

# Paterson Points

NEWSLETTER OF THE RAIL MOTOR SOCIETY INCORPORATED



MAY 2011

Patron ~ Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC



## More Train Order Working Training

The second class of 2011 at Werris Creek: (L to R) Steve Williams (RTM), Sid Bender (TRMS), Geoff Riley (TRMS), Michael Potter (RTM), Peter Vallentini (3801), Malcolm Daley (3801), Tony Healey (Assessor), Shaun Hopkins (TRMS, in doorway), Reg Murphy (3801) and Rodney Short (TRMS). Absent: David Boyd (3801) fulfilling the last order after returning from Kootingal.

Photo: Bruce Agland

At the request of 3801 Limited, the Society was asked to arrange Train Order Working training and on-road competency assessments for some of their crew members. Operations Manager, Bruce Agland, also extended an invitation to the NSW Rail Transport Museum to send participants and this was accepted.

Theory training was again led by Tony Healey from National Rail Training with seven participants, 4 from 3801 Ltd., 2 from NSWRTM and 1 from TRMS.

FZ 663 at Paterson again provided a suitable venue for the training on Saturday afternoon, 19 March and as with the previous classes, practical training was held the next day on the nearest TOW section between Werris Creek and Kootingal with CPH's 1 and 7 providing the traction on this occasion.

Local driver Geoff Riley took the controls at Werris Creek and added to the training content by explaining in detail the various aspects of each TOW location as we passed by. This also provided an opportunity for the balance of the Society's crews to receive their practical competency assessment.

This was a significant event with three mainline heritage operators all co-operating towards a common goal. All groups involved would extend their thanks to Tony Healey and Bernie Baker from National Rail Training for their continued support of the rail heritage operators.



David Boyd (3801) taking an order under the watchful eye of Tony Healey.  
Photo: Bruce Agland.

# Society News

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## *From the President's Desk*

~ **Arthur Burgess**

I wish to commence this report by congratulating the incoming Committee of Management for 2011–2012.

The newly elected Committee remains as it was for 2010 – 2011

with the exception of Geoff Murray who did not nominate for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer this year. Geoff has not completely stepped aside, he has many tasks to manage as our Public Officer, Internal Auditor and Publicity Officer.

Congratulations to Cheryl Davies on being elected to the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

On behalf of the previous Committee it was a pleasure to nominate Bruce Agland as a Life Member of the Society, those present at the AGM endorsing our recommendation. Congratulations Bruce. (A transcript of Bruce's acceptance speech can be found elsewhere in the Society News).

The year ahead will be no different to the past with many hours of work in maintaining our fleet, keeping our depot in a splendid condition and of course, running and manning our numerous tour commitments that have been booked for this year.

Yes, this means more work for the few who contribute their time each year. We are always open for new volunteers in the Society, especially any persons with a trade or skill.

By keeping your generous donations forthcoming, it helps in many ways to keep our Society on target with the tasks ahead.

Following the recent elections we now have a new State government, The Rail Motor Society hopes their continued support with the various Rail Heritage Groups exists in the future.

The Committee of Management of The Rail Motor Society is always receptive to suggestions that will assist us in making the Society thrive for the future.

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## **Annual General Meeting**

The Society's 27th Annual General Meeting was held at Paterson on 26th March with 33 members present, apologies being recorded for a further 11 members who were unable to attend, a copy of the report circulated to those present is included with this newsletter.

### **Office Bearers for 2011/2012**

Patron: Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC  
President: Arthur Burgess  
Vice President: Eric Larkins  
Secretary: Bryan Hicks (Life Member)  
Treasurer: John Redman  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Cheryl Davies

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Committee: Bruce Agland (Life Member), Maree Hicks, Stafford Payne, Beverly Redman, Spencer Ross, Rodney Short.

In addition to those persons listed above who were elected by the members at the AGM, at the first meeting of the Management Committee following the AGM, appointments of members for other areas of responsibility were finalised and they are listed below for information.

### **Line Managers**

Operations Manager: Bruce Agland  
Engineering Manager (Rolling Stock): Stafford Payne  
Acting Engineering Manager (Infrastructure): Eric Larkins

### **Appointed Officers**

Public Officer, Internal Auditor  
and Publicity Officer: Geoffrey Murray  
Assistant Publicity Officer: Stephen Preston  
Tours & Liaison Manager: Spencer Ross  
Train Crewing Manager: Eric Larkins  
On Board Crewing Manager: Beverly Redman  
Safety Officer: Eric Larkins  
Train Presentation Officer: Jerry Jerome  
Souvenirs Officer: Gamarna Clewett

## **New Life Member**

(Bruce's acceptance speech)

Mr President and members,  
Firstly, thank you all so much for granting me this honour of being elected as a Life Member of our Society.

When I look down the list of Life Members, short as it is, I feel very humble indeed. Unfortunately, I was not around for the formation or for the very early days of our Society as the others on the list were. However, I do feel very fortunate indeed to have been part of the ongoing evolution of our organisation over the past 23 years. We have seen many changes in the rail heritage landscape, many heritage groups come and go, and many highs and lows in our own fortunes over that period.

We have a great bunch of people here and I am proud to be numbered amongst them. What is disappointing is that there has been a number amongst us who, for their own reasons, have not wanted to be part of that evolutionary cycle and have fallen by the wayside. It is important to remember, that to continue to be successful, we must be prepared to continually adapt to the changing regulatory and operational environment in which we now reside.

Before I close, I would like to relate a short anecdote. A little while ago, the President, always kidding, remarked to me "it will be great to see your name up there on the Life Members board, but you won't want that little asterisk beside your name". Well, I sincerely hope that I still have many more years to contribute to our Society before there is a need to add an asterisk up there beside my name!

Mr President, I will conclude now and thank you all once again for granting me this most distinguished honour.

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# Society News



Above: The Society's newly elected Committee assembled on the front steps of the Station Master's Cottage. Back row (left to right): Beverly Redman, Spencer Ross; second row: John Redman (standing), Rod Short, Bryan Hicks, Bruce Agland, Barrie Kingsford (standing), Stafford Payne (standing); front row: Maree Hicks, Cheryl Davies, Arthur Burgess. Absent: Eric Larkins.  
Photo: Stephen Davies



Newly elected Life Member Bruce Agland with Hon. Secretary Bryan Hicks (left) and President Arthur Burgess.  
Photo: Stephen Davies

## Workshops

Vice President, Acting Engineering Manager (Infrastructure) and Train Crewing Manager Eric Larkins is convalescing at home after undergoing surgery to have both knee joints replaced. Eric has been able to continue with his train crew rostering duties at home while recuperating, we wish him a speedy recovery and return to active service.

## New Members

The following new full members are welcomed to the Society: Stuart Sharp, Earlwood; Bruce Gehrig, Aberglassyn; Mark Green, Diamond Beach..

## Changed your address?

Please check the address label of your newsletter envelope. If the details are incorrect please advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

## Correspondence

To ensure that postal items do not go astray, members are requested to direct correspondence to the Society's Post Office Box 445 Charlestown 2290 address, NOT to individual Officer's private addresses as they may be absent on leave.

## Work Days

Regular work days are usually held each Wednesday, new volunteers are always welcome. If you are not a regular volunteer at the depot and would like to participate, contact the Secretary Bryan Hicks (see directory) for further information.

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On the return run from Werris Creek to Paterson following completion of train order working training on 20th March, CPH's 1 and 7 traversed the Farley triangle but were held on the main line at Telarah to allow NP31 Brisbane XPT trailing XP2003 to overtake before resuming the run to Paterson. Photo Bruce Agland

## Operations Report

~ Bruce Agland, Operations Manager

### Operations for 2011

1 April	Botany - ARTC Inspection, 2 CPH
2 April	Hawkesbury River, Maitland Rotary, Peter McFarlane, 620
9-10 April	Steamfest, 620
12 April	Paterson - Monkerai, 2 CPH
1 May	Hawkesbury River ex Wollongong, Illawarra Modellers, 2 x CPH
20-29 May	Brisbane & North West, Insights Tours, 620
10-14 June	Broken Hill ARHS (NSW Div.), 620
2-3 July	Aberdeen-Scone Highland Games - Tentative
16-17 July	Kiama ex Taree, 620 Ted McKellar 0428 652 865
30-31 July	Gloucester, Westpac Helicopter Rescue, Bruce Matthews, 2/3 x CPH
6 August	Wauchope-Coffs Harbour, Ted McKellar, 2/3 x CPH
7 August	Wauchope-Kempsey, Trish Cheetham, 2/3 x CPH
13 August	Dungog Rail Centenary, 620

27 August	Gulgong ex Denman, Ray Barry, 3 x CPH
24-25 September	SETS Illawarra Michael McGinty 0412 275 455
15-16 October	Dungog-Coffs Harbour (ex Taree) 620 Ted McKellar 0428 652 865
22-23 October	Murrurundi, 3 x CPH (see ad)
29 Oct - 2 Nov	Cobar, ARE (Vic)
19-20 November	Gulgong, 2/3 x CPH Peter King 02 6373 3626

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- Bigger files are better!
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# Feature



CPH's 1 and 7 departing the industrial backdrop of Botany yard and passing the Kellogg's factory with RL303 and 4814 on standing freight services.  
Photo: S.G. Preston

## **ARTC Botany Inspection by Stephen Preston**

As a prelude to ARTC'S remote signalling control of the Sydney Metropolitan, Enfield West and Botany track areas from the Junee Network Control Centre South, the Society was requested to operate an inspection train using CPH's 1 and 7 on April 1.

Travelling from Paterson early in the morning, the rail motors proceeded to Campbelltown via Chullora Junction and Enfield West and having picked up ARTC Network Control, Asset Management, Property and Project staff, retraced their path to Chullora Junction and then proceeded through the goods lines to Enfield, Marrickville Junction, Cooks River and Botany.

After a brief inspection the train departed Botany in the early afternoon returning to Paterson via Enfield detrainning the ARTC personnel along the way.

Considerable slow running was experienced in the metropolitan area due to signal checks, other movements and track restrictions but with the CPH's performing faultlessly no delays were attributable to the Society's operation.



Pictured above is the ARTC team posing for a group photo outside the Botany yard office.  
Photo: D J Rogers

# Feature



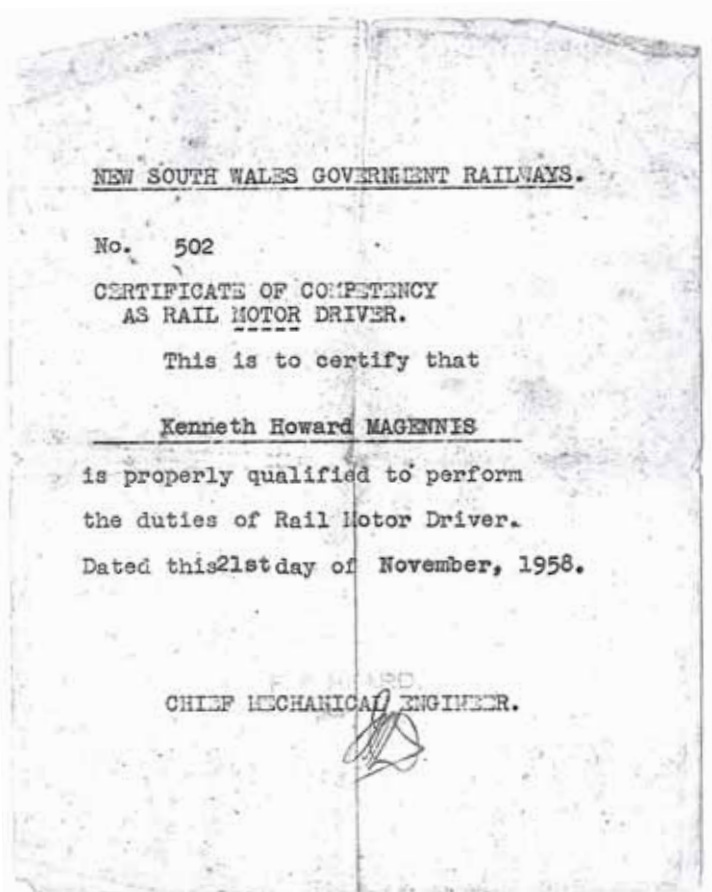
Photos: D J Rogers

Included within the group riding on the inspection train were two retired drivers of long standing who travelled as guests of the Society's train crew – Mick Baczynskij and Doug Bennett.

Ken Maggenis (above left) pictured in front of CPH 7 with Mick started his NSW railways service on 31/5/1945 at Enfield Depot as a junior loco cleaner. Ken transferred to Richmond where he was appointed as a Fireman in July 1947, then being appointed Driver in April 1954 and after 43 years service retired on 2/1/1988. During Ken's career he no doubt worked with countless enginemen including the Society's Mick Baczynskij and Mick's father Andy, who both fired for Ken whilst based at Richmond Depot.

The pictured Certificate of Competency (right) is that originally issued to Ken on 21/11/1958 by the Chief Mechanical Engineer F.P. (Frank) Heard to confirm his qualification as a Railmotor Driver.

Pictured with Doug Bennett (above right) is Bill Todd who joined the railways at Enfield in 1966 and worked as a Fireman until being appointed as Driver at DELEC. Bill transferred to the Electric Train Running (ETR) Blacktown Depot in the late 1980's where he remained until retiring with 44 years service earlier this year. Doug fired for Bill for approximately 18 months prior to Doug's appointment as acting Driver. A typical example of the small world that is the NSW rail network and long serving staff is that Doug had previously fired for Driver Fred Wright who Bill had also fired for earlier in his career! Both gents reported enjoying their day out on the rail motors and catching up with old mates.



# From the Archives

## Article by Stephen Preston

The 1950's were years of dramatic change for the New South Wales Government Railways with huge tonnages hauled and significant improvements in infrastructure, technology and rollingstock implemented.

While new steam motive power continued to be commissioned until 1956, diesel traction was also well established and with multiple manufacturers keen to secure their place in providing future rollingstock requirements, advertising was frequent.

In 1958 industry magazines were full of advertisements for diesel engine options available from manufacturers including English Electric, Paxman, Rolls Royce, Cummins, Alco and General Motors.

By this time General Motors products were well known in railway running sheds and the advertisement (pictured at right) illustrates one of the many rail motor applications of the GM diesel used in NSW.

When first introduced to service the DEB set self propelled cars pictured utilised Hercules engines and, after their initial years of unreliable operations and several years of non-operation, (during which loco hauled services were reinstated) GM power took over and continued to power these air conditioned express sets for most of their service life, in some cases for another 30+ years. The services operated by these sets covered almost all points of the NSW system and included the North Coast Daylight, Canberra Monaro, Northern Tablelands, Far West, South Coast Daylight and Riverina Expresses and in the final years also included trips to the national capital of Canberra and occasionally Richmond.

Depicted in this ad from September 1958 is a series of cars apparently freshly released from Rollingstock Workshops Chullora shown standing in the yard adjacent to the rail welders area and decorated in an early variation of the well known "Whiskers" livery which included the car number encircled midway on the end car door and the set number (154) below the end guards window.

Unfortunately, the current status of the DEB sets isn't so bright and, while examples are retained including some in the RailCorp core heritage collection, no sets are operable and most cars are stored, vandalized and neglected. The one glimmer of hope to again see a DEB set running is that cared for by the Lachlan Valley Railway at Cowra. Currently four of their seven cars are receiving significant care and rebuilding works and while currently isolated from the mainline network, plans are in mind for a return to statewide service.



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# *Back to Murrurundi Festival*

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October 2011



*Photo: Peter Kitcher*

Travel in The Rail Motor Society's restored CPH rail motors (Tin Hares) to the Upper Hunter Valley, enjoy the spectacular views and take part in the Annual Festival at Murrurundi.

Step back in time 100 years, bushrangers will hold-up a Cobb & Co. coach and a hotel, there will be period costumes, competitions, markets, exhibits, displays, street parade and a concert plus many more attractions.

The train will depart from Broadmeadow station each morning at 7.30am and will pick-up at Maitland, Singleton, and Muswellbrook arriving at Murrurundi station at 10.30am. The return journey will depart Murrurundi station at 3.00pm arriving back at Broadmeadow at 6.30pm.

If you wish to join the train at a location other than those locations listed above, please advise at the time of booking your seat/s.

## ***Return Tickets \$65.00***

Includes complimentary morning and afternoon tea.

## ***Bookings***

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***Please Note: Ticket sales are on a first in first served basis, so be quick to avoid disappointment.***