

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ALL ABOARD FOR HISTORIC HARBOUR BRIDGE CROSSING

Sydney Trains and Transport Heritage NSW are joining forces to relive the days of 'red rattler' trains, with a restored vintage train today making an historic Sydney Harbour Bridge crossing accompanied by a fleet of heritage buses.

Chief Executive of Sydney Trains and Director of Transport Heritage NSW Howard Collins said the event marks 90 years since the introduction of electric trains in NSW.

"F1 is the train making the crossing and joined by the vintage double decker buses, it will be a sight to see, reminiscent of times past for many Sydneysiders," Mr Collins said.

CEO of Transport Heritage NSW Andrew Moritz said the train has been meticulously restored to its near-original condition by the volunteers at Historic Electric Traction, with Sydney Trains carrying out further work in its Flemington Maintenance Centre.

"F1 includes one of the original carriages which formed part of the first electric train to cross the Harbour Bridge in 1932," Mr Moritz said

"Thanks to the great work of Historic Electric Traction, Transport Heritage NSW and Sydney Trains, the return of F1 will put history back on the tracks."

The train will commence its northbound crossing of the Harbour Bridge passing through Wynyard Station at approximately 11:27am with a media call at Lavender Bay Sidings at 11:40am. The train will commence its southbound crossing passing Milsons Point Station at approximately 12:17pm.

Mr Moritz said the harbour crossing is the prelude to the Transport Heritage Expo, which opens at Central Station on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and concludes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

"The expo is great opportunity for Sydneysiders to see our city's transport heritage on display," he said.

"Whether you're a heritage fan or looking for a day out with your family, the expo will give you a fascinating look into our city's past."

#### NOTE TO MEDIA:

VIP and media guests are invited to travel on board F1 as it crosses the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Guests will need to board the train from Platform 16 at Central Station at 11:22am sharp. It will return to Central Station Platform 18 at 12:29pm. Please note there is only one minute allocated to boarding at Central Station for guests.

To reserve a media ticket on the F1 vintage electric train for the Harbour Bridge crossing, please contact the Sydney Trains Media team on (02) 9219 1285 or [sydneytrainsmedia@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneytrainsmedia@transport.nsw.gov.au)

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**F1 train joined by a vintage double decker bus**