

# SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

## NEWS December 2019

*Our next Friday meeting is December 20  
It begins at 7.30 pm and Visitors are welcome*

### *Special Interest Group was Last Sunday, December 15, 1.00 pm*

It's becoming a habit.  
December 2018 issue was also late.  
When I was young, Sunday always came  
after Friday.



The 2020 calendar has apparently been fixed.

**Friday's Meeting:** don't forget to bring a plate (with something on it) and perhaps something you've been working on during the year to show the rest of us. Maybe Jack will provide a BEE STING.

We don't share and show in search of admiration but to encourage each other to 'do something' that is a challenge and takes us out of our 'comfort zone'.

Bev tells me the Sunsig meeting went well with a bunch of regulars attending. Geoff has a movie to show on Friday night

Thanks for the update Bev!

My own 'trips down memory lane' tend to distract me from doing something useful at times but even the challenge to read and interpret an image does exercise my mind just a little. Virtual travel in time is easier than the physical visits to distant locations as we grow a little older.

Have a Safe and Happy Christmas



Totally involved with SES efforts to look after the broader community and when time permits, an occasional rest for family or running a business to support a delightful family.

Richard should be able to relax a little on Friday evening; we might focus on the things that have worked well rather than the things that did not...and share the company of good friends.

What things were achieved in 2019 that relied on computers for success?

- A tunnel was completed under the Harbour to improve transport for a growing community.
- Light Rail is being commissioned to replace the old 'toast rack' and lumbering vehicles we scrapped generations ago.
- We communicate with any part of the world at the touch of a button and can see who we are talking with,
- Banks and a few bureaucratic organisations are beginning to come under scrutiny as data can be traced.
- Qantas demonstrated it can fly to London in a day non-stop with a load of passengers.
- Relentless research in medical and general health pursuits allow us to spend more time in the 'land of the living'.
- Emergency response is coordinated by remote access and command.
- An individual voice can be heard across most communities. Some 'senders' are not prepared to accept different views on the chosen subject, but the opportunity was not in place before the IT era.

While in a positive frame of mind, are you inclined to add a comment?

Between December 1899 (when the electric trams began in George St.) and before 1904 (electric street lighting, not evident in this photo).

Peapes (& Shaw) had an earlier store across George Street at No. 324



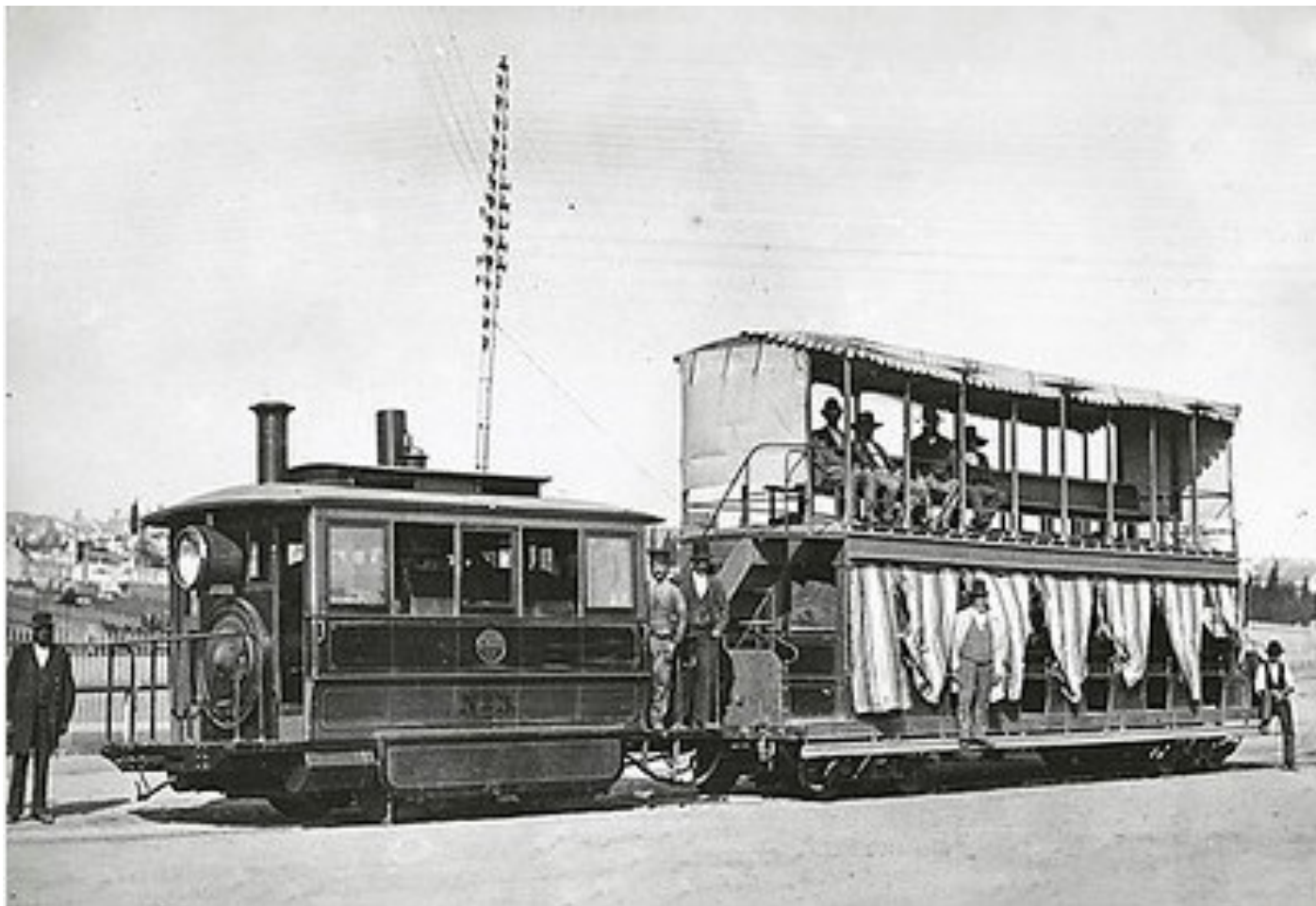
An early researcher added this comment

“One of my favourite images of Sydney. I discovered this image at PHM about a year ago when researching an exhibition I was working on. I still loving looking at all the details captured in it. Amazing to see these images of Sydney during that period and return to the spot they were taken to see how the city has changed.

It's probably worth mentioning that Peapes was a classy men's store which lingered on for many years, probably due to it's proximity to the later-to-be-constructed Wynyard railway station ramp. The actual direction of this photo is looking SSW, 'down' George Street towards Town Hall and away from Circular Quay.”

Before the industrial revolution began to help the colony of New South Wales, horse drawn trams were used to address the emerging need for a public transport system. Cable trams also emerged as a practical system in some locations. The steam tram also appeared in many parts of the State even to the extent of 'double deck' carriage (or cars) as seen on the next page.





To cut a long story short, we have the long-awaited new light rail system being commissioned and with more than 80,000 passengers carried on Saturday. Many news reports focused on what went wrong; Typical of the outspoken critics who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing!

I look forward to riding the rails when next in town.



### The calendar.

Wikipedia tells me

2019 (MMXIX) is the current year,

and is a common year starting on Tuesday of the Gregorian calendar,

the 2019th year of the Common Era (CE)

and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 19th year of the 3rd millennium,

the 19th year of the 21st century,

and the 10th and last year of the 2010s decade.

2019 has been assigned as International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements by the United Nations General Assembly[1] given that it coincides with the 150th anniversary of its creation by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869.

Some of you might wonder why I missed SunSig on Sunday last and a couple of times earlier in 2019.

My new diary has 2020 sorted out...I think.



*I reckon we all agree.  
Thanks David*



What some people do when not working.



*That's about it folks, Frank*

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We meet at Bomaderry Bowling Club each month on the third Friday at 7.30 pm and the third Sunday at 1.00pm  
**Visitors welcome**