

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
GUNNING & BEYOND TOUR**

Starting from an idea of Stuart Sharp to look at Gunning Station, this tour grew to a 3 day event from 8 to 10 November to enable us to include as much as we could fit in starting at Gunning and then going beyond.

In perfect weather, the group experienced Gunning, both Yass stations, Bowning, Binalong, Galong, Harden, Wallendbeen, Cootamundra, Cootamundra West, Stockinbingal and Temora Stations, as well as the sites of Cullerin (highest point on the South), Breadalbane and Cooks Cutting, a total of 15 in all. Perhaps the only disappointment was the elusive and camera shy down XPT on the Thursday.

It was by far the most ambitious outing ever attempted by the Luncheon Club and it didn't just happen because someone like me snapped their fingers. A number of people contributed in many ways and I would particularly like to thank Stuart, who unfortunately took ill at the last moment and was unable to make it; Neville Pollard, his research particularly into the wheat business being a great asset; and Steve Baker, who stepped into the breach when Stuart had to pull out and has a wealth of local information. A special thanks also to Spencer Ross for his assistance in a number of ways and to Grahame Thurling for his assistance and patience in handling the bookings. And in all this we must not forget Nigel, our friendly and ever sympathetic coach driver.

This was our last outing for 2016 and outings resume on 15 March 2017 when we will possibly be looking at the new stations at Cheltenham or Concord West.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



A gem of the South, the 1877 Bowning Station building as seen from the rear. The platform face in view was for the Down Loop which was removed many years ago. Image: Nev Pollard



Some of our group pose for Nev Pollard's camera on the overbridge at Wallendbeen. Wheat silos, ubiquitous on the South, form a backdrop.

Tour Schedule

December 11: Members Xmas Party at Loftus Tram Museum
(Booking form on Page 3 of this newsletter)

January 22: Annual Summers Day on the South Coast
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

February 26: 'General Gordon' Hawkesbury River Cruise
(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)

March 25 to April 8 2017: ARHSnsw New Zealand Tour
(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

Late April: Blayney to Orange 100th Anniversary Tour
For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

Members' Photo Competition#

The subject for November's competition was '70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours' and no entries were received. The judges have decided to re-run the subject again in 2017..

Upcoming subjects are:

December—Selection of winner from monthly competitions#

January—From the footbridge#

February—Green diesels#

March—Unfulfilled plans#

April—Shunting#

The photo competition is now held for the submission of digital images only. Slides or prints cannot be accepted.

The Society's Board hopes this will encourage more entries in this digital age. Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au . Digital images cannot be submitted on the night.

Contestants who cannot scan and email their print/slides may come to the Redfern Bookshop no later than seven days beforehand to have their photos scanned. In most cases the print/slides will be returned at the Members' Meeting. Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and to know when and where the photo was taken. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** digital images only.

No prize will be given on the night but the winning image will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner up will be awarded. Note: Images submitted from throughout the year will be considered, not just the winning entries.

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



A view of today's train working. C506, BRM001 and SSR102 combine to enter the wheat loader at the Sub Terminal at Temora with a Carrington bound "yellow rake wheat train". Image: Nev Pollard.