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OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF RESTORED RAIL BUILDINGS

Member for New England and Chairman of the Australian Railway Monument (ARM) Steering Committee, Tony Windsor has announced that on Tuesday 8 June 2004 at 11.00am the Department of Commerce will officially hand over the restored Werris Creek Railway Station buildings to the ARM Steering Committee.

Mr Windsor said the external restoration work on the Werris Creek Railway Station buildings, Railway Institute and two cottages had been completed and the Committee is thrilled with the results of the work.

“The buildings have come alive in their new paint schemes which have been finished in colours that reflect their respective construction periods,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also congratulated the contractors responsible for the restoration work, Paintrite of Dubbo, who have received particular praise in heritage circles for the quality of their workmanship.

This is a significant step forward for the Australian Railway Monument and the event will be attended by senior representatives from the Department of Commerce, State Rail and Liverpool Plains Shire Council.

The external monument plans are proceeding well with work on the site scheduled to commence within the next month. The six sculptured figures which will become a feature in the monument are currently being constructed by renowned sculptor Dominique Sutton and will represent different categories of railway workers. Landscape architect Jane Irwin is also finalising the landscape features of the memorial site.

There are currently 2,146 names collated for the Monument’s honour roll with shunting accidents and fettleers hit by trains being predominant in the list, however, it also includes details of 42 major railway accidents in NSW.

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