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Rail Motor Society receives \$40,000 Grant for vintage rolling stock

PATERSON, NSW (20 June 2009) The Rail Motor Society Incorporated announced that the Minister for Planning, the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, has approved a pro-rata grant under the 2009-2011 NSW Heritage Grants Scheme to the Society of up to \$40,000 for the conservation of their 1926-built NSW Government Railways Rail Motor Trailer No.51.

“The receipt of this heritage funding by the Society was the result of a competitive evaluation process, conducted by the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning, against a significant number of proposed heritage projects across NSW” said Bruce Agland, Society Operations Manager and the Restoration Project Director. “We are very pleased to receive the Grant and when completed, Rail Motor Trailer No.51 will form part of the Rail Motor Society’s operational rail fleet and will be used as part of its tourist operations throughout NSW and at major rail events such as Maitland Steamfest.”

The work on the restoration project will be mainly carried out by the Society’s volunteer workforce, supported with some contracted services for specialist restoration work. The funding will also assist with the purchase of major capital equipment such as data loggers, train radio and a retention toilet system.

The restoration of the vehicle was commenced by the Society in late 2005 as a long term project to return the vehicle to active railway service. Early funding assistance given by the NSW Division of the Australian Railway Historical Society and now by this Heritage Grant will significantly advance the completion date of the project.

About the Rail Motor Society

The Rail Motor Society is an accredited main line heritage rail operator based at Paterson, NSW. Established in 1984, the Society is a recognized heritage tourist rail operator, offering rail tours throughout NSW.

About the NSW Heritage Grants

For a list of the funded projects under the 2009-2011 NSW Heritage Grants please go to http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_subnav_03.htm

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