



ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST & HERITAGE RAIL AUSTRALIA

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ATHRA-Workshops Rail Museum Research Excellence Award

The ATHRA-Workshops Rail Museum Research Excellence Award is awarded annually to encourage and recognise efforts of organisations and individuals operating in the railway and tramway tourist and heritage sector in Australia.

Research underpins and ensures the historical integrity of many activities within the tourist and heritage rail sector. Communicating that research ensures a greater understanding and appreciation of our rich rail heritage.

The winner will receive a prize to the value of \$500 courtesy of The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland. The prize may be taken as either:

- a. A Travel Grant for air travel within Australia and New Zealand to allow the winner to visit other tourist and heritage railways and tramways to learn from their successes and to share experiences; or
- b. A contribution to a worthwhile research or restoration project being undertaken by the winner.

The Award will be judged in accordance with ATHRA Awards General Rules and Conditions and the specific requirements set out below:

1. The Award is open equally to:
 - Volunteers and paid employees of tourist and heritage railways and tramways operating in Australia; and
 - Tourist and heritage railways and tramways organisations operating in Australia.
2. The Award recognises excellence in Research which leads to one or more of the following outcomes:
 - Creative and innovative interpretation of railway objects, stories and events;
 - Publications including books, magazines, web sites, multimedia etc;
 - Enhanced collection documentation and/or database information;
 - Products or experiences at a tourist or heritage railway that suits and appeals to the chosen target market;
 - Conservation / restoration of important railway heritage items.

3. An organisation may only submit more than one entry if they operate more than one tourist and heritage railway tramway or Museum. Individuals may only submit one entry.
4. Judging will be based on typed submissions not exceeding 2000 words (excluding annexures) that detail the efforts and actions of the nominated individual or tourist and heritage railway tramway or Museum and the reasons why these are considered worthy of special recognition. Submissions may be supported with relevant evidence such as media coverage and feedback from the public.
5. Entries shall include two photographs suitable for promotional use.

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