

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
OUTING TO LAWSON SATELLITE
NETWORK DEPOT**

Even the drab day didn't deter about 50 members and friends who made the journey to Lawson on Wednesday 17 June 2015 to see how the Lawson Satellite Network Depot fitted into the scheme of railway operations. And what a revelation it was. Combining the functions of the former Signals, Electrical and Way and Works Branches, the Depot is one of several on the system responsible for routine and emergency maintenance of the railway infrastructure. A remarkable shift in railway culture!

Our thanks go to Darrell Ruskin and his team for their time in showing us around.

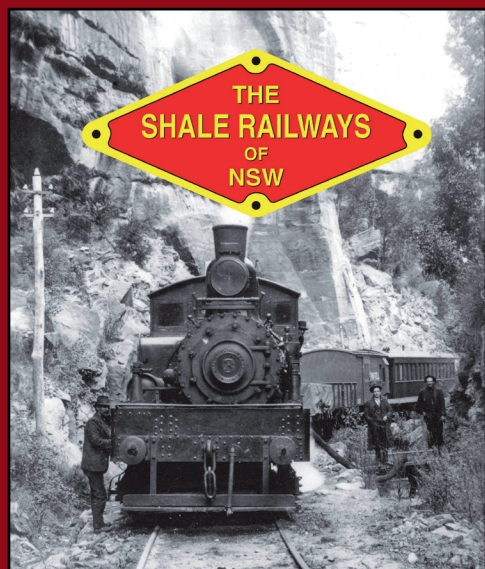
Lunch was had in the Lawson Bowling Club, another railway gem as their main building is located in the former



A part view of the former concrete water tank at Lawson, converted into a Bowling Club. Image: Neville Pollard

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concrete railway water tank, which has been suitably modified for the purpose.

The next outing is on 15 July when we are going to Toronto to see remains of this former branch line and its stations. Notes for this tour are on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website. We are using a bus and the tour is now fully booked.

On 19 August 2015 our outing is to Camellia. We meet on this station at 10.18am following arrival of the down service. Lunch will be at the nearby Rosehill Bowling Club. Notes for Camellia will be on the website in early July.

For the future, on 16 September 2015 we are riding a tram from Loftus to the Royal National Park Station, on 21 October we will be going to Emu Plains to look at the railway bridges over the Nepean River, and our 2 day tour to Murrurundi will be on 18 and 19 November. More details on these outings will be provided in due course.

Gary Hughes

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5234	Graham HOSKIN	Panania
5235	Gary VINCENT	Phegans Bay
5236	Robert PEOPLES	Double Bay
5237	Dudleigh OAKES	Bongaree, Qld
5238	Alan WEST	New Farm, Qld
5239	Warwick ERWIN	Stanwell Tops
5240	Stuart THYER	Thirroul
5241	David Scobie Architects	Northbridge
5242	Peter MAXWELL	Wagga Wagga
5243	Jeff MILNE	Holbrook
5244	Edwin RUSSELL	Blacktown
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5247	Brian ROBERTS	Numeralla
5248	Rol RODGERS	Loftus
5249	Tom ELLISTON	Lithgow
5250	Bruce FISHBURN	Rhodes
5251	Charles WEBBER	Birkdale, Qld

June Members' Meeting

June's guest presenter was member Laurence Atkin who showed a DVD that he had put together on the last months of the Sydney Mono Rail system. Unfortunately we had to cut the presentation short due to time restraints and question time.

Questions were answered by member Colin Butcher who use to work for the company that operated the mono rail and now works for the Sydney Light Railway.

Vice President Chris Harding thanked Laurence Atkin and Colin Butcher for the presentation.