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## **TRAINWORKS: AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST AND BIGGEST RAIL EXPERIENCE**

The most comprehensive display of railway history in Australia was unveiled today with the launch of Trainworks at Thirlmere, NSW.

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, together with Minister for Transport John Robertson and RailCorp Chief Executive Rob Mason, travelled to Thirlmere today to launch Trainworks.

Local Member for Wollondilly Phil Costa said the Trainworks will no doubt become a major focal point for the local community.

"Trainworks is poised to become a significant NSW regional attraction," Mr Costa said.

"Trainworks will showcase the most comprehensive interpretive display of railway history in Australia, providing an exciting mix of interactive and hands on displays and guided tours, which will be fun and enjoyable.

"Trainworks will also provide a unique backdrop for a broader range of activities for events and conferences."

Minister for Transport John Robertson said the new facility celebrates the State's rich railway history.

"It is Australia's newest and biggest rail experience, which reflects the NSW Government's commitment to sharing the best of RailCorp's rail heritage collection," he said.

Mr Costa said the environmentally sustainable complex will be a major regional tourism destination, as well as a centre for the conservation of NSW rail heritage.

Just a few of the must-see areas on the extensive Trainworks site include:

- Exhibition Building with the steam machine, theatrette and café;
- Workers Walk showcasing the many professions that make the railways work;
- Great Train Hall with 60 items of rolling-stock from the Governor's carriage to the slag pot;
- Landscaped forecourt for weddings, parties; and
- First new Roundhouse in Australia for 50 years where you can see the locomotives and carriages being maintained.

Trainworks Limited is a new not-for-profit company with specialist professional skills and experience in tourism and promotion to manage the facility. The New South Wales Rail Transport Museum is the volunteer based organisation that will continue to maintain the track and provide the train rides.

Trainworks will be open to the public on 3 April 2011.

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