



Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society Inc.

PO Box 2736, Port Lincoln SA 5606

NEWSLETTER

June 2013

MURRAY WRIGHT - LIFE MEMBER

The Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society awarded Life Membership to Murray Wright at its November meeting. The award is in recognition of the immense amount of work that Murray has done for the Museum over the last fifteen years. He is a Foundation member of the Society and has served on the Committee from the beginning, including as Vice President for many terms.

Much of the heavier physical work around the Museum has been Murray's doing, and it would be hard to find a corner somewhere which does not show his handiwork. His contribution to the physical presence of the Museum can only be described as massive.

But beyond this, Murray is also an enthusiastic researcher who enjoys following topic trails through the material in the archives at the Museum. He is also a keen photographer of railway-related subjects, and frequently adds to the Museum's photographic collection.

Murray's Life Membership is only the second one awarded by the Society, and is a well-deserved acknowledgement of his outstanding efforts on behalf of the Society.



Above: Murray being presented with his Certificate of Life Membership.

AGM COMING UP

The Annual General Meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society, Inc. will be held on Thursday 18 July 2013, at 4:30

pm in the J.D. Somerville Reading Room at the Museum. New volunteers to help on open days are desperately needed!

LAST LINK TO 1907 DEMOLISHED

The original engine shed at Port Lincoln was demolished on 31 May this year. The shed had been erected at the time of the opening of the line to Cummins in 1907, but in fact it dated from circa 1880 when it was first erected at Kingston SE as a long carriage shed. Redundant there by 1906, the shed was dismantled and moved to Port Lincoln where its configuration was changed, with part becoming the engine shed and part the carriage shed.

Both sheds deteriorated in recent years, and the carriage shed collapsed spectacularly in high winds on 10 July 2010. GWA considered refurbishing the remaining shed but decided that it was surplus to requirements. To avoid another collapse, arrangements were made for its demolition.

Thanks to the cooperation of GWA and Macmahon Services, the Museum was able to recover one of the arched wooden louvred vents from above the doors. These were typical of SAR architecture in the 1880s (other sheds on Eyre Peninsula were built with rectangular style vents). It will now serve as the last tangible link to the beginnings of the Eyre Peninsula lines.



Above: The louvred vent which was saved for the museum.

Below: The old engine shed as it appeared in 1998, before the louvred vents above the doors were sheeted over. Photo: John Dennis.

Bottom: Portion of the 1906 plans for the re-erection of the Kingston building at Port Lincoln. This blueprint is in the museum's archives.



'PIPING SHRIKE' LOGO

All SAR diesel locomotives carried the state emblem on their ends. The logos were aluminium castings painted black, white and yellow. They became a distinctive feature of the SAR fleet, including the 830 class on Eyre Peninsula.

The National Railway Museum at Port Adelaide had one which was surplus to their needs, and in September 2012 they graciously donated it to the Port Lincoln Railway Museum.

The logo fills a significant gap in our collection, and will be an eye-catching item when it is placed on display.



CRUISE SHIP VISITS



The largest cruise ship ever to visit Port Lincoln, the MS *Volendam*, was in Port Lincoln on 15 November 2012. The 60,900 tonne vessel has a capacity of 1432 passengers and 615 crew, and dwarfed the grain loaders on Brennen's Jetty. Its visit saw large crowds of visitors wandering the streets of town all day.

The Museum had planned to open during the morning. The stream of visitors was never-ending however, and Barb &

Richard Moller and John McGeever put in a magnificent effort, staying open until well into the afternoon. Eighty customers visited the Museum that day, a record paid attendance for the Museum.

The *Volendam* is due back in Port Lincoln for the day on Friday 15 November this year. We will need to be open probably between 9 and 4 that day, so will need as many members as possible to help cover the roster.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - CHRISTMAS 1965

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAYS.
Superintendent's Office,
PORT LINCOLN,
2nd. December, 1965

SHF:MM

Train Notice No. 56/65

M.I.C. will work as under account FATHER CHRISTMAS.

MONDAY 20.12.65

Port Lincoln	dept.	7.00 a.m.
Coomunga	arr.	7.24
	dept.	7.32
Edillilie	arr.	8.02
	dept.	8.10
Cummins	arr.	8.28
	dept.	8.30
Yeelanna	arr.	8.53
	dept.	9.03
Tooligie	arr.	9.35 - 110
	dept.	9.50
Lock	arr.	10.26
	dept.	10.34
Warrambo	arr.	11.16
	dept.	11.24
Wudinna	arr.	11.50
	dept.	11.58
Minnipa	arr.	12.40 p.m.
	dept.	1.00
Poochera	arr.	1.35
	dept.	1.43
Yantanabie	arr.	2.18
	dept.	2.26
Nunjikompita	arr.	3.05
	dept.	3.13
Puntabie	arr.	3.36
	dept.	3.42
Maltee	arr.	4.08
	dept.	4.16
Thevenard	arr.	4.50

TUESDAY 21/12/65

Thevenard	dept.	7.30 a.m.
Koonibba	arr.	8.44
	dept.	8.56
Cummins	arr.	4.20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 22/12/65

Cummins	dept.	8.30 a.m.
Cockaleschie	arr.	8.50
	dept.	9.00
Ungarra	arr.	9.25
	dept.	9.35
Wharminda	arr.	10.08
	dept.	10.18
Taragoro	arr.	10.44 - 116
	dept.	10.50
Rudall	arr.	11.00
	dept.	11.10
Darke Peak	arr.	11.38
	dept.	11.48
Kimba	arr.	12.35
	dept.	1.15 p.m.
Port Lincoln	arr.	6.30 p.m.

This Train Notice was issued in December 1965, and covered the special working of a Motor Inspection Car conveying 'Father Christmas' on his tour of the Eyre Peninsula lines. Santa visited locations between Port Lincoln and Thevenard, Koonibba, and between Cummins and Kimba bringing excitement and gifts to the children along the line. The gifts were made by railway staff during the year.

R. Cheer
SUPERINTENDENT

LATE NEWS: REBORN 850 EMERGES

Pioneer loco 850 has been undergoing a major overhaul since last year. In recent weeks it has been inside the 'spray tent' at the back of the workshops, receiving its new GWA paint scheme. It emerged into the sunlight on Friday 28th June, and should be back in service shortly.

The orange colour used is the official GWA worldwide colour, a little lighter than that used by ASR and ARG.

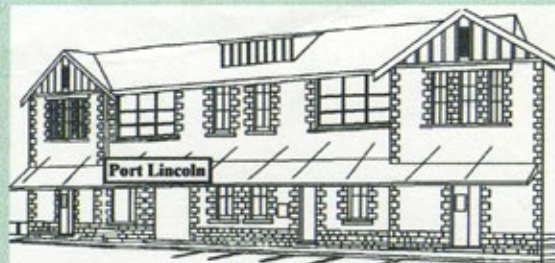


MEMBERSHIP 2013/14

Membership fees for the 2013/14 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 number 136921376 (add your name to the details).

Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society

Application for membership



<i>name</i>		
<i>postal address</i>		
<i>street address</i>		
<i>town & pc</i>		
<i>phone h & w</i>		
<i>fax</i>		
<i>mobile</i>		
<i>e-mail</i>		
<i>website</i>		

I wish to:
 Receive newsletters by e-mail post

Renew my membership / Become a member

date

signed

Forward your payment of \$10 per member to:

Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Society
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Receipt No.
Date

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