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¹ **Robert Lee** was born in 1952 and educated in NSW. He is an Associate Professor at the University of Western Sydney where he teaches history. He has undertaken heritage missions to India to assess mountain railways; as well as, assessing communications history in Australia.

² **Peter Fisher** has been interested in trains, and particularly signals, since he was a small boy living atop the Northcote cutting. At ten years of age he started the Northcote Train Society, supported by *The Spirit* newspaper. He is now a professional environmental consultant and university lecturer. He also writes freelance for the *Australian Financial Review*. He is meticulous with researching for his profession and for his hobby.

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