

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUEENSLAND

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PROSPECTUS

A musician laying railway track, a botanist driving a diesel locomotive, a meat-worker restoring vintage carriages, a delivery driver serving food in a dining car, a statistician writing railway history books, a dairy farmer making rail videos. Such diversity is found in the members of Australian Railway Historical Society Queensland Division who are all assisting to preserve our industrial heritage. Members of the Society could be described as "mechanical greenies" and heritage "doers"; women and men of all ages who come from all walks of life who share a common interest in railways and who enjoy one or more of the myriad of activities available to members of the Society. In fact, *FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RAILWAYS* is our motto.

The Australian Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, as it was originally called, was founded in Sydney in May 1933 and since then membership has steadily grown with Divisions of the Society in all States and the ACT. These are all independent associations or companies. The Queensland Division was formed in 1957 and incorporated in 1968 as a non-profit company with liability limited by guarantee.

OBJECTS

To promote the appreciation of Queensland's railway heritage and to maintain authenticity in the recording and preservation of this heritage.

These are being achieved by:

- the recording and presentation of information;
- the operation of trains on the mainline or other private lines solely or in joint ventures;
- the continued operation and development of the *Rosewood Railway Museum*;
- ensuring that items of significance to the history of railways in Queensland are preserved, restored or conserved;
- collecting, recording, publishing and preserving printed works, photographs, audio and visual media and other materials pertaining to the history of railways in Queensland;

- developing the skills of those prepared to volunteer to ensure the future administrative strength and skill base of the Society; actively encouraging membership to all those who are interested in railways.

ACTIVITIES

- Entertainment Meetings are held in Brisbane bi-monthly from January to November. The entertainment is in the form of film, video or photographs on some aspect of railway interest, or prepared talks by members or guest speakers.
- The Society is involved in the establishment and operation of a preserved railway and museum near Rosewood west of Ipswich. The *Rosewood Railway Museum* operates monthly on part of the old Marburg line. There are both mid-week and weekend workdays.
- The Society's *Sunshine Express Rail Tours* charters special trains from Queensland Rail often using steam locomotives. Several history-making tours have been organised. Joint tours with other organisations are also run.
- Society members are involved in the restoration and maintenance of steam locomotives, wooden carriages and goods rolling stock and diesel locomotives. The regional committees in Townsville and Rockhampton are involved in diesel-electric locomotive restoration.
- ARHS Queensland Division publishes a journal called *SUNSHINE EXPRESS* each month. It concentrates on all aspects of railways in Queensland, both present and past. Reduced subscription rates are available for members. The ARHS NSW Division publishes the *Bulletin* which features articles on railways from all States of Australia.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OFFERS YOU

- reduced subscriptions and fares (including free travel on the *Rosewood Railway Museum*)
- ability to participate in the operation of a preserved railway
- a chance to assist with *Sunshine Express Rail Tours*
- opportunity to learn railway skills
- access to information on all aspects of railway matters not available through conventional sources
- a chance to meet and work with others with similar interests
- access to the Society's Library when it becomes available.

HOW TO JOIN

Complete the enclosed membership application form and forward it with your remittance to :-

The Membership Officer
ARHS Queensland Division
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SPECIAL NOTE :

The minimum age for Society membership is 15 years. Applicants for membership who are under the age of 18 will be required to furnish a duly signed Guarantee Form which will be forwarded on receipt of the membership application.

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