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Members Update

Happy Easter to all our Members from the Team at ARHSnsw office. Hope you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the Easter break with Family and Friends.

With the year well underway we are continuing along the path of change and have some very exciting new projects happening. The projects are designed to deliver a much greater experience for all our members as well as position us as an attractive Society to be part of with future growth in the coming years.

The first of these projects is an updated Website supported by systems that will allow you all to interact with the Society online. This ability will give you instant access to all our offerings, including membership, subscriptions, tour bookings, resource centre and the bookshop. Everything you need to do, you will be able to do from the comfort of your own home if you wish.

The second major project is looking for a Fit for Purpose location that will accommodate the vision and growth of the ARHSnsw over the next 5 years. This location will become a place where people can come and interact with the History of Rail, meet up with friends, research their own projects, buy the Books they are wanting, bring in younger children to show the History of Rail and walk out having enjoyed a Rail experience. The search has started and as we progress over the coming months, I will keep you all up to date with the progress.

Don't forget our New Membership Year renewals fall due at the end of this month. Please have those forms returned to the office for processing. If you have not received your renewal form as yet please contact the office to have one emailed to you.

Paul Scells
General Manager

Members Meetings - Dates and Speakers

Sydney

April 4 - Alan Gardner - Challenges of Heritage Engineering
May 2 - Stuart Kean - The career of Cornelius Ambrose Cardew

Newcastle

April 10 - John Ward - Transport Overview
May 8 - AGM, Photo Competition and Quiz

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

Members Photo Competition

The March topic was "Suburban Trains" and the winner for the month was Neville Pollard. His entry pictured below was the Clyde 5, July 1990.

Neville also took out the runners up photo with Two parcel vans towing "C" type cars.



Upcoming subjects are:

April - Poor Working Conditions

May - Peak Hour

June - In the Shed

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.

Railway Luncheon Club

There is no outing in April.

On 16 May John Oakes will be showing us the former main line and current deviation at Oatley. We meet at Oatley Station at 10.30am. Lunch will be at the Oatley Hotel.

On 20 June Neville Pollard will be leading our group for a look at some of the heritage remnants of the Lapstone Zig Zag. We will be hiring a bus to take us from Emu Plains Station and return to Emu Plains for lunch at O'Donoghues Hotel, necessitating a booking form to be completed. The booking form is available from the office.

For the future, in August we are planning a 2 day tour, led by Ed Tonks, to look at the reminders of former coal mines and railways beyond Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay. Booking forms for this tour should be available in the May Newsletter.

In September we are organising a tour of the XPT Depot at Meeks Road – more details later.

Gary Hughes
Railway Luncheon Club Manager

ARHSnsw Tours

In the coming months we will be looking to put out to the Membership a long term plan of Tours that we will conduct this year. This will enable everyone to plan ahead and book early to ensure you have a spot on the Tour. It is our commitment that the Membership get first option for the Tours before it gets promoted to the wider community, so I would encourage you to book early as they do sell out and we do only have limited positions on each Tour.

Upcoming Tours

- April 7** - Newcastle Auchmuty Library & Harbour Cruise on William IV Paddle Wheeler
- Booking form on page 5
- May 7-20** - Northern Japan by Rail for enthusiasts (*Special itinerary for ARHSnsw, contact office for flyer*)
- May 27** - Exploring 1 year later, the Construction and Station Sites along the Route of the CBD and South East Light Rail Line
- Booking form on page 6
- June 9-12** - A Two State Adventure, Albury and Seymour, a Rail cruise in 621/721
- June 20** - Lapstone ZIG-ZAG Site outing with the Luncheon Club

It is important to note, that whilst all booking forms are not included in the newsletter, they are all available from the office. Alternatively, just call the office and we can take your bookings across the phone or we can email you what you require.

For further information and Booking Forms please contact: ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

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NEW ARHS_{nsw} BOOK PUBLICATION

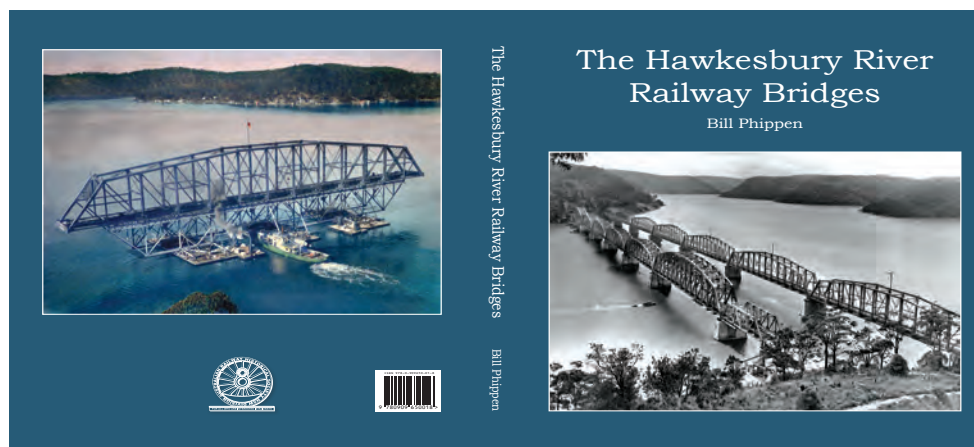
by

BILL PHIPPEN

The Hawkesbury River Railway Bridges

Our next Publication is at the printers and will be arriving May 2018. Having had the opportunity to review this publication, it is with excitement that we are now in the position to take pre orders before it arrives. The R.R.P. will be \$88.00 and as members you will also be able to apply your discount to buy at \$79.00. If pre ordered before 1st May, your price will be \$75.00

To pre order, please contact Sophie at the Bookshop on 02 9699 4595 or email: sales@arhsnsw.com.au



Australian Railway History Magazine

Over the last 3 months we have been working on the succession plan of our current Editor Robert McKillop. To replace such a role is not easy and it has taken such time to do so. It is though with much pleasure to announce that we have found such a person, Stephen McLachlan.

Stephen comes to us with many years experience in magazine editing and currently holds the position of Editor with the Newsrail magazine, out of Victoria. To go along with this experience is an Advanced Diploma in Graphic Design.

Please join me in making Stephen feel very welcome at ARHS_{nsw} and we all look forward to working closely with Stephen in the production of the magazine.

At the same time, it also becomes the time to farewell our current Editor, Robert McKillop. Robert has put in many dedicated years in making the ARH a leading magazine in the Rail industry. With such passion for Rail, having many great contacts and friends within the industry, this is not the knowledge you can buy or replace. It is only time that creates this experience and it has been this time that we have all enjoyed the publications that Robert has produced over the years.

Robert we thank you for your dedication, we thank you for the stories and memories you have shared and we thank your family for the support they have given you so you can produce such a magazine each month.

Robert will be finishing in this role at the end of May with his last day at Redfern being 21 May 2018.

We wish you well as you take on your next challenge and look forward to seeing you as a volunteer within the Society from time to time.

Update from the Railway Resource Centre

In the past month, the RRC has received material from the estate of Alan Watson, a long-term member and volunteer. Alan had a large collection of unusual rolling-stock drawings, photos and books which have now been added to the RRC collection, thanks to Alan's nephew, Brett. Another collection of colour slides from David Bradshaw was donated by his widow, Marta. Thank you very much to Brett and Marta for thinking of us and making these generous donations!

The Resource Centre supports daily requests from heritage consultants seeking information to support their work, usually for Sydney Trains. This year alone, we have received more than thirty jobs of this type. The income received helps the Society operate the RRC for the benefit of members and the public. One example is the information we have provided (via member Neville Pollard) to the Temora Railway Museum Historical Committee who have now erected a "Railyard Trail" of nine interpretive panels placed along a 1.4km walking trail, taking in the silos, former roundhouse, wool transport, Pardey's flour mill, as well as the stories of those who worked in the precinct during Temora's railway era.

Our project to develop a new website for the RRC is well underway. This will enable us to offer a portion of our collection on-line which, over time, will reduce the need to visit the reading room in-person for routine enquiries. More on this project will be reported in future newsletters.

James Dalton
Manager Railway Resource Centre

Update from the Bookshop

The ARHS Bookshop is implementing a small change to the "put aside" magazines system, starting on the 1st of June 2018. With the upgrading of our system and the requirement to manage stock, we will now need to charge you for these magazines at the time of picking your order.

Your magazines will still be saved and held in the way we do currently waiting for you to come in and pick them up or if previously advised we can post them out to you.

The bookshop will be saving your magazines under the current arrangements until the 31st of May 2018.

So we can update our records and fulfill the requests to save magazines, can you please fill in the form with your desired magazines and payment details and return it before the end of May 2018 to

ARHS NSW Bookshop

67 Renwick St

Redfern 2016

Alternatively you can call us directly at (02) 9699 4595

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Sophie Nicolas
Bookshop Manager

EXPLORING 1 YEAR LATER, THE CONSTRUCTION and STATION SITES ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE CBD and SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL LINE TOUR SUNDAY 27th MAY 2018

Come and join us on a special tour one year later exploring the light rail construction and viewing the station locations along the CBD and South East Light Rail Line route. Bring your camera to record images of the locations of station sites, associated road works and track formation together with other infrastructure construction to compare with your previous images. Also view the location of the former Sydney Sports Ground, Cricket Ground and Showground tramway sidings, the Royal Randwick Racecourse tramway branch and the construction of the Light Rail Depot adjacent to the Racecourse. An officer from Transport for NSW Projects Team has been invited to travel with us to provide an in depth commentary during the tour.

To fill in the day we will follow a number of former Sydney Tram Routes in the Eastern Suburbs area including Bondi Junction, Bronte and Watsons Bay lines. View the site of the former Rushcutters Bay Depot along the old tram route.

Bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch at our lunch stop at the Watsons Bay terminus.

For our transport on this tour, we have requested to charter a suitable vintage bus from the exhibits at the Sydney Bus Museum at Leichhardt, that would have operated in service to replace the trams at the end of their operation on the line.

The Tour will commence at Central departing from the Lee Street Bus Interchange at the City bound Bus Stop at 0930hrs and with an expected return at 1630hrs. There will be some walking to construction sights in some areas. Please wear appropriate footwear.

Tour notes will be distributed on board the Bus. We are limited to 40 passengers on the vintage bus, so please book early.

BOOKING FORM

TO ARHS (NSW Division) TOURS
OR FAX (02) 9699 1714
67 Renwick Street REDFERN. NSW. 2016
OR PAY AT THE ARHS BOOK SHOP

PLEASE BOOK me on the
EXPLORING 1 YEAR LATER THE CONSTRUCTION and STATION SITES ALONG THE ROUTE OF
THE CBD and SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL LINE TOUR on

Sunday 27th May 2018

..... ARHS Members and Guests @ \$55.00 \$

..... Non Members @ \$65.00 \$

..... Copy of **Bondi to the Opera House** at the Tour Special Price @ \$22.00 \$

TOTAL (Incl GST) \$ _____

NAME _____

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TELEPHONE CONTACT _____ Mobile _____ MEMBERSHIP NO _____

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ACCOMPANIED BY _____

PREFERRED PAYMENT by CASH / CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER or
PLEASE DEBIT my VISA / MASTERCARD No. EFT Available on application

SIGNATURE _____ Expiry _____ / _____
DATE _____

Tickets will be posted to your address within 14 days before the tour.

ARHS (NSW) is not responsible for last minute change of locomotives or destination by the train operator.
Refunds: up to 30 days prior – 100%; less than 30 days to 7 days – 90%; less than 14 days – NO REFUND.

ARHS (NSW) TOURS INFOLINE 9477 5041 or 0428 333 443

ABN 96 000 583 803

Date Booking Rec'd Tickets sent

A TWO STATE ADVENTURE ALBURY and SEYMOUR A RAIL CRUISE in 621/721

**Paterson - Sydney – Moss Vale - Goulburn – Yass Junction – Harden - Cootamundra – Wagga Wagga
The Rock – Henty – Table Top - Culcairn - Albury – Wodonga –Wangaratta – Benalla – Seymour.**
With a days journey touring by luxury ROAD COACH into wine country following the closed North East Victorian Railway Line from Springhurst to Lilliput, Rutherglen and Wahgunyah, returning via Corowa .

June Long Weekend 9/10/11/12th June 2018

Take this opportunity to travel on our annual June long weekend Rail Cruise in The Rail Motor Society's 621 / 721 restored rail cars on a unique 4 day trip to Albury and Seymour. Departing Sydney on Saturday morning at about 7.00am our train will travel via the Main South to Goulburn. A light snack will be provided as we proceed south from Campbelltown through Picton, Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale for a short stop to stretch the legs before continuing on through Goulburn, Yass Junction, Harden, Cootamundra and Junee for lunch in the iconic Refreshment Room. Continue on through Wagga Wagga, The Rock, Henty, Table Top and Culcairn to our destination, Albury. Transfer by coach to our accommodation at the Paddle Steamer Motel for the next 3 nights. Enjoy a Happy Hour drink in the Bar before Dinner in the Dining Room.

On Sunday after a hearty country breakfast we transfer to Albury Station to join our train to continue across the Murray River into Victoria passing Wodonga, Wangaratta, Benalla and Euroa to Seymour. ON arrival we will inspect the restored Refreshment Room before joining our local bus for a town tour. Our Destination will be the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre where we can inspect the exhibits and enjoy lunch in their former broad gauge Spirit of Progress VR Dining Car and the Norman Parlour Car. Rejoin our train for a spirited return run to Albury and transfer to our Motel. Happy hour again before Dinner in the Dining Room. On Monday, again following Breakfast, join our coaches for a day following the closed Victorian Branch Line to Wahgunyah. Departing at 9.00am travel via Wodonga to Springhurst where the branch left the main line travelling through Lilliput Rutherglen and Wahgunyah to Corowa for lunch at the Corowa Chocolate and Whisky Factory. On the way we will stop at Campbell's Winery and the Rutherglen Brewery for tastings and purchases if you wish to do so. Check out the Railway scene at Corowa before returning to Albury via the Murray Valley Highway through Howlong. Dinner tonight will be a Smorgasbord at the Albury Commercial.

On Tuesday morning our coaches will transfer us for this event. Say farewell to our Motel and transfer to Albury Station for our return journey to Sydney stopping for lunch at Harden. Continue on to Sydney with a leg stretch at Goulburn to expected arrival at 7.00pm.

Accommodation in Albury for 3 nights at the Paddle Steamer Motel will be on a twin share, dinner, and bed and breakfast arrangement. Single supplement will be available upon request. Hunter Region patrons may join the train en route to Sydney on Friday 8th June 2018 on application.

Tour cost is all inclusive and covers rail travel, 3 nights Dinner Bed and Breakfast accommodation, lunches, a day tour by luxury coach to the Rutherglen Wine Region of North East Victoria, entry to venues with morning and afternoon teas whilst travelling on the train.

Tour Notes will be distributed on departure from Sydney.

Items of a personal nature and drinks are at your own expense.

BOOKING FORM – A Two State Adventure – ALBURY and SEYMOUR A RAIL CRUISE in 621 / 721 on 9/10/11/12th JUNE 2018

Mail to: ARHS (NSW) TOURS,
67 Renwick St ,
REDFERN NSW 2016

OR

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E-mail mail@arhsnsw.com.au

Pay at the ARHS NSW Bookshop,
OR 67 Renwick St
REDFERN NSW 2016

Please book me	Seats ARHS Members and Guests	@ \$1285.00	\$.....
 Seats Non members	@ \$1435.00	\$.....
 Single Supplement (limited availability)	@ \$ 150.00	\$.....
I Require Twin. Share Double Accommodation	
		Credit Card Payments attract a 2% surcharge	\$
		TOTAL	\$ GST incl

Name Membership No.

Address..... Post Code

Telephone contacts No. Mobile E-mail

I would like to join the train at Station

I will be accompanied by

Do you have any special requirements to travel on this tour?

PREFERRED PAYMENT IS BY Cash / Cheque / Money Order or Direct Debit on application for \$ **OR**

Please charge my VISA / MASTERCARD Account No. Expiry /

2% surcharge applies to Credit Card payments.

SIGNATURE Date

Tickets, Timetable and Accommodation confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure

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