



RAIL HERITAGE WA

Members Newsletter

April 2010



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Remember – meetings at 8 pm, second Friday of every month – why not put them in your calendar now?

Friday 9 April at 8pm. Joy Brann and times at Cook.

Joy Brann has published a book titled “Stout Hearts for Steep Hills”. Whilst steep hills are not a feature of the Nullarbor, she will address the meeting and relate some aspects of the life and times of nurses who worked in rail settlement along The Line; the challenges they encountered in the provision of health care from the mid 1920s to the 1990s. Small hospitals and Medical Centres provided an extensive range of services, delivery babies, saving lives and supporting isolated Fetter’s communities. The Line was more than railways tracks; it was a Life Line!

Friday 14 May at 8pm. 1970s Rail Scene on the Move

Remember the 1970s? For us who are more elderly, it was a time of change; steam had gone, but the rail network was still extensive. For those younger than me, this is your chance to understand what we enjoyed in that decade. Lindsay Watson has transferred Super 8 movies taken in the 1970s in WA to DVD and will show some of this footage. Come and see how much the rail scene has changed.

Open day for rail enthusiasts at the

Railway Museum

Bassendean, Sunday 2 May 2010

11.00 am to 5.00 pm

- Book launch - Bill Gray's revised, fully detailed, guide to our museum exhibits – now printed in colour. Special first-day price !
- Selected stalls catering to enthusiasts
- Behind scenes tours - see restoration area and talk to restorers**
- Tours through an XA diesel engine room (bring own ear-muffs!)**
- Model displays - WA prototypes only, all sizes
- Behind-the-scenes tours of model railway
- Used book sale
- Sales on commission (rail artefacts, books, etc) - we advertise per catalogue on our website

Tell your rail enthusiast friends!

***For insurance and safety regulatory reasons, participants in these tours must wear hats and closed shoes and be over 12 years of age.*

Volunteers also needed ! See Geoffrey at April meeting or ring 9279 7189 or editor@railheritagewa.org.au

Museum Planning Day – 10th April (Brian Williams, President)

A Museum Planning Day is being held on Saturday 10 April, commencing at 1.00pm, at Bassendean.

It is intended that the recommendations of the Interpretative Plan will be discussed, planning for future generations to enjoy the facilities, investigate the best possible means to fund and build a 'workshop building' to facilitate restoration of all rollingstock and to work towards the future so that the Society can enjoy another 50 years.

Afternoon tea will be provided, and all those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Online Sales

Two new books expected to be on sale at the Enthusiasts' Day, 2 May 2010. The bookshop will be restocked with a wide range for this event.

Don't forget; if you are unable to get to Bassendean to purchase from the wide range of books at the Museum kiosk, many are now available for online purchasing and postal delivery, both within Australia and to overseas. To make use of this service, please visit the online website at www.railheritagewa.org.au and follow the links to Online Sales Pages at the lower left, or the Sales icon at the top of the screen.

Boyanup – March 2010 (Ian Carne)

Well, the God of all things going Pear Shaped is still lurking in our domain, causing a variety of problems that we could well do without. But I'm not going to bore you with the problems.

Not a lot has happened over the summer period, due mainly to the hot conditions. The toilet block renovations are near completion with the power supply due to be connected very shortly. Then Norm Chapple will be wielding the brush, painting the interior. I look forward to his selection of colours. Next it will be the area landscaping done jointly with the section 95 crew and the 2010 Horticultural class which commenced on the 8th of March.

We have again applied for a grant in the latest round of Royalties for Regions. For a sum total of \$30,000, it is for completion of power supply and lighting to the Roundhouse Workshop, removal of the rail at Turkey Point, alloy steps for the Museum on Rail and other coaches, and refurbishing of the grounded "Z" to be used as a picnic shelter.

Also in the mixture is the pricing up of repairs and modifications to the old Bunbury Goods shed. This is big dollar expenditure and I would not be surprised to get a cost estimate rather than a firm quote. A figure of \$350,000 plus would not surprise me.

I hope you all get your Easter Eggs before the Calici Virus gets the Easter Bunny.

Happy Easter to all.

Newsletter items (Peter Hopper)

Next issue - Deadline – 24th April, 2010; contact phopper@iinet.net.au.

Museum Rosters

Sunday Museum Roster (Paul Collin)

DATE	KIOSK/SALES	SITE SUPERVISION	OPEN/CLOSE
Sun 4 Apr	K.Freind, A.Drakeford	M.Searle	K.Freind
Sun 11 Apr 2 parties	P.Tranter, G.Turbett	T.Gillett	P.Collin
Sun 18 Apr Party booking	S.Rayner, B.Peacock	T.Gillett	G.Watson
Sun 25 Apr	G.Higham, R.Higham	J.Adamson	G.Higham
Sun 2 May	Special arrangements		K. Friend
Sun 9 May Party booking	P.Hopper, L.Hunter	T.Gillett	G.Watson
Sun 16 May	G.Turbett, S.MacKay	T.Gillett	P.Collin
Sun 23 May	C.Lofthouse, J.Austin	T.Gillett	G.Watson
Sun 30 May	G.Higham, R.Higham	J.Adamson	G.Higham

Wednesday Museum Roster (Lynda Butler)

DATE	KIOSK/SALES	SITE SUPERVISION	OPEN / CLOSE
7 April School Holiday	Steve Rayner	John Adamson	Lynda Butler
14 April Filming – 9.30-4.00 School Holiday	George Turbett	Bob Johnson	Lynda Butler
21 April	Steve Rayner	Trevor Tobin	Lynda Butler
28 April	George Turbett	Theo Gillet	Lynda Butler
5 May	Steve Rayner	John Adamson	Lynda Butler
12 May	George Turbett	Trevor Tobin	Lynda Butler
19 May	Steve Rayner	Theo Gillet	Lynda Butler
26 May	George Turbett	John Adamson	Lynda Butler

Remember the Open Day for Railway Enthusiasts at the Museum on Sunday 2nd May from 11am to 5pm. For all who are interested in railways, so let all your friends know and bring them along for a different experience.

Volunteers are needed on the day to help with the multitude of small tasks – please assist your Society in its endeavours.