



RAIL HERITAGE WA

Members Newsletter
August 2010



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

Friday 13 August at 8 pm. 2009 Year in Review

You have read the 2009 Year in Review article in the Westland; now see “2009 Year in Review” a DVD produced by Murray Rowe featuring trains operating on the ARTC Network, standard and narrow gauge trains hauled by locomotives owned/operated by Pacific National, QR National, SCT, Hotham Valley Railway and Coote Industrial. Some old favourites and some new locos.

Friday 10 September at 8 pm. Indonesian Railways

Member Paul Collin will provide a presentation on railways in our near neighbour, Indonesia.

Sunday ~~10 October~~. RAILFEST 2010

UPDATE:

RailFest has been delayed until Sunday 31 October.

Mark this date in your diary now. Railfest will be on the ~~last Sunday of the school holidays again~~ (Sunday ~~10 October~~ 2010) so keep the day clear. Leaflets will be available shortly for passing to your friends. Volunteers are needed in all fields.

Sunday ~~14~~ November. Members outing to Yarloop

Keep Sunday ~~14~~ November free, your society is arranging an outing to Yarloop for the monthly "steaming day" at Yarloop Workshops Museum. We'll travel by Australind and have booked the Mill Cafe for lunch. Further details to come.

ATHRA Conference in Perth

On Saturday 4 Sept and Sun 5 Sept am – the Museum will be the venue for the first conference style meeting of ATHRA. You are welcome to participate. More information about presentations on the ATHRA website www.athra.asn.au

A Social Dinner will be held on the Saturday evening – see page 4 for details.

Vandals attack museum.

Mindless damage was caused to our equipment recently when vandals broke in on Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning, 27th/28th July.

Apart from damage to the Cat front-end loader and the 'Mule', which we use to move heavy objects around, the miscreants broke into the Mess car and stole our site keys causing us considerable expense to replace locks. Entry into the Green shed, the LV&S shed and containers was made.

Most of the glass in the Cat was smashed and the mule damaged. Other items damaged included ST11 ignition lock but they were not able to start it. The Mule was driven at a gate and then rammed into side of ZJ266.

We have to replace numerous locks and keys; this is being worked through.

Secretary Position (Brian Williams)

The Divisional Council is seeking a suitable member to take on the important function of Society Secretary.

The function of the position is to handle all correspondence relating to the Society (sending incoming correspondence to relevant officers for them to deal with), attending Divisional Council meetings and recording minutes of such meetings, reporting the correspondence, etc to Council.

If you feel that you can perform this task would you please contact either the President or Vice President.

Sales Items (Geoffrey Higham)

And for the young people - we now have 'Freudie' Collectable Cards available. They are based on 'Freudie' at the Museum; they have animal personas that encompass the alphabet, with the common thread being transport, transporting, distribution and strength. Great for the young ones only \$2.00 per card or \$5.00 for a set of 4. There are also stickers for \$1.50 each.

Think of your grandchildren - and anyone else's' grandkids!

New magazine - "Australian Railways Illustrated" issues 1 and 2 have proved very popular and have sold out, however we have ordered extra copies and have placed a standing order, so do check out this new journal at the shop. Issued every second month, with a wide range of articles and illustrations.

Boyanup News (Ian Carne)

Again the foundation has been fortunate to have secured another grant in round two of the Royalties for Regions grants. The money will be spent on completion of the grounded "Z" brakevan shell which is being set up as a picnic, BBQ, and children's party shelter, completion of electrical power to the round house, and removal costs of rail from Turkey Point. This grant is for \$23,030.

While on the subject of grants, the foundation was again fortunate in receiving a FAHCSIA Volunteers Grant of \$2,287. This will be used in purchasing a new Fridge Freezer and computer system.

The Museum on Rails, ZJ270, and Albany Buffet, AQL288, have been coupled together and placed just outside the goods shed. Sunday the 25th July saw some 50 visitors from the Busselton Naturalist club visit the mobile museum and most were impressed with the Buffet car. The cars will be put back undercover for the summer period and then replaced back with the arrival of cooler weather.

The Horticultural class are doing a great job on their projects around the site. Section 95 guys are a great help in doing the heavy work on site; something that us oldies forget is that we're not Samsons any more.

Newsletter items (Peter Hopper)

Next issue - Deadline – 28 August 2010; contact phopper@inet.net.au.

Wednesday Museum Roster

The Wednesday Museum Roster has recently lost several volunteers and a couple are away on holiday. As well, one of our stalwarts, Theo, is unwell and needs to take it easy for a period. We have gained a new volunteer on Wednesdays, Graeme Bradley – welcome aboard.

The Society is working hard to increase the popularity of Wednesdays through schools and community groups, and would be pleased to hear of any suggestions members may have to increase numbers during the week.

To ease the load on the volunteers we currently have, it would be wonderful to have several more people who could give their assistance on occasions in this expansion of the Society's exposure to the general public. The effort involved is not onerous, there is the chance to converse with fellow members and visitors, and in quiet times you do get chance to check out the latest books and magazines that are available at the kiosk.

Museum Rosters

Sunday Museum Roster (Paul Collin)

DATE	KIOSK/SALES	SITE SUPERVISION	OPEN/CLOSE
8 August	A.Drakeford, S.Rayner	T.Gillett	P.Collin
15 August	J.Austin, C.Lofthouse	T.Gillett	G.Watson
22 August	G.Higham, R.Higham	J.Adamson	G.Higham
29 August	S.MacKay, L.Hunter	T.Gillett	P.Collin
5 Sept	K.Freind, B.Peacock	M.Searle	K.Freind
12 Sept	G.Turbett, A.Drakeford	T.Gillett	G.Watson
19 Sept	J,Austin, C.Lofthouse	J.Adamson	P.Collin
26 Sept	G.Higham, R.Higham	T.Gillett	G.Higham

Wednesday Museum Roster (Lynda Butler)

DATE	KIOSK/SALES	SITE SUPERVISION	OPEN / CLOSE
4 August	Tom Goode	George Turbett	Lynda Butler
11 August	George Turbett	Graeme Bradley	Lynda Butler
18 August	Steve Rayner	Tom Goode	Lynda Butler
25 August	Tom Goode	George Turbett	Lynda Butler
1 Sept	George Turbett	Graeme Bradley	Lynda Butler
8 Sept	Graeme Bradley	Tom Goode	Lynda Butler
15 Sept	George Turbett	Graeme Bradley	Lynda Butler
22 Sept	Tom Goode	George Turbett	Lynda Butler
29 Sept	Graeme Bradley	Tom Goode	Lynda Butler

ATHRA Social Dinner

(Assoc. Tourist & Heritage Railways of Aust)

Railway Museum 'Buffet Roast'

6.30pm Saturday 4 September

For pre-dinner nibbles followed by:

a great dinner served (china plates) – choice of roast meats, salads and veggies, choice of sweets, tea & coffee

Just \$30 a head.

Bookings by 28 August by phone to Lindsay 9294 1148 or to Philippa by email pmrogers@iinet.net.au

Payment can be made on the night.

All welcome

to this event and enjoy the chance to meet and socialise with our interstate visitors as well as local enthusiasts.

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