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Members' newsletter

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February 2010

Tue 2	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 3	Members' Meeting: Shane O'Neil <i>Asian Narrow Gauge Steam & Diesel Operations</i>
Sat 6	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 9	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 9	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Ed Tonks
Sat 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 16	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 17	Stuart Sharp's Railway Luncheon Club: Sutherland Station & Signal Box
Sat 20	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat/Sun 20/21	ARHS Qld/NSW Winelander Tour to Wallangara
Tue 23	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 27	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open

March 2010

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Wed 3	Members' Meeting: John Ward <i>Newcastle Trams Part Two</i>
Sat 6	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 9	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
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Sat 13	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 16	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
Fri 19	ARHSnsw NZ Tour to 30 March
Sat 20	ARHS Railway Resource Centre open
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On Sunday 17 January 2010, the Rail Motor Society's immaculately presented 621/721 railcars performed flawlessly for the ARHSnsw Bomaderry tour. On-time running was a feature of the tour which made a side diversion on the Down trip to Port Kembla where the image of power car 621 at left was taken. The tour was fully booked which meant that over one hundred people enjoyed the set's first ever tour for the Division. Ample time was made available for a leisurely fish & chip lunch at the Bomaderry RSL. At right, the RMS crew pose at Bomaderry Station prior to the return journey. As usual the RMS's operational and customer service skills were first class.



Back row L-R: Rod Short, Arthur Burgess, Sid Bender, John Redman, Graham Pantlin, Bev Redman, Diane & Peter McFarlane. Front row L-R: Barry Angel, Bryan Hicks, Stafford Payne, Maree Hicks.

Sydney meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Sydney on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings commence 6.30pm (seating available from 6.00pm)	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 8.00pm.	At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5.30pm Saturday: 9.00am to 4.00pm	Phone: 02 9379 6633 • Fax: 02 9379 4745 Email: sbo@arhsnsw.com.au
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12.00pm to 4.00pm Saturdays: 10.00am to 3.00pm	The bookshop is located at Rail Heritage Central on the Concourse of Sydney Central Station
Administration and Mail Order:		67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
Tours:	As advertised	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (no general access—by appointment only)
www.arhsnsw.com.au		Infoline: 02 8394 9019

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

INTRANET PROJECT

Additional material has been added to the RRC Intranet over the past two months. This has included the Railway Institute Budget magazine from 1892 to 1923, its successors the Railway and Tramway Magazine and The Staff—all valuable resources for contemporary articles on NSW railway and tramway news as well as articles on interstate and overseas railways. Also added recently have been numerous Annual Reports by manufacturers, operators and administrative authorities. The available on-line copies of timetables, safeworking notices and amendments to timetables have also been amplified.

Fragile and precious material currently held at Redfern will continue to be identified for scanning and transfer to this ever-expanding facility, thus securing its integrity for future research.

Geoff Lillico

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

On 17 February the Railway Luncheon Club will meet at 11am outside the Station Master's Office at Sutherland, which is located at the Up end of the building on Platform 1. An inspection of the soon to be closed signal box will also be undertaken.

The proposed visit to Lithgow has been cancelled by Stuart Sharp due to his dissatisfaction with some of the arrangements.

No further outings are in the pipeline.

Forthcoming tours

Feb 20/21 *Winelander to Wallangarra*

Mar 19–30 **12-day New Zealand Tour**—South Island and Wellington. Includes the *TranzAlpine*, *TranzCoastal*, Taieri Gorge Railway, Weka Pass and Ferrymead Heritage Park. *You can still participate in our railway/tramway/trolleybus-focussed tour with expert guidance from expatriate Kiwi Murray Harper! The scenery is delightful too! Bonus: Tour cost includes breakfasts & dinners incl. some speciality dinners. Four vacancies left! Booking form attached. Itinerary on ARHSnsw website.*

April 30 **Visit to PHM Castle Hill Repository**

May

Proposed West & North Queensland Rail Tour:

Westlander to Charleville and return, Sunlander to Cairns & Savannahlander to Forsyth and return. Note: This tour compliments our previous 2009 North Queensland tours—travelling on QR's other air-conditioned locomotive hauled trains and experiencing the North Queensland Savannah after the wet season. It is bound to be quite a different landscape viewed from the from the Savannahlander—in marked contrast to the dryness we first saw.

June 4/5/6/7 West & North West Wanderer Tour by CPHs.

Due to ARTC Nth Coast trackwork closure the proposed Brisbane tour is postponed. The long-weekend tour using The RMS's CPHs1 & 7 (and maybe CPH3) will now travel from Broadmeadow, Muswellbrook, Ulan, Merrygoen, Dubbo, Binnaway, Werris Creek, Narrabri, Tamworth, Armidale to Telarah. *Booking form next month.*

July 24/25 Ed Tonks Mines and Lines Weekend Tour.

Sat: Mines of Lake Macquarie.

Sun: Hexham to Richmond Main.

For more information call our Tours Hotline on **02 8394 9019**

Slide Competition

The slide competition topic for the January meeting was 'My best railway image of 2009' and it was very well supported with some very good images in city, suburban and country scenes. The eventual winner was Peter Charrett with a well-composed scene on the Lake Macquarie Light Railway.

Upcoming subjects are:

- February . NSW locomotive hauled passenger trains
- March . . . South Maitland Railways
- April Southern Aurora
- May Gone but not forgotten—NSW branch lines
- June XPTs in the landscape
- July Rails at the state borders especially dual gauge.

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images but submissions need to be in at least 24 hours beforehand. Images submitted via CD are to be sent to our Redfern office and images via email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

ARHSnsw is proud to announce the release of Brian Robert Andrews'

COAL, RAILWAYS AND MINES

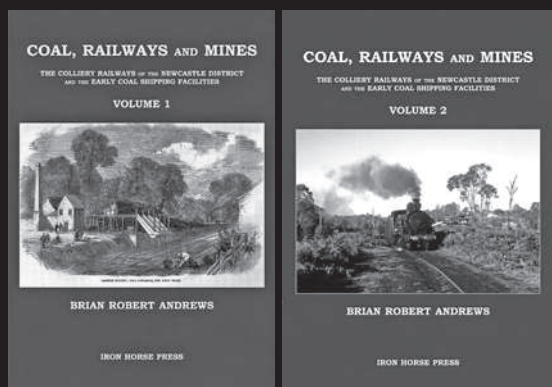
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New Zealand March 2010

RAIL TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND

FRIDAY 19 MARCH TO TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2010

This 12-day tour will depart Sydney on Friday 19 March 2010 to Christchurch. The proposed tour will visit the Ferrymead Heritage Park, Christchurch's heritage trams and Weka Pass Railway before setting off around the South Island, with travel aboard the famous *TranzAlpine*, *TranzCoastal* and Taieri Gorge Railway. Other planned destinations include Shantytown (near Greymouth), the Plains Railway (Ashburton), the historic remains of the Denniston Incline, Wanaka and the west coast glaciers. From the South Island, we will cross to Wellington via the *Interislander* ferry. While in the New Zealand capital, the tour will take in the Silver Stream Railway and Wellington Tramway Museum before returning to Sydney on Tuesday 30 March. Breakfasts,



dinners and some speciality dinners are included in tour cost which is: \$2,995 per person on a twin-share accommodation basis. Qantas return air fares (Sydney–Christchurch, Wellington–Sydney) are an additional \$740. Single supplement \$850. For further enquiries please call the tours infoline listed below.

Booking form

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BOOKING FOR THE RAIL TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND

Mail to: ARHS NSW Tours
PO Box 4083
EDGEWORTH NSW 2285

or fax (02) 4956 3370

Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Centre
CENTRAL STATION

Name..... Membership No.

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

Telephone contact no.(home)..... (mobile)

Name(s) of accompanying persons.....

Special requirements.....

I will be arranging my own flights for this tour.....

..... Full payment twin-share per person	@\$2,995.00 \$.....
..... QANTAS return air fare (Sydney–Christchurch and Wellington–Sydney)	@\$740.00 \$.....
..... Single supplement	@\$850.00 \$.....
..... If paying by credit card please add a 2 per cent total transaction fee	\$.....
	TOTAL (GST included) \$.....

Travel insurance is advised—please supply me with a proposal
PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER/CASH for
Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (as mentioned above, a 2 per cent transaction fee applies)

Card No.
Expiry/..... Date
Signature

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 14 days before to departure

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

ABN 96 000 538 803.

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Refunds: up to 30 days prior–100 –%; less than 30 days to 7 days–90 %; less than 7 days–NO REFUND

Office Use Only: Date booking received Date processed Tickets sent.....

POWER HOUSE MUSEUM REPOSITORY DISCOVERY TOUR

Friday 30 April 2010

Come and join us for an outing to the Power House Museum Repository at Castle Hill for a Discovery Tour through their extensive collection. It will include a special inspection of H Store.

The tour departs Tempe Bus and Truck Museum in a vintage bus at 9.30am. The bus will pick-up at Strathfield at 10.00 and Parramatta at 10.20 for a run to Castle Hill for a 11.00am start for our special guided tour. The tour takes about two hours. Bring along a picnic lunch or join the group for lunch at the nearby Castle Hill RSL Club. Return to Tempe is expected by 4.00pm. **Book early as group size is limited to 50.**

**Please book me on the
POWER HOUSE MUSEUM REPOSITORY DISCOVERY TOUR at Castle Hill
on Friday 30 April 2010**

Mail to: ARHSnsw TOURS
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EDGEWORTH NSW 2285

or Fax to (02) 4956 3370 or

Pay at the: ARHSnsw Bookshop
Rail Heritage Central
Central Station

Please reserve me seats ARHSnsw Members & Guests @ \$26.00 \$.....GST incl.
..... seats non-members @ \$32.00 \$.....GST incl.
Total \$.....GST incl.

Name..... Membership No.

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

Telephone contact no.(home)..... (mobile)

Name(s) of accompanying persons.....

I would like to join the tour ator I will make my own arrangements to get to Castle Hill.....

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

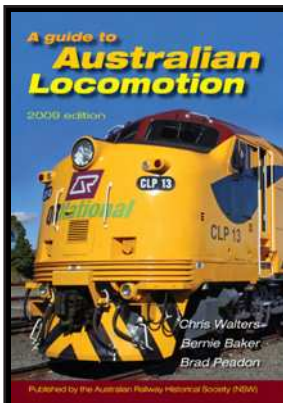
Or please DEBIT my VISA / MASTERCARD No. EXPIRY /

SIGNATURE.....

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