

Public Lecture

**RESTORATION OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVE
NSWGR BEYER-GARRATT 6029**

Monday 22 June 2015

5.30pm for 6.00pm

Engineers Auditorium,

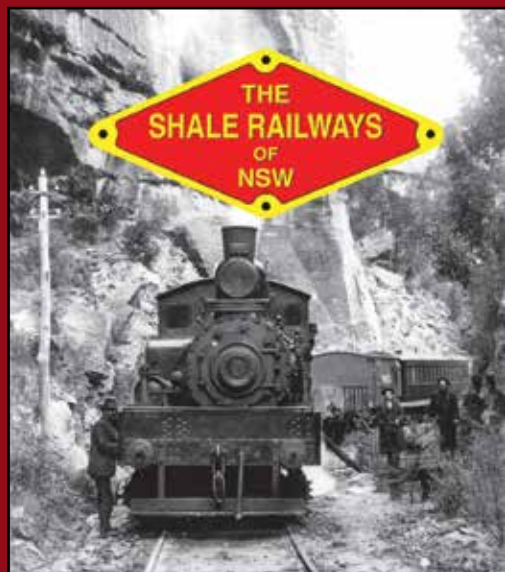
8 Thomas Street, Chatswood

Speaker: Alan Gardner, ARHS ACT Division

The huge Beyer-Garratt type steam locomotive NSW No.6029 (4-8-4+4-8-4) was built by Beyer-Peacock & Co. in the UK in 1953 and served on coal haulage in the Hunter Valley until 1972. Although condemned in 1981 after an initial restoration, it was restored to working order by the ACT division of the Australian Railway Historical Society. The locomotive was upgraded to full running standards and forms part of the Canberra Railway Museum. Alan Gardner is project head for the restoration. Turn right when exiting Chatswood Station turnstiles. Admission free. All welcome.

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**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
LEPPINGTON STATION**

On Wednesday 20 May the Luncheon Club rode on the recently opened Leppington Rail Link. The many modern features of the line were noted, with the only thing which seemed to be missing was a residential precinct for the line to serve. We then returned to the East Hills Hotel for lunch.

The next outing is on Wednesday 17 June when we are going to visit the Satellite Network Depot at Lawson. We meet at Lawson Station at 10.58am, following arrival of the Down intercity service which departs Central at 9.18am. Lunch will be in the Lawson Bowling Club, which is situated in the former railway concrete water tank. Note that the Club only serves Chinese food, and, similar to what we did at Campbelltown a couple of years ago, the Club will provide a range of 4 or 5 dishes which will be served alternately. The lunch cost is \$10 per person, payable to the Club. There will not be any notes for this outing.

On 15 July we are going to Toronto. This will require the hire of a bus, and a booking form for this are in this Newsletter. Lunch will be at the Toronto Workers Club, and not the Toronto Hotel as originally contemplated. Notes for Toronto will be on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website at the end of May.

Gary Hughes

May Meeting Speaker

Newly appointed ARHSnsw Councillor Craig Mackey presented selected slides of the late John Stormont. Craig has a special interest in the steam era and the slides viewed reflected his interest in the various classes still running in the early to late fifties. John Stormont particularly liked round top 36 Class and there were many viewed. Coloured 38 Class featured as well in a big way but the sudden change from green to black livery was a somber warning of dieselisation. Nevertheless Craig presented some blue and green 40 Class slides. The presentation was well received by the attentive audience.

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