and areas further west. Orange became a major transport centre for the region with the railway providing many employment opportunities. As the railway's business grew so did the town, bringing significant growth and prosperity.

To mark the importance of this momentous event in the history of the city, Orange and District Historical Society is holding a one-day symposium titled Rail Revolution: 140 years of railways in Orange and the West. The symposium will take place on **Sunday 23 April 2017**, the weekend after Easter and the closest possible date to the 140th anniversary. The program covers the history, social and economic influence and day-to-day operations of the railways in the steam and diesel eras.

The society is proud to announce that five outstanding railway specialists have accepted an invitation to speak at the symposium and respond to questions from the audience.

Euan Greer, historical society member who has had a lifelong interest in the history of railways, will set the scene by describing the opening day celebrations in 1877.

David Hill, former CEO of the State Rail Authority and of the ABC, author of several books and former Orange boy, will talk about the contribution of rail heritage to today's society.

Bob McKillop, author of railway and other books and editor of *Australian Railway History*, will speak about the influence of the railways on the economy and industrial development of the western districts of NSW.

Denny Ellis, former signaller at Orange East Fork Junction and retired superintendent of passenger train running, who is the author of *A Railwayman's Journey*, will describe railway operations at their height in Orange during the 1940s and 1950s.

John Bastick, another lifelong railwayman and former train controller in Orange, will round the day off with a talk about Orange railways in the period leading to their decline.

The symposium will take place in Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange, from 10am to 4pm. For more information, please contact Phil Stevenson on 0402 412 188 or email him at: ibiswines@bigpond.com

Rail revolution

140 years of railways in Orange and the west



A tour is being arranged to take The Rail Motor Society's CPH Rail Motors to Orange to be a part of these celebrations.

Departing Sydney Central Station on **Friday** 21st April and traveling over the Blue Mountains via Lithgow, Bathurst and Blayney to Orange. Dinner Bed and Breakfast accommodation will be at Central Calula Motor Lodge.

On **Saturday** the CPH Rail Motors will operate shuttles between Orange and Blayney for locals whilst our group will participate in an Orange District Coach Tour with lunch at a vineyard.

On **Sunday**, attend the Symposium to hear the line-up of noted speakers including David Hill, Bob McKillop and Denny Ellis. After lunch, rejoin the CPH's for the return to Sydney.

The tour cost will include all Rail Travel, Transfers, Orange District Tour, Lunches, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation on a twin share basis with limited single supplement available and on board Morning and Afternoon teas.

At this newsletter went to press, we were unable to finalise our tour costing. If you are interested in travelling to Orange and the Symposium please call Spencer Ross, the ARHSnsw Tours Director on 0428 333 443 or call the ARHSnsw Tours Hotline on (02) 8394 9019.