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**A Brief History of Bogie Freight Wagons of Victoria 1871 – 1979, AA - MM**

**Authors: Bray & Co. [Norm Bray & Peter J. Vincent]**

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**Ghost Railways of Australia**

**By Robin Bromby**

232 pp. Includes index.

This is a very lavish production and a comprehensive look at the history of the railways as a spent force; comprising some rare photographs and potted histories of interesting facts and personalities of the railway workers that made the Australian rail network what it has become. As the title suggests – the author concentrates on the dissipated lines such as the Melbourne Inner Circle. The author calls such lines – vanished places. Expertly researched; but really a potted history and should be considered in the Xmas present category, for a new chum, rather than the hardcore train fan.

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#### **Calendar List 2007**

**TOPMILL Calendars:** Trains, Trams and Buses at \$11.95, \$8.95 & \$7.95 respectively.

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***Famous Last Lines 3*** is the third and final volume of a series compiled by George Bambery from a dozen contributors, of whom he is one. The book comprises a line or a family of lines from each of the five continents. The Australian section centres on the Maitland coal lines; namely the Maitland to Port Waratah (near Newcastle), the Pelton to Maitland and the Stokrington to Hexham line. More than three decades have passed since the New South Wales Government Railways completed dieselisation, but steam prevailed on the privately owned coal-carrying railways until as recently as 1987. Splendid pictures enhance the story of the many unbraked wooden hoppers that hauled the vast loads of coal from pit to port.

Of the other continents, America is represented by the 262-kilometre Rio Gallegos to Rio Turbio railway in southern Argentina almost to the border of Chile at the western end; Europe is covered by three of the East German group of railways running from Saalfeld; Africa's topic is the Kimberley-Bloemfontein and Kimberley-De Aar lines in South Africa; and Asia takes in the 943-kilometre Jining to Tongliao railway in China.

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**"Freight Across the Nation" by Rod Avery.**

On board a Pacific National Superfreighter from Brisbane to Melbourne, then across to Perth. You will also learn what it takes to make these trains run, including train planning, train control, and crew sign on/sign off procedures. This superb book is in colour throughout, with over 80 colour photographs, including some great shots inside the cab of an NR Class loco. It is 170mm x 220mm, hard cover, section sewn. Available at the Xmas meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Nov and then for shop and mail order customers."

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When the Victorian Railway System was at its maximum extent, the government was able to claim That no town or small location in the State was more than eight miles from a railway. Except in the mountainous region to the east. A few railways did operate in this region, and three of them are recorded here.

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