

Tour Schedule

December 6: Christmas Function at Valley Heights

January 17: Annual Summer's Day on South Coast (CPHs)
(Booking form on Page 4)

March: 100th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Goods Lines
(Booking form in January Newsletter)

For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

Members' Photo Competition

The subject for November's competition was 'Dining on the Railways'. Many entries were received showing dining on the railways from all over the world. The winning entrant was Peter Sage with his image of dinner underway in the Southern Aurora's RMS dining car. His image below was judged to be the best.



Upcoming subjects are:

December—Sydney's CBD Transport as it was up to 12 months prior to closure for Light Rail Construction

January—NSW Railways Snow Scenes

February—The Sandstone Heritage of the NSW Railways

March—Signal persons at work

April—NSW Diesels at Work circa 1960s/1970s

May—Sydney's Forgotten Goods Lines (100-year anniversary)

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

Digital images cannot be submitted on the night.
*Submissions are limited to **FIVE** slides or digital images only. No prints will be accepted.

The subject should also be the image's main focus.

We expect contestants to submit a caption with each digital image and in the case of slides to know when, where and why the photo was taken.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

Image at right: Some of our group pose for Nev Pollard's camera at the former Shale Works site. The brick tower behind once had a steel tank on top. The Liverpool Range, with its notorious Ardglen Tunnel, forms the backdrop

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
MURRURUNDI**

Report on two-day tour to Murrurundi on 18 & 19 November 2015.

The railway of the Upper Hunter, from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi and on to Willow Tree, has been something special to rail fans for generations, but curiously has seen little on the ground tour activity. To correct this anomaly, the Railway Luncheon Club conducted perhaps its most ambitious tour ever with a two-day look-see at what this region has to offer. The surviving stations between Muswellbrook and Willow Tree, current train operations and Murrurundi's former industrial shale works relics all came in for close inspection by our group, ably led by the experts that we have in this field.

Our thanks go to Ed Tonks (you don't run a tour in the Hunter unless you have the expertise of Ed), Stuart Sharp, Col Millard, Paul Horder and of course our Tour Director and bus driver Spencer Ross. And a special thanks to those on the ground in Murrurundi, the accommodation and meal venues, and especially the Murrurundi and District Historical Society and Marilyn McColl from "Valhalla", the home of the former shale works. Without them all the tour could not have taken place.

The Luncheon Club is now in recess until next year. General outings for the Luncheon Club will re-commence on 16 March 2016 when we will be inspecting the Railway Institute at Devonshire St Sydney. In addition, our normal lunch only outing to the Great Southern Hotel will be held on 17 February.

Gary Hughes



A blast from the past. Murrurundi Station as it appeared on 5 December 1959. Image: Gary Hughes

