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All aboard for a piece of history

THE Workshops Rail Museum will host Cash on Track, an exhibition uncovering a little-known aspect of New South Wales' rail history.

The Cash on Track exhibition, on loan from RailCorp's Office of Rail Heritage in Sydney until December 10, charts the history of the Pay Buses which operated across the New South Wales from 1937 until the mid 1980s, moving cash along rail lines to pay employees at stations and maintenance gangs working on the tracks.

A centrepiece of the exhibition is the very first, and only surviving rail bus, the FP1, which has

been beautifully restored to original condition by a team of 16 RailCorp apprentices.

The exhibition features the story of a dangerous robbery in 1941, where the Pay Bus was thrown from the tracks by a powerful explosion and subsequently robbed by two unidentified men who escaped with a large sum of cash.

Museum director Andrew Moritz said the robbery featured in the exhibition was a fitting way to expand on the themes explored in The Great Train Robbery school holiday program which runs until October 10.

"The Cloncurry to Duchess

train robbery which features in our program and the New South Wales Pay Bus robbery are both real events and provide an insight into an often forgotten side of rail," he said.

"The Cash on Track exhibition also provides a great opportunity to explore part of New South Wales' rail heritage and another element to Australia's rail story."

Volunteers are needed to help solve the 72-year-old mystery of the Cloncurry to Duchess train robbery at the Great Train Robbery event.

For details, call The Workshops Rail Museum on 3432 5100.