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By Ian G. Cooper

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By Norm Cross Esq.

Another excellent publication from Norm Cross on his and his father's life in the railways; as well as all the nuts and bolts of working life on the rail and trams – it intersperses family life in a charming manner. Includes complete 20th Century history of Railways and Tramways in Victoria, with a personal history. Includes photographic index. 186 pp. plus index.

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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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MORE BOOKS-AUSTRALIAN

Byways of Steam # 25 (Eveleigh Press)

This edition again details the "Age of Steam" on the railways of New South Wales. As well as; voluminous amounts of photographs. Contents of this edition include: **The Old Suburban Depots of Sydney** – Hurstville, Homebush, Clyde, Belmore, Milson's Point and Rozelle; also, **Enginemen from the Old Suburban Depots**; and then a Suburban Album. With the resources of the Australian Railway Historical Society NSW Division and the State Rail Authority of NSW Archives these are always well-researched and accessible publications. Volumes 7-24 are also still in stock.

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Calendar List 2007

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Shooting Through: Memories of the Great Days of Trams in Sydney & Newcastle

This very reliable and informative re-release in 2006 production is now available at *The Railfan Shop*. Including Tram Maps this 165 minute production *Shooting Through!*, shows much more than trams. Veteran and vintage cars and commercial vehicles parade across the scene, as do horse drawn wagons, steam rollers and red painted double-decker buses. Pedestrians and tram passengers provide a reminder of the clothing styles of the past. There are before and after scenes of famous places, such as the tram depot at Fort Macquarie and the Opera House, which replaced it.

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The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is 124 years old and one of the world's very first narrow-gauge mountain railways. In 1999, it became the second railway in the world to be listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. 50 miles (80 kms) long, it climbs through spectacular scenery to a summit of 7407 feet at Ghum, near Darjeeling. This DVD follows the 'toy train' from near Siliguri, on the plains, to Darjeeling, and back. It includes the famous loops and zig-zags; "crosses" at the stations (very unusual to the westerner); a loco with a broken steam pipe, and lots of daily running, filmed in 1997 when the line was entirely steam operated!!

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Swiss Rack Steam: The Brienz Rothorn Bahn and the Furka Bergstrecke

Switzerland has tow rack lines that are predominantly steam-operated. The Brienz Rothorn Bahn, to 800mm gauge, opened in 1892, is a commercial enterprise operating the world's most modern steam locomotives. The Furka Bergstrecke (Furka Mountain Section) AG is a preservation society running steam trains over the most mountainous section of the metre gauge Furka Oberalp Bahn, closed after completion of the 15.4 km Furka Basistunnel in 1992.

Both lines use the double Abt rack and traverse spectacular views. There is no background music, and the narration is confined to the maps and stills so that the sound of the trains at work is unmarred.

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Rails in the Forest - re-release from video to DVD

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.

The Wodonga to Cudgewa line; the Bairnsdale to Orbost line and the Mirboo to Mirboo North railway. Highlights include: Views of the track deviations along the Hume Weir; The new town and station at Tallangatta and a ride through the closed station of old Tallangatta. The Railway Commissioner's train on an inspection trip of the new works; as well as, views of the Tallangatta and Mirboo Nth. Railmotor services.

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