



Members' newsletter

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Wed 1	Members' Meeting: Gary Hughes: <i>A Tale of Two Stations</i>
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Thur 9/Mon 13	402 Club Cruise to Southern Branch lines
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks <i>Cockle Creek</i>
Wed 15	Luncheon Club — Former tramsheds at Rozelle
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open

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Sat 2	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 5	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 6	Members' Meeting: Bob McKillop; <i>Swiss Railways</i>
Sat 9	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 10	Tour: 621/721 Railcars to NSW Rail Museum Thirlmere
Tue 12	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 12	Newcastle Members' Meeting: <i>Members' Night</i>
Sat 16	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 19	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 23	Railway Resource Centre open
Mon 25	Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 26	Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 30	Railway Resource Centre closed

New Bookshop Manager

The Board of the Society is very pleased to announce the appointment of Sophie Nicolas to the position of Bookshop Manager. Her skills closely matched the description of the advertised bookshop manager's position which is to co-ordinate, process and maintain the day-to-day operations of the online and physical bookshop. She holds a master's degree in archaeology. Sophie commenced her new working career with the Society on 9 October. Grahame Thurling will assist Sophie in the bookshop and continue with his honorary role as the Society's Secretary.

ARHS_{nsw} ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There have been important changes to the Board of the Society following the AGM held on Wednesday 4 October. Allen Kavanagh and Michael Nicholls have stepped down as Board members and have not been replaced. (Harry Anneveld had previously resigned from the Board on 15 August and also has not been replaced.) Chris Harding remains on the Board but did not renominate as President, instead deferring to a new Chairman in James Dalton. James chaired his first Board Meeting on Wednesday 11 October. The Board of the Society wishes to place on record its gratitude for the contributions given by Allen, Michael and Harry in their time as Councillors and latterly Board members. Harry has not left us however, he will continue with his valued volunteer involvement.

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:

5313	Carl CHANCEY	Marshfield, Massachusetts. USA
5314	Grant HOLMES	Glenbrook
5315	Michael BURGESS	Maroubra
5316	Christopher DAROCZI	Revesby Heights
5317	Michael McGINTY	Panania
5318	Geoffrey ALLERTON	Thornleigh
5319	Steven BLYTON	Wagga Wagga
5320	Wayne DEMPSEY	Chatswood
5321	Ross BLACKMORE	Sydney
5322	Timothy JOY	Dulwich Hill
5323	Gerard VAN DOORN	Hornsby Heights
5324	Patricia BURNIE	Bar Beach
2210	Dorothy WOODLAND	Greystanes
5325	Ian HEMMING	Burwood
5326	Andrew J TYRRELL	Mallala SA
5327	Alexis DARROCH	Erskineville
5328	David FISHER	Ashfield
5329	Bradley HINTON	Kambah. ACT
5330	John TURNELL	MacMasters Beach
5331	Desmond J EGAN	Thirlmere
5332	Bob WINTER	Baulkham Hills
5333	Ian WILLIAMS	West Pennant Hills
5334	Ray INGRAM	Springwood
5335	Peter K FLETCHER	Beecroft
5336	Richard R DAVIS	Riverwood
5337	David J BARRETT	Shoal Bay
5338	Carol A HARLAND	Carlton
5339	Robert ALDERTON	Renwick
5340	Patrick COPAS	Old Guildford
4158	Alistair J. GILMOUR	Beecroft
5341	Keith AUDET	Frenchs Forest
5342	Ralph BURNS	Bolton Point
5343	John H. HENON	Paddington
5344	Graham PAVER	Coal Point
5345	Andrew MACKAY	Collaroy

Tour Schedule

November 9/13: 402 Club Cruise to Southern Branch Lines

(Tour full. Contact office for any availability)

December 10: Railcars to NSW Rail Museum Thirlmere

(End of Year function for ARHS_{nsw} volunteers & members.)

(Tour booking form on page 4)

January 21: A Passenger Train to Kandos

(Tour booking form on page 5)

February 14: Holdsworthy Army Base & Engineers Museum

(Tour booking form on page 6)

April 7: Newcastle Auchmuty Library & Harbour Cruise

May 7/20: Northern Japan by Rail for enthusiasts

(Special itinerary for ARHS_{nsw})

Mid-2018: Sydney's Forgotten Sidings with John Oakes

(Sat: North Shore & West Sun: East Hills Illawarra & Botany)

(Tour info on page 3)

*For more information contact: ARHS_{nsw} Tours on:
02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.*

Members' Photo Competition

October competition's title 'Water Tanks' was very successful with 15 quality entries received from three contestants. The selection of a winner was not so easy so the judges gave Neville Pollard's images of the circular water tank at Meranburn and the tank at Lake Cargelligo equal first status. David Matheson was the runner-up with his shot of the tank at Cockburn on the NSW/SA border, terminus of the former Silverton Tramway Company.

Upcoming subjects are:

November—Fettlers

December—Best digital image from the monthly competitions.

January—The last train

February—Levers, lamps and lavatories

March—Suburban trains.



Contestants are to submit digital images at least 48 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. 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 and the runner-up will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner-up will be awarded.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

Scanning of Magazines

This is an on-going project of the Railway Resource Centre and we are continually seeking to fill the gaps in our files. Any members having access to Australian magazines (other than *ARH* and *Railway Digest*) and willing to either lend them to ARHS_{nsw} for scanning and return or for permanent donation is asked to contact Geoff Lillico (glillico@arhsnsw.com.au) for further details.

October Members' Meeting

The speaker at the October members' meeting was Board Member, Craig Mackey who spoke on the NSWGR's purchase of the 40 class diesel-electrics. The release of documents from State Records caused Craig to re-examine the history about the purchase with surprising results. Craig's lecture replaced the scheduled one on CA Cardew to be given by Stuart Kean, who is presently suffering from ill health.

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
CENTRAL WEST TOUR**

In keeping with our annual overnight tours, this year it was time to visit the Central West. This region of NSW was explored in the early 1820's and opened up for settlement soon after. The railway reached Bathurst in 1876, and by the late 1880's places such as Orange, Molong, Wellington, Dubbo, Parkes and Forbes were connected by rail to the east coast. It was to look at the surviving railway infrastructure at these places, and many in between, that we visited the Central West Region on 19 – 21 September 2017.

Whilst passenger services in this region these days are scarce, there is still freight activity and many of the locations are still active, but sadly many stations have disappeared and at least one line closed. After travelling to Blayney by the appropriately named Central West XPT, we then enjoyed three days of exploring what remains of a once busy area. We looked at around 20 sites, and some of note were the many surviving station buildings and associated residences, the remains of the Molong to Dubbo line, opened in 1925 and finally closed in 1993, the Fletcher's grain and intermodal facilities covering several hundred acres near Dubbo and the historic grain silos at Peak Hill.

It was three days of perfect weather and much to see, and our thanks go to particularly Stuart Sharp and Nev Pollard for their research and knowledge of the area, to Spencer Ross for his assistance, and a special thanks to the staff at Fletcher International Exports Pty Ltd at Dubbo for showing us around their establishment.

The next outing, and the last for this year, is on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and Luncheon Club regular and tram buff, David Taylor will show us the former Rozelle Tram Depot at Forest Lodge. We meet at Jubilee Park Light Rail Station at 10.30am. Lunch will be in the Harold Park Hotel. Notes for this outing are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



Derelict and forlorn, the Cumnock Station building is the only surviving station building on the closed Molong – Dubbo line.



The silos at Peak Hill. The three silos on the left were built in the early 1950's, the fourth from the left in 1917 as part of the Federal Government's scheme to store wheat for the "Mother Country", and the group on the right date from the early 1920's. Both images: Nev Pollard

SYDNEY'S FORGOTTEN SIDINGS TOUR WITH JOHN OAKES

Coming in Mid-2018

Join us for two-day's adventure travelling around Sydney's metropolitan rail system tracing the forgotten sidings recorded in John Oakes' new book, *Sydney's Forgotten Sidings*, with the author providing on-board commentary. Each day's tour will be in the 90 year old CPH Rail Motors from The Rail Motor Society at Paterson.

On Saturday, the tour will start at Hornsby around 9.00am and will conclude at Central in the afternoon. The areas being covered on Saturday include the North Shore Line and Lavender Bay, Pippita (Olympic Park Line), Clyde and the Carlingford Branch, Western Line to Blacktown and Richmond, returning via Parramatta to Central.

On Sunday the tour will start at Central and cover the East Hills Line, the Illawarra Line to Waterfall Yard, the Cronulla Line, the Botany Line, the Goods Line adjacent to the Bankstown Line to Chullora, Sefton Park Junction and the ARTC Southern Sydney Freight Line to Macarthur and Glenlee. We return via Liverpool and Granville to Central. Members can join the train at Paterson, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Wyong and Gosford on the way to Hornsby. The tour cost includes travel on the heritage CPH Rail Motors and morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling. A packet lunch on Saturday and tour notes are also included.

Estimated tour costs are:	Two-day Tour ARHS Members & Guests	@ \$245.00
	Saturday Only including Lunch on board	@ \$135.00
	Sunday Only	@ \$125.00
	Non-Members add \$20.00 to each option.	

A booking form will be available soon in the newsletter when the actual running dates are confirmed.

