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President's Post

by David Patterson

Welcome Members

As you may be aware, some people have recently left positions on the Committee of Management of Cooma Monaro Railway Inc and this has left a number of vacancies.

We have a new President, which is me, David Patterson. I bring with me a wealth of Railway knowledge and experience. I have recently retired from Pacific National.

This is a brief history of my 31 years of service with the railways.

My extensive working career started with the railway and I worked my way through the ranks from being a Locomotive cleaner, Trainee Engineman and then onto a Locomotive Driver at Enfield .

After being a Locomotive Driver T/A for approx 6 years and being route qualified for Enfield to Goulburn, Broadmeadow, Werris Creek, Lithgow, Orange and Nowra.

I moved into the role of a Senior Locomotive Inspector and then took a promotion to Chief Locomotive Operations Inspector at Enfield carrying out Route qualifications, assessment, conducting safe working schools and staff examinations.

After the sale of Freight Corp to Pacific National, I became a Depot Driver Coordinator at Enfield looking after Assessments, Crew Training of routes etc.

I was then given the opportunity to work on Special Projects on efficiencies and Training Programs.

I had another opportunity to take a promotion with the Coal Division at Inner Harbour Pt Kembla as a Coordinator of Safety and Operations. From this role it took me into another role, Terminal Superintendent, it meant the day to day running of the yard at Inner Harbour.

At Inner Harbour I was moved into the role of Training Coordinator looking after Inner Harbour and Lithgow Driver Trainers Planning Training schools for Safeworking and Engine and Air Schools, Assessments on Train Crew Route qualifications etc.

I am bringing Leadership, Responsibility, Loyalty, Honesty and Operational Experience and a friendly face to CMR.

To be operational, our first challenge is our sleeper trackwork program. I realise

that it is a big task, but with all our experience and support of each other this will not be a difficult task to accomplish.

Our first task for sleeping is from the Engine shed to the Cooma platform.

We must also welcome to the committee Mr John Gibson as the new Public Officer and we believe he comes with Leadership, Responsibility, Loyalty and Honesty.

A vacancy still exists for the role of Treasurer and this still needs to be filled. If you think you're the right person and have the required skills, please send a resume to the Secretary.

I would like to thank the CMR committee members for having the faith in me and for giving me the opportunity to lead a professional team at CMR. Finally I would like to thank the outgoing President Rodney Clancy and the Treasurer Elisabeth Litchfield for their work while in office for CMR.

We have a General Members Meeting that has been programmed for the 23 May 2015 at 1400 hours (2pm) at Cooma Station so please come along and meet the team.

CMR President

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General Meeting Notice

The Committee of Management would like to extend an invitation to all members to attend a General Meeting on Saturday, 23 May 2015 at 14:00hrs (2pm) to be held at the Cooma Railway Station.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how to move Cooma Monaro Railway forward. In addition the following items are to be addressed:

- Appointment of Minute taker
- Financial position
 - Membership Fees
 - Grants
 - Trustees and Sub committee
- Committee of Management casual vacancy – Treasurer
- Railway Operations Committee vacancies
- Chakola Hall
- Australian Train Movers - 620/720 spare parts

Following on from this general meeting the Committee of Management have proposed to have regular general meetings. The next general meeting would be held on Saturday, 13 June 2015 at 14:00hrs to be held at the Cooma Railway Station and then monthly after that.

Should you have an item that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the meeting agenda you are asked to forward it to secretary@cmrailway.org.au.

The Committee of Management is looking forward to seeing you on 23 May 2015.

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