

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
ARTARMON**

Despite the threats of wet weather, it turned out to be fine for our tour of Artarmon Station on Wednesday 21 September 2016. Aply led by Stuart Sharp, the group heard of the history of the station, both at this site and its previous site some 600m to the north, and also of the political and residential pressures which influenced its construction and subsequent alterations. Our thanks go to Stuart for his research and his presentation.

After that it was lunch at the Chatswood RSL Club.

Our final outing for this year is our 3-day tour to Gunning and places beyond on 8, 9 and 10 November. This tour is fully booked.

Outings will resume on 15 March 2017 when we are going to look at the new station at Cheltenham.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



At the corner of Broughton Street and Hampden Road Artarmon, our group of about fifty gaze in wonder at the new lift facility with its overly large "T" sign. Image: David Taylor

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**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY AUCHMUTY
LIBRARY & HARBOUR CRUISE**

On Saturday 15 October, following the arrival of the Intercity train from Sydney, fifty Society members and guests joined a chartered coach at Broadmeadow Station which departed at 10.00am for Newcastle University's Auchmuty Library. On arrival, a most welcome morning tea was enjoyed by all.

Following a welcome in the video conference room from the Chief Librarian Greg Anderson, presentations were given by Lyn Kiely, the Special Collections and Website Librarian and Dr Amir Rezapourmoghadammiyandabi, the University Conservator. Lyn informed the group of the scope of the collections held and Amir provided an insight into the procedures required to prepare historic glass plate negatives and old nitrate film for digitisation. This was followed by an image presentation of some of the Ralph Snowball collection with commentary by our local historian, Ed Tonks. Our grateful thanks were expressed to Greg and his staff for the most hospitable experience.

All present were given a memory stick to take home covering the morning's event as a record of the visit.

The group then transferred by coach to the Newcastle Harbour foreshore for lunch. At 2.15 pm our ferry *Bay Connections 1* was ready to depart for a two-hour cruise around Newcastle Harbour. A feature of this cruise was viewing locations where rail met the harbour providing access to the various wharfs for direct rail to ship loading. Informed commentary was again provided by our local member and noted historian Ed Tonks, together with additional information from Jane, our ferry captain. Afternoon tea was served during the cruise. A great variety of shipping was observed with incoming ship movements and docking procedures viewed.

On return to the wharf the group rejoined the coach for a short tour of the city sights, which included Queens Wharf, Nobby's Beach, Newcastle Beach, King Edward Park and the ANZAC Walk before travelling through Hamilton to return to Broadmeadow to connect with the Intercity service to Sydney departing at 5.33pm.

Spencer Ross Tours Director



The ARHSnsw tour group boards Nova Cruises' ferry Bay Connections 1 on the Newcastle foreshore.

Image: John Clifton