

## **WRB Johnson Diaries**

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Original diaries are held at the ARHS Rail Resource Centre, Redfern NSW. These notes only cover items perceived to be of interest to light railway readers and researchers. As the diaries also cover his Government railway travels and observations (which are not indexed here), it is possible that there are small observations on light rail that have been missed, larger items may have also been missed if I did not recognize the significance of the location. If you are looking for an area of interest that I do not list, I suggest searching diaries where he has been in the same area as your area of interest, or may have travelled through that area (e.g. a visit to Port Kembla would typically be via train from Sydney, thus small observations might be made of colliery tramways along to route).

## RD2 & 1 - 02/01/1932 - 16/09/1934

Compiled into one physical volume at some point

Date	Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
23/5/32	Parramatta Steam Tram	NSW	Yes	Yes
13/11/32	Gembrook and timber trams	Vic		
26/1/33	Joadja	NSW		Yes
1/2/33	Pt Kembla	NSW		
2/2/33	Kiama	NSW		
3/3/33	Bass Pt Quarry	NSW		
8/1/34	Joadja	NSW		Yes, in appendix
5/1/34	Menangle Sand	NSW		
15/1/34	Cessnock and Hexham area	NSW		
15/1/34	Newcastle and BHP	NSW		
5/2/34	Joadja. Includes research notes from public library, Sydney	NSW	Yes	Yes, in appendix
Appendix	Newcastle area maps	NSW		Yes

### RD3 - 28/1/35 to 3/3/37

Date	Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
28/1/35	Powelltown Tramway	Vic	Yes	
9/1/35 to 10/1	Yallourn Open Cut	Vic	Yes	
26/1/35	Sydney and Suburban blue metal quarries Ltd, Windermere	NSW		
22/4/35	Warburton	Vic		
29/5/35	Newnes	NSW		Yes
9/9/35	Coffs Harbour breakwater	NSW	Yes	
8/5/36	Newspaper Ad: Argus Sat 2 May, Hume Dam sale of locomotives	Vic		
5/2/37	Visit to Tasmania	Tas		
21/2/37	Paloona to Melrose, NG line in quarry	Tas		Yes
22/2/37	Emu Bay Railway and Marrawah	Tas		
23/2/37	Zeehan and North Dundas Tram	Tas		
24/2/37	Redpa to Marrawah	Tas		
25/2/37	Jaegers Mill - Smithton	Tas	Yes	
27/2/37	Lords Coal Mine Siding near Campbelltown	Tas		
1/3/37	Westerway Timber mill and tramway	Tas		Yes
3/3/37	Herrick, wooden tramway	Tas		Yes
8/9/35 <i>Appendix at rear</i>	Coffs Harbour Jetty Map	NSW		Yes

### RD4 - 27/03/1937 to 16/08/1939

Date	Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
29/3/37	Gembrook timber	Vic		Yes
20/12/37	Corrimal	NSW		
21/12/37	Metropolitan Colliery	NSW		Yes
25/1/38	Literature Ref. Tas Convict Tramway	Tas		
10/2/38	Alexandra - Rubicon	Vic	Yes	Yes
28/8/38 to 30/8	Powelltown and Federal Line	Vic	Yes	
5/9/38	Kooweerup NG drain construction	Vic		
20/11/38	Federal timber line, Ada mills and High Lead (walked over 4 days from Powelltown to Warburton)	Vic	Yes	Yes
24/11/38 to 25/11	Britannia Ck	Vic		Yes
24/1/39	Joadja	NSW		
13/2/39	Literature Ref. Tas Convict Tramway	Tas		
10/4/39	Wandong and Mt Disappointment	Vic		Yes
22/5/39	Queenscliff and Jetty and Swan Bay	Vic		Yes

### RD5 - 31/12/39 to 23/12/1944

Date	Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
<i>Appendix at front</i>	New Federal Mill and High Lead maps	Vic		Yes
25/3/40 to 30/3	Beech Forest region, notes along whole VR line and tramways	Vic	Yes	Yes
5/5/40	Road trip with JB to Silvan Dam, La La Sdg, Big Pats mill, Healsville to Toolangi, Whittlesea and Tooborac	Vic		Yes
18 and 19/1/41	Walking Warburton - New Federal via La La to Powelltown	Vic		
5/5/41	Toolangi area to Granton Dindi mill	Vic	Yes	Yes
May 1942	WA Travels	WA		
27/6/42	Upper Darling Range railway	WA		
4/1/43	Yarloop - Millars. Note, there is a photo in ARHS NSW archives of loco at Yarloop attributed to Johnson. Ref 205723	WA		
22/2/43	Jarranhdale to Gleneagle, inc bush branch	WA		Yes
13/6/43	Collie Mills	WA		
27/10/44	' <i>info from Pte AD Lockyer</i> ' while in NT	NT		
20/11/44	Unanderra, Corrimal	NSW		
23/12/44	Port Kembla area	NSW		

## W.N.1 (*Walking Notes*)

This note book was written concurrently with RD diary entries

Date	Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
9/2/38 – 21/2/38	Alexandra to Healsville and all tramways in between. Walked with J.M.G.	Vic	Yes	Yes
28/8/38 – 30/8/38	Powelltown and Old Warburton. Walked with T.M.M.	Vic		
19/11/38 – 25/11/38	Warburton to Neerim Jcn to Yarra Jcn. Walked with R.N.H.	Vic	Yes	Yes
10/4/39 – 11/4/39	Mt Disappointment	Vic	Yes	Yes
25/3/40 – 30/3/40	Beech Forest District. Walked with R.A.S. Note, great description of riding the Marchbanks tramway	Vic	Yes	Yes
18/1/41 – 19/1/41	Warburton to Starlings Gap to Powelltown. Walked with J.B.	Vic		
5/5/41 – 6/5/41	Toolangi to Granton Mill to Road Landing (Myers Ck Road, Healsville)	Vic		
26/9/41 – 28/9/41	Powelltown to Starlings Gap to Fitzpatricks to Powelltown to Gembrook. Walked with J.M.G.	Vic	Yes	
Rear of Book	List of source maps used, including Scouts, walking clubs, Mines Dept and Victorian Parliamentary papers			

## Australian Railway Notes 1

Description	State	Detailed	Map or Diagram
AIS Co. Port Kembla, Wongawilli, etc	NSW		
BHP, Newcastle and holdings Australia wide	Nat'l		
Beaudesert Tramway	QLD		Yes
Clarke and Pearce, Rubicon	Vic		
Corrimal Coke and Coal	NSW		
Cummings, Smith. Yellands line	Vic		
Emu Bay Railway	Tas	Yes	Yes
Federal Timber, Warburton	Vic	Yes	
Gembrook Timber	Vic		Yes
Millars Timber and Tramway co.	WA		
Menangle Sand Co.	NSW		
Metropolitan Colliery	NSW		
Mt Lyell Mining and Railway	Tas		
NSW Associated Blue Metal Quarries Ltd at Prospect, Bass Point, Minamurra, Bombo	NSW		
NSW Public Works Department at Port Kembla, Coffs Harbour and Goondah – Burrenjuck	NSW		
North Mt Farrell	Tas		
Quarries Ltd (from 1936) at Kiama and Bombo	NSW		
Rubicon Tramway and Lumber	Vic		
Sandfly Colliery Co.	Tas		
Sydney Ferries, Parramatta Wharf tramway	NSW	Yes	Yes
Tasmanian Gold Mining, Beaconsfield	Tas		
Victorian Hardwood Company	Vic	Yes	
Wolgan Valley	NSW		

Zeehan Tramway	Tas		
North Dandalup Sawmill railway	WA		
Lewis and Reed Ld	WA		
Katoomba Colliery	NSW		