

**AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (S.A.DIVISION) INC.  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2016/2017**



I ..... (full name)  
of ..... Postcode .....  
Occupation ..... Phone .....  
E' mail address .....

Hereby wish to apply for -:

Full Member, Voting rights and including Newsletter	\$42.00	.....
Full Member, voting rights – no magazines*	\$33.00	.....
Associate Member, no voting rights*	\$13.00	.....
Junior Member, Newsletter posted, no voting rights*	\$23.00	.....

\* *Required to live at the same address as a "full member" of the Society*

**Additional Magazines - Posted**

Australian Rail History (National)	\$97.00	.....
Railway Digest (NSW)	\$102.00	.....
Catchpoint (SA)	\$48.00	.....
Newsrail (Victoria)	\$111.00	.....

I also wish to make a tax deductible donation to SteamRanger \$.....

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$.....

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD** VISA / MASTERCARD (tick)

Card Number ..... Expiry Date: .....

Name on Card ..... Contact Phone: .....

*This form valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017*

*Forward completed form to Membership Secretary*

*PO Box 152 Victor Harbor SA 5211*

*Enquiries to above postbox or call 1300 655 991 ABN: 366 618 46947*

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The Australian Railway Historical Society was founded in New South Wales in 1933 and now has Divisions in all States. The South Australian Division was formed in 1952 and now has a membership of around 300.

The Society provides a means whereby persons interested in any phase of the history or operations of Australian Railways may associate with other persons of similar interest to their mutual benefit, education and enjoyment.

Interests of members include photography of railways and railway subjects, locomotive performance and design, rolling stock, timetables and riding on trains or being part of an operating railway. An interest in any one of these facets, or for that matter anything pertaining to railways is sufficient for you to derive satisfaction for membership.

The Society holds a general meeting on the last Thursday of each month, except in December, which is a forum and gathering place for members to compare interests and to exchange views on railway subjects. Reports are given on activities of the Society whilst the entertainment section is provided by speakers, films, discussions on railway and railway related topics with the occasional "special outing". A sales section operates at each meeting offering a range of books and other items of railway interest.

Where a member and their partner join one may become a full member with voting rights (which does not include the receipt of any newsletter etc) or an Associate member where no voting rights apply. Members have a choice of purchase of "Australian Railway History", previously the "ARHS Bulletin", and / or "Catch Point". All members, except Associate and Full member voting rights only receive the bi-monthly Newsletter.

**PUBLICATIONS**

The Society publishes, on an Australia-wide basis, the "Australian Railway History" magazine containing articles of historic interest on railways, locomotives and rolling stock and the people who operate them, on the various railways within Australia, both past and present.

The South Australian Division publishes a bi-monthly Newsletter containing current information on the Society and the SteamRanger Tourist Railway. In conjunction with the National Railway Museum at Port Dock the Division also publishes a bi-monthly magazine "Catch Point" on railway happenings in this State along with details of activities of other kindred organisations in this State. From time to time the Society publishes books on the various aspects of past history of the railways and associated equipment in the State.

### LIBRARY

The Society maintains a library and members may borrow books from the collection at monthly meetings.

### THE STEAMRANGER HERITAGE RAILWAY

SteamRanger is the trading name for the railway operation activity of the Society. It was the first Heritage railway in this State to be granted Rail Safety Accreditation under the SA Rail Safety Act. There are a number of steam and diesel locomotives as well as a collection of passenger carriages and freight rolling stock. The major activity is the operation of trains over the railway between Mt.Barker and Victor Harbor. Part of the railway forms the first public railway in the Commonwealth and was initially horse drawn.

**Cockle Trains** are operated between Goolwa and Victor Harbor every Wednesday and Sunday throughout the year, with a more intensive daily service during school holidays and on certain public holidays. Steam locomotives are usually featured in holiday periods and on selected Sundays from June to November, with a diesel locomotive hauled train or heritage rail car at other times.. Steam services may be curtailed when locomotive maintenance is necessary. From time to time a heritage railcar is also run from the coast to Strathalbyn or Finnis and return

**Southern Encounter** services are scheduled from Mt.Barker to both Strathalbyn and Victor Harbor from June to November, as far as possible using a steam loco. One or two trips a year are operated in the reverse direction as the **Southern Hills Special**

Short one hour duration **Bugle Ranger** railcar trips operate between Mt Barker and Bugle Ranges (part way to Strathalbyn) on selected Sundays from June to November

**Special Excursions**, often including off-train dining options or riverboat cruises, are periodically scheduled through the year.

The rail service is operated predominantly by volunteers, who perform a variety of tasks including station staffing, ticket and shop sales, train operations and passenger service, inspection and maintenance of track and infrastructure, and operation, restoration and maintenance of locomotives and rolling stock.

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The Society has three categories of membership, Full Member, Associate Member ( who is a dependent of a Full Member) and Junior Member (aged to 16 years)

Full Members have a choice of receiving either or both of "Australian Railway History" or "Catchpoint" and in addition receive the bi-monthly "Newsletter". For persons wishing to apply for Full Membership at the same address as another Full Member a lower fee applies where these persons have voting rights at meetings but do not receive copies of the "Newsletter" or other magazines.

**Associate Membership** is available to a dependent of a Full Member and does not have voting rights. **Junior Membership** is available to persons aged to 16 years and do not have voting rights, however they do receive copies of the "Newsletter"

The membership year of the Society is from 1 May to 30 April in the following year with persons joining on or after October in any given year only having to pay half the current membership fee.

A discount of 10% is available to members for purchases at the VHTR Victor Harbour shop, and at other SteamRanger sales venues.

### DONATIONS

Donations to SteamRanger are always welcomed as the fares charged do not meet the very high costs incurred in preserving and operating a heritage tourist railway and the locomotives and rollingstock which make up this unique feature. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. *Please include a stamped self addressed envelope for return of Tax Receipt.*

### SUPPORT STEAMRANGER IN YOUR WILL

Supporters are also invited to consider making provision for a contribution to SteamRanger in their will. Call us on 1300 655 991

### VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in assisting SteamRanger in operational or "behind the scenes" areas, please call us on 1300 655 991 and one of our managers will contact you

Volunteers working in particular operational and safety related areas must meet prescribed medical standards and be trained and periodically requalify in accordance with the railway's formal accreditation requirements.