

FACT SHEET

SUSTAINABLE RAIL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- The Sustainable Rail Heritage Management Strategy is an inter-generational plan to conserve and display the State's rich railway heritage.
- The Government will invest \$20 million dollars over 5 years to support rail heritage in metropolitan, regional and rural New South Wales.
- The four objectives of the Strategy are:
 - Facilitating the proper care and sustainable management of this State's core rail heritage assets;
 - Supporting and working with rail heritage precincts throughout the State, special interest groups and partners;
 - Facilitating the transfer of heritage conservation skills development; and
 - Valuing and building on rail heritage volunteering.
- It will be delivered by an Office of Rail Heritage to be established within RailCorp.
- The Office will forge strong links with regional rail precincts and special interest groups throughout New South Wales and coordinate links between these precincts to build on the skills of its volunteers.
- This new Strategy will also see a commitment to:
 - Funding of up to \$500,000 for the overhaul of 3801 locomotive by the Hunter Valley Training Company to ensure this icon continues to operate for another generation.

- \$600,000 for the completion of the restoration of locomotive 3265 project in partnership with the Powerhouse Museum.
- RailCorp's Office of Rail Heritage will work to establish, in partnership with the Churchill Trust, a fellowship that will sponsor an individual to work with overseas heritage organisations to enhance their skills and learning to support the conservation of rail heritage in New South Wales.
- A partnership with the Hunter Valley Training Company that will enable apprentices to be trained on restoring and maintaining steam locomotives and heritage rolling stock.
- The Office of Rail Heritage will oversee the creation of a \$14 million tourist facility for rail heritage in New South Wales with the upgrade of the Rail Heritage Centre at Thirlmere.
- This will not only ensure our State's rail heritage is accessible to the public but enhance the dedicated section of track providing steam train rides as part of the rail heritage experience.
- The Office of Rail Heritage will also provide a contribution of \$800,000 to upgrade the Picton to Thirlmere loop line which will ensure our operating steam trains have a sustainable section of track for dedicated operation and access to the mainline network.
- The development of this Strategy was assisted by a Committee chaired by Vince O'Rourke, former CEO of Queensland Rail and included collaboration from the Powerhouse Museum, the Rail Transport Museum, 3801 Pty Ltd, Rail Heritage Australia, NSW Heritage Office, RailCorp and StateRail.