FUTURE OF RAILWAY HERITAGE IN NSW

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Railway Heritage Estate

CHARACTERISTICS

- Covers a broad range of buildings, works, sites and movable heritage items
- Has high community interest and support
- Bulk of items are under the ownership and control of Government
Statutory Listings – Railway items

HO Database (HOD)
- (LEP’s, S.170 + SHR) total 1702 Railway items
- S.170 Railway listings 854 (Government owned)

SHR
- 272 items
- 236 in Government ownership

Listing Consequences

STATE HERITAGE REGISTER
- Heritage Council Approval
- Minimum Maintenance Standards

SECTION 170 HERITAGE REGISTER
- Ministerial Principles and Heritage Council Guidelines
- HAMS
- Register Finalised

LEP HERITAGE SCHEDULE
- Notification to local council
STATE HERITAGE REGISTER – Railway items

• SHR was established 1996

• Announced through “NSW Government Heritage Policy”
  Minister Knowles

• Included previous PCOs

Celebration!

Albury Station. SHR 1999
Celebration!

eg Commissioners Carriages SHR 2003

Government Management

**NSW Heritage Act 1977**

- S.170 provisions established 1987

- NSW government owns + manages bulk of heritage items in NSW

- NSW government agencies to conserve and manage heritage assets and ‘lead by example and demonstrate exemplary heritage management’ (Refshauge 2000 Heritage Policy)
Section 170 – NSW Heritage Act 1977

1999 changes
• obliged government agencies to do more than list significant heritage assets in their ownership;
• to effectively conserve and manage their heritage (Section 170(A));

2004 update
• Release of State Heritage Guide

Section 170 – State Heritage Guide

• provides clarification to NSW agencies about heritage issues and opportunities when managing its assets
• consistent with NSW Government Total Asset Management (TAM) policy

2006 January: Completion date for HAMS

2009: Completion date for S.170(6) Heritage & Conservation Registers
KEY ISSUES

- Complexity of ownership
- Upgrade requirements vs heritage
- Redundancy and adaptive reuse
- Movable heritage and rolling stock

Government Rail Entities – a ever changing environment?

- Rail Corp
- RIC
- State Rail demise
- Freight Corp
- Australian Rail Track Corporation
UPGRADES VS HERITAGE

- Modernisation of stations
- Providing for disabled access and security
- New technologies

REDUNDANCY AND ADAPTIVE REUSE

- Maintenance and security of orphan assets
- Ownership and management
- Adaptive reuse options
- Funding, insurance and liability issues
MOVABLE HERITAGE & ROLLING STOCK

- Ownership and Control
- Inventory and Disposal Policy
- Basic needs, funding, maintenance and long term conservation

NSW Rail Preservation Entities

- Rail Transport Museum, Thirlmere 3801 Limited
- The Rail Motor Society, Paterson
- Central West Railway Preservation Society, Orange
- Cooma Monaro Railway Inc.
- Dumaesq Railway Preservation Society
- Glenreagh Mountain Railway
- Hunter Valley Railway Trust
- Illawarra Light Railway Museum
- Lachlan Valley Railway Society Cooperative Limited, Cowra
- Goulburn Crookwell Heritage Railway
- Sydney Tramway Museum
- The Rail Motor Society Inc.
- Zig Zag Railway Co-op Ltd, Lithgow
- Historic Electric Traction (HET)
- Sydney Electric Train Society (SETS)
- Richmond Vale Railway
- Silverton Railway Museum
- Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum
- Tocumwal Railway Preservation Committee
- Rothbury Riot Railway And Steam Museum Group Ltd
- Yass Railway Museum
- Canberra Railway Museum
- Lithgow State Mine & Railway
- Steam Tram & Railway Preservation Society

Peak Organisations:
- Rail Heritage Australia (NSW) Inc
- Association Of Railway Preservation Groups (NSW) Incorporated
- Australian Railway Historical Society, ACT
RailCorp Movable Heritage assets

- 28 April 2004, RailCorp, Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) and State Rail endorsed the process for developing a Heritage Asset Management Strategy.
- Including establishment of Heritage Asset Management Strategy Steering Committee.
- Establishment of Rolling Stock Selection Committee – to review S.170 movable heritage register and identify core collection.

Basic Needs

- Adequate Storage Facility
- Workshop
- Available Skills
- Sydney Metropolitan Base
- Regional Support Areas
- Appropriate Management Entity
- Marketing Tourism Plan
Funding Maintenance and Long Term Conservation

- Government involvement
- Viability of business
- Partnerships and integrated approaches
- Heritage Council role

Where to from here

- Heritage Office/Heritage Council
- Government
- Private Organisations