



Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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EP RAILWAY PEOPLE

A display of photographs of railway people on Eyre Peninsula was prepared as the museum's contribution to the 2012 History Festival. The photos were taken from the museum's archives, and ranged from the earliest days of the railway to more recent times. The opportunity was also taken during preparation of the displays to try to identify

some of those in the photos whose names were not known.

Les Walter was responsible for putting the display together, and produced a large number of panels which were on display in the breezeway area. We had quite a few interested visitors during May, looking to see if family members were included.



A portion of the displays which Les Walter put together for the History Festival. The breezeway area has been put to good use since the gates were installed.

850's BIRTHDAY PARTY

The 50th anniversary of SAR loco 850 was marked at the Port Lincoln Railway Museum on 24th March 2012. Leading up to the event it was increasingly unlikely that 850 itself would be present as it was working out at Thevenard on the gypsum trains. However, a locomotive transfer unexpectedly occurred and 850 arrived back in town at 6:30 that morning hauling 1601 and 1604. GWA very kindly placed the locomotive adjacent to the museum for the day. A pleasing crowd of over 40 people attended the occasion. The museum had mounted a photographic display covering 850's delivery to Port Lincoln and subsequent working life on Eyre Peninsula.

In keeping with the occasion a birthday cake was provided and was cut by two guests of honour. Mrs Joyce Rodriguez is the daughter of Fred Hooker, the fitter who was sent to Islington to train prior to 850's arrival in 1962. Mr David Polkinghorne joined the SAR over 51 years ago and has been a driver based at Port Lincoln for 40 years. He was the driver who brought 850 back from Thevenard for the occasion (he has since retired).

850 has been maintained for all of its 50 years by the workshops at Port Lincoln.



Above: Mrs Rodriguez and Mr Polkinghorne cutting the cake.

Below: Some of the crowd on the day.



VISIT TO SITES OF INTEREST AROUND TOWN

Another outing to sites of railway interest was held on 26 November 2011. This time we traced the remains of former railway and tramway facilities close to town.

A brief stop was made at the former Cresco site. Two lengthy sidings extended through the works, and a connection to the main railway yard crossed Verran Terrace and LeBrun Street adjacent to the present main line level crossing. Phosphate rock was brought by rail from Brennen's Jetty to the works, and superphosphate was railed from Cresco to sidings all over the Peninsula. All that remains now is the outline of some rails leading into the works area from the site of the level crossing.

Next stop was the site of the Australian Barley Board's bagged grain depot at Barley Road. A siding with weighbridge beside

Yandra Terrace continued through a shallow cutting and across what is now the Western Approach Road into the Barley Depot. Two sidings in the depot ran between bagged grain sheds. Construction of the Western Approach Road covered the alignment of the siding entering the depot, but the end of the cutting can still be seen beside the main line. Concrete platform edges still exist at the side of the new road reservation.

Our inspection party then moved on to the GPD, where we traced the alignment of the extensive SAR sidings in the works area. We then moved around to the former slaughterhouse and inspected the remains of the 18 inch gauge tramway which once served this part of the works.

It was an interesting outing, and reminded us that some relics exist right under our noses.

Right: This area between freezer buildings at the GPD was once occupied by four SAR tracks. Frozen lamb carcasses were taken by rail from here to Brennen's Jetty. These sidings were also used for loading live sheep for export, and a photo of a sheep train at this exact spot was in the last newsletter.



Left: Murray Wright and John McGeever are following the alignments of the 18 inch gauge tramway at the GPD.

HELP!

The biggest problem facing the museum at the moment is finding enough volunteers who are willing to help on our advertised opening afternoons. Unfortunately, several of our long-term regulars can no longer continue. They have made an enormous contribution to the museum over many years, and for that we are very grateful.

Can you give just one afternoon a month? You don't have to be an expert, just someone who can open the museum, greet visitors, and close up at the end of the afternoon. All it takes is a general interest and a willingness to help the museum continue telling the story of the railways on Eyre Peninsula.

AGM COMING UP

The Annual General Meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society, Inc. will be held on Thursday 19 July 2012, in the J.D. Somerville Reading Room at the railway station.

VISITORS TO TOWN

Port Lincoln people may have noticed a large number of yellow wagons which appeared at the beginning of May. They were new iron ore hoppers for Whyalla, and arrived here by ship from China. They were moved to the EDI workshops at Port Lincoln where

they were placed on bogies, had couplings fitted and lettering applied and were readied for service. They were then taken by road to Whyalla. All had been completed and delivered within a couple of weeks of their arrival.



EXCESS STOCK

The Museum has excess stocks of a number of former SAR and AN publications, and these are made available for sale. Some are used, often with annotations and alterations inserted, while others are in mint condition.

A summary of the items available is shown below. Full details are on the Museum's website at <http://www.eprps.org.au/books.html>, and items can be purchased at the Museum or by mail order. All proceeds go to Museum funds.

<p>SAR Rule Book (1947) \$25</p> <p>General Appendix (1973) \$35</p> <p>Instructions to Enginemen (1959) \$20</p> <p>Mileage Tables, Port Lincoln Div (1956) \$10</p> <p>Fare Tables, Country Lines (1965) \$8</p> <p>Fare Tables, Port Lincoln Div (1952) \$10</p>	<p>SAR Goods and Livestock Vehicles (1957) \$15</p> <p>Private Sidings & Shunting Charges (1973) \$15</p> <p>Mileage Tables (various lines available) \$10</p> <p>Maintenance Guide \$5</p> <p>AN Track Maintenance Guide \$5</p> <p>ROA Carriage of Dangerous Goods \$20</p>
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MEMBERSHIP 2012/13

Membership fees for the 2012/13 year will become due after the AGM in July. Please note that if you would like to use direct

bank deposit for renewals, the museum's bank account is BSB 633-000 and account 136921376 (add your name to the details).

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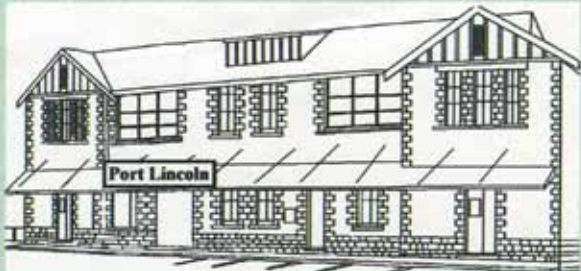
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