



International Fellowship  
of Railroading Rotarians



## **IFRR SMOKESTACK SPECIAL SYDNEY CONVENTION ISSUE APRIL 2014**

### **IFRR ACTIVITIES AT THE SYDNEY CONVENTION**

#### **1. *The Annual Meeting of IFRR at lunch, Tuesday June 3.***

All IFRR members are asked to attend the required Annual meeting. Meet outside the main entrance to the House of Friendship (located in the Dome) immediately (approximately 15 minutes) after the closing of the Plenary Session. The group will select a restaurant to have lunch and the meeting.

**Elections will be held during the annual meeting. Email information regarding the election of IFRR officers will be sent out soon before the Convention.**

#### **2. *Excursion to the layouts at the Australian Model Railway Association at Mortdale***

After the annual meeting walk to the Olympic Park Railway Station to meet member Jim Wells who will lead on the two leg commuter train trip to the facility. (Fare passes are part of Convention Registration) You can learn about the facility at [www.amransw.asn.au](http://www.amransw.asn.au).

**Please reply to our President, Don Schiller [schiller@commspeed.net](mailto:schiller@commspeed.net) with your intentions of attending:** a. the lunch/meeting and b. the excursion to the AMRA layouts.

#### **3. *Additional tour opportunity available.***

Jim Wells, Sydney resident, says: "Absolute must-a half day trip to Woy Woy. The trip to the North includes two major bridges, a long 2-1/2% grades, tunnels including the mile long Woy Woy tunnel and as much curvature as you could possibly want. Sorry there's only a limited running at 60 mph plus."

Jim will lead this outing on either Saturday May 31 or Thursday June 5, as the attendees choose.

Further there is choice of two different schedules that could be taken either day.

### **Option 1-quick trip**

Leave Central Station (Central Business District) at 1345 (Australian time)

Woy Woy 1459-1523 (may extend to Koolewong 1503-1519)

Arrive back at Central 1643

### **Option 2 - more of a day out**

Lv. Central 1045

Gosford 1210-lunch 1311

Hawkesbury River 1337-1437, walk to view famous bridge (not suitable for anyone who cannot cope with stairs)

Epping 1514-transfer to suburban train-1525

Macq Park 1532-1548-see large underground station

Return to Central at 1624 via Harbour Bridge.

## **4. Other Possibilities (individual activities)**

Those arriving before the Convention or staying on afterwards should consider:

*Sydney Great Train Expo™  
– Queen's Birthday Weekend  
Saturday 7, Sunday 8 & Monday 9, June 2014*

Website:

<http://www.heritageexpress.com.au/pages/tours-events/2014-06-002-SPEV.htm>

### **Thirlmere Trainworks Museum**

<http://www.trainworks.com.au/>

If there is real interest in this (50ml from Sydney) Jim Wells will consider driving (weekend) or hosting (public transport - weekday) a visit for as many as can be accommodated.

**Dulwich Hill Light Rail** (extension just opened  new/used Spanish vehicles):

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/lightrail-program/inner-west-light-rail-extension>

## **Powerhouse Museum**

<http://www.powerhousemuseum.com/>

**To attend these alternate tours or for more details you must contact Jim Wells directly at [wellsjc@ozemail.com.au](mailto:wellsjc@ozemail.com.au).**

You must indicate your preferences of 1. which day (Thursday or Saturday) and 2. which tour (Option 1 or 2) Or information on the other listed opportunities.

From Bill Reinhardt.



**IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE CONVENTION, PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE. Plus...tell a friend, old or new, at home or during the convention. Help to increase IFRR membership.**

**Thanks and best regards in Railroading & Rotary,**  
*Don*

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### **The Four-Way Test**

For Rotary, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future.

**Of the things we think, say or do:**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
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