



## Bulletin No 10, October 2015

### Forthcoming Activities

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Floral & Garden exhibition in the Fettle's Shed gallery.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Railway Fair & Cockatoo Run and Loop Train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Cockatoo Run and Loop Train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Management Meeting, 5pm, Fettle's Shed Gallery.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Cockatoo Run and Loop Train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Cockatoo Run and Loop Train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Management Meeting, 5pm, Fettle's Shed Gallery.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Cockatoo Run. (Loop Train will not run on this trip).

### **RHRS Visit to the Eveleigh Large Erecting shop, 18/08/2015**

On Tuesday, 18 August 2015, a group of 11 from RHRS travelled to the 3801 Limited facility at Redfern for an inspection of the Large Erecting Shop. In steam days, many steam locomotives were constructed in the Large Erecting Shop (LES), which operated between 1898 and 1988. Among those constructed at Eveleigh Works were 50 members of the 30 class, 20 members of the 32 class, all 5 members of the 34 class, all 35 members of the 35 class, 10 members of the 36 class, 13 members of the 38 class, 30 members of the 53 class and 11 members of the 58 class. The first locomotive constructed at Eveleigh Works was number 83 (later numbered 3300 in 1924) which entered service in August 1908. The last steam locomotive constructed at Eveleigh was 5812, which entered service in April 1952. Subsequently, members of the AD60 class Beyer Garratt locomotives were fabricated in Eveleigh 'shops' after being transported by sea from England.

The Large Erecting Shops are remembered by Ian Wallace as being a hive of industry when he inspected the Eveleigh works as a schoolboy several times between 1957 and 1961. Numerous steam locomotives were stripped down to the frame for overhaul, with their boilers removed and receiving attention in the boiler shops. The noise in the workshops was deafening at times, minimal or no hearing protection being afforded in those days. At present, the LES is home to 3801 Limited and Lachlan Valley Railway for the storage and servicing of heritage locomotives and rolling-stock.

We thank 3801 Limited for a very informative and enjoyable day.



### **RHRS AGM, 24/09/2015**

At the RHRS Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 24 September 2015, Steve Carey stood down as President and did not seek re-election. The meeting warmly thanked Steve for his substantial contribution as President over the last 11 or 12 years.

Ian Wallace stood down from the positions of Vice-president and Secretary, which he had held for the last nine years, from 2006 to 2015.

The following office-bearers were elected for the year 2015-2016.

President – Ian Wallace

Vice-president – Dennis Robertson (elected in absentia)

Secretary – vacant

Treasurer – Anne Wilson. Anne also advised her intention to continue as Public Officer of RHRS during 2015-2016.

The positions of Co-ordinator/leader for the RHRS specialist groups were filled as follows:

- Safety management – Neil Harvey
- Station & History – Helen Tranter
- Publicity & promotions – vacant
- Gallery – Anne Wilson
- Buildings & maintenance – Neil Harvey
- Grounds maintenance – Ian Wallace/Neil Harvey
- Gardens – David & Helen Tranter
- Heritage & conservation – Ian Wallace
- Model railway – Neil Harvey
- Events co-ordinator – vacant
- Membership & recruitment – vacant

It was decided that all vacant positions would be administered by the RHRS management committee as required.

### **RHRS Contacts**

Steve Carey	4885-2393:	Meetings. Outings.
Ian Wallace	4885-2848:	Heritage Railways. Steam Trains.
Anne Wilson	4885-1598:	Art. Autumn & Spring Festivals.
Helen Tranter	4885-1394:	Cockatoo Run. History of Robertson. Gardens
Neil Harvey	4885-2823:	Old Railway Artefacts.
Andrew Bosa	4885-2623:	3801 Ltd Volunteer, Bulletin Editor
John Hopkins:	0418-759-882	Restoration Techniques
Rob Randall	4885-1282:	Old Farm Machinery.
David Tranter	4885-1394:	Gardens. Aboriginal heritage.

### **Related Websites**

RHRS:	<a href="http://www.robertsonrailway.com.au">www.robertsonrailway.com.au</a>
RHRS Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/robertsonrailway">https://www.facebook.com/robertsonrailway</a>
3801 Limited	<a href="http://www.3801limited.com.au">www.3801limited.com.au</a>
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