



*Permanent Way Institution
New South Wales Incorporated*

**LIST OF NSW RAILWAYS
COMMISSIONERS & CHIEF EXECUTIVES 1855 - 2005**

From	Title	Title of Railway	Name of Officer
Jan 1855	Chief Commissioner	-----	Captain E.W.Ward
July 1855	Chief Commissioner	Hunter River Railway	Captain Gother K. Mann
Sept 1855	Chief Commissioner	Sydney & Hunter River Railway	Captain Gother K. Mann
Oct 1856	Chief Commissioner	Railway Branch PWD	Captain Gother K. Mann
July 1857	Chief Commissioner	Railway Branch PWD	Captain B.H. Martindale
Jan 1861	Commissioner [Honorary] & Under Secretary for Public Works	Railway Branch PWD	John Rae
April 1867	[Acting] Commissioner & Secretary for Public Works	Railway Branch PWD	James Byrnes
Oct 1868	[Acting] Commissioner & Secretary for Public Works	Railway Branch PWD	John Sutherland
Dec 1870	[Acting] Commissioner & Secretary for Public Works	Railway Branch PWD	James Byrnes
May 1872	[Acting] Commissioner & Secretary for Public Works	Railway Branch PWD	John Sutherland
1872	Re-appointed Commissioner	Railway Branch PWD	John Rae
Jan 1878	Commissioner	Railway Branch PWD	Charles A. Goodchap
Oct 1888	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	Edward M.G. Eddy
June 1897	[Acting] Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	Charles Oliver
Oct 1897	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	Charles Oliver
April 1907	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	T.R. Johnson
April 1914	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	John Harper
Jan 1917	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	James Frazer
Dec 1929	Chief Commissioner	Dept of Railways	W.J. Cleary
Mar 1932	Chief Transport Commissioner	Dept of Transport	C.J. Goode
Dec 1932	Commissioner for Railways	Dept of Railways	T.J.Hartigan
Oct 1948	Commissioner for Railways	Dept of Railways	F.C. Garside
Feb 1952	Commissioner for Railways	Dept of Railways	Keith A. Frazer
Sept 1952	Commissioner for Railways	Dept of Railways	Reginald Winsor
Aug 1956	Commissioner for Railways	Dept of Railways	Neil Mc Cusker
Oct 1972	Chief Commissioner	Public Transport Commission	Philip Shirley
Oct 1975	[Acting] Chief Commissioner	Public Transport Commission	J. Trimmer
April 1976	Chief Commissioner	Public Transport Commission	Alan Reiher
July 1980	Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	David Hill
Nov 1986	[Acting] Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	Pat Johnson
April 1988	[Acting] Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	Rob Schwarzer
Oct 1988	Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	Ross Sayers
Oct 1992	Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	John Brew
May 1995	[Acting] Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	Gordon Messiter
Mar 1996	Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	Len Harper
April 1997	Chief Executive	State Rail Authority	David Hill
Oct 1997	Chief Executive Officer	State Rail Authority	Simon Lane
Nov 2000	[Acting] Chief Executive Officer	State Rail Authority	Ron Christie
May 2001	[Acting] Chief Executive Officer	State Rail Authority	Lucio di Bartolomao
Dec 2001	Chief Executive Officer	State Rail Authority	Howard Lacy
April 2003	[Acting] Chief Executive Officer	Rail Corporation NSW	Vince Graham
Jan 2004	Chief Executive Officer	Rail Corporation NSW	Vince Graham



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CHIEF ENGINEERS OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS 1855 - 2005**

From	Title	Railway Name	Name of Officer
Jan 1849	Chief Engineer	Sydney Railway Co.	Francis Shields
Jan 1851	[Acting] Chief Engineer	Sydney Railway Co.	Henry Mais
July 1852	Engineer-in-Chief	Sydney Railway Co.	James Wallace
Sept 1855	Engineer-in-Chief	Sydney Railway Co.	James Wallace
Feb 1856	[Acting] Engineer-in-Chief	Sydney Railway Co.	James Brady
Jan 1857	Engineer-in-Chief	Railway Branch PWD	John Whitton
Jan 1878	Railway Construction separated from Existing Lines within PWD		
Jan 1878	Engineer for Existing Lines	Railway Branch PWD	George Cowdery
Jan 1878	Engineer-in-Chief [New Works]	Railway Branch PWD	John Whitton
Oct 1888	Railway Department separated from Public Works Dept		
Oct 1888	Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines Branch	Dept of Railways	George Cowdery
Oct 1888	Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Construction Branch	Dept of Public Works	John Whitton
Oct 1889	[Acting] Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	James Angus
May 1890	Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Construction Branch	Dept of Public Works	Henry Deane
Sept 1891	Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	W.T. Foxlee
1895	[Acting] Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	James Fraser
1895	Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	T.R. Firth
Mar 1903	Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	James Fraser
1906	Chief Engineer for Railway Construction	Dept of Public Works	William Hutchinson
April 1914	Engineer-in-Chief, Existing Lines	Dept of Railways	Robert Kendall
Dec 1916	Railway Construction transferred to Dept of Railways. [Except City Railway & Bridge etc]		
1921	Engineer-in-Chief	Dept of Railways	R.L. Rankin
Mar 1932	Transport Commissioner [W&W Branch]	Dept of Transport	A.C. Fewtrell
Dec 1932	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways	A.C. Fewtrell
Nov 1950	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways	Keith A Fraser
Feb 1952	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways	R.V. Pennefather
Jan 1953	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways	Norman C Vogan
1967	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways	Charles T Parker
1972	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	Dept of Railways & Public Transport Commission	E Ross Gordon
June 1974	General Manager [W&W Branch]	Public Transport Commission	Frank G Franklyn
Sept 1976	General Manager [W&W Branch]	Public Transport Commission	Ron D Christie
Nov 1979	General Manager [W&W Branch]	Public Transport Commission	Douglas Neil
July 1980	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	Douglas Neil
Jan 1982	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	R A Schwarzer
Aug 1986	Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	Kevin Ryan
May 1988	[Acting] Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	Brian Lanyon
Oct 1989	[Acting] Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	Bruce Hall
Jan 1989	[Acting] Chief Civil Engineer [W&W Branch]	State Rail Authority	Donald D Hagarty
June 1989	Branch & CCE position abolished in major restructuring of SRA		