



# Members' newsletter

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## July 2015

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Shane O'Neil Sri Lanka Steam Trip 2015</i>
Sat 4	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 11	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 14	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Warren Miller Indian NG DVD</i>
Wed 15	Luncheon Club: Exploring the old Toronto Line
Sat 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 28	Railway Resource Centre open

## August 2015

Sat 1	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 4	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Members' Meeting:</b> <i>Jim Longworth NSW Amusement Railways</i>
Sat 8	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 11	Railway Resource Centre open
<b>Tue 11</b>	<b>Newcastle Members' Meeting:</b>
Sat 15	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 15 & Sun 16	Our Town Model Exhibition at Broadmeadow
Tue 18	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 19	Luncheon Club: Camellia
Sat 22	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 25	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 29	Railway Resource Centre open

## Tour Schedule

**July 15:** Luncheon Club tour to Toronto. (*Fully booked*)  
**August 1/20:** 21-day Trans-Siberian journey from Beijing to St Petersburg plus cultural & railway museums. (**Tour is now confirmed – bookings still open. Call Imperial China Tours, Sydney (02) 9221 0266, from elsewhere 1300 303 101 or Email: tony@imperialchinatours.com**)  
**September 12:** Tin Hares travel the triangles tour. (*Booking form page 3.*)  
**October 17/30:** NZ South Island Tour featuring Ab608. (*Fully booked*)  
**November 18/19:** Luncheon Club 2-day tour to Murrurundi. The Great '01' Tour with heritage diesel-electric locomotives 42101, 4401 & 4501 to Orange. Postponed to 2016 (*tba*)  
*For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.*

## Members' Photo Competition

The subject for June's competition was 'Sugar Cane Railways'. The winner was Peter Sage with his photo of three steam locomotives at Qunaba Mill. Upcoming subjects are:-

**July**—Railway Yards

**August**—Remembering Newcastle Station

**September**—S10 *The Flying Nun or Comeng S (W) Sets*

**October**—Industrial Railways

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au) Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. \*Submissions are limited to **FIVE** slides or digital images only. The subject should also be the image's main focus. The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

Sydney meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Sydney on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings commence 6.30pm (seating available from 6pm)		At the 'Mitchell Room', 1st floor, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney (between Park & Bathurst Sts)
Newcastle meetings:	Members' meetings are held in Newcastle on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.		At the New Lambton Community Centre, cnr Alma Rd and Cromwell St, New Lambton
Redfern Bookshop:	Monday to Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm	Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: <a href="mailto:sales@arhsnsw.com.au">sales@arhsnsw.com.au</a>	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: <a href="mailto:resources@arhsnsw.com.au">resources@arhsnsw.com.au</a> (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (only during advertised opening times)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: <a href="mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au">mail@arhsnsw.com.au</a>	67 Renwick Street, Redfern, NSW, 2016 (by appointment only)
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443	<a href="http://www.arhsnsw.com.au">www.arhsnsw.com.au</a>

**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.

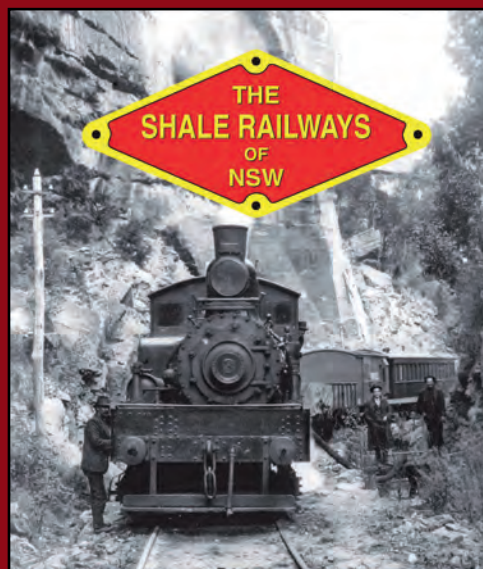
Lunch was had in the Lawson Bowling Club, another railway gem as their main building is located in the former



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

***New 2015 edition now available at the bookshop!***

*The Shale Railways of New South Wales*



New 2015 A4-sized edition of 256 pages. The original text has been corrected where necessary and a simple biography has been included. There are many additional images including a colour gallery.

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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*

**NEW ARHSnsw MEMBERS**

5096	Gordon MANNING (Rejoining)	Macquarie Fields
5230	Michael O'DEA	Kaleen,ACT
5231	Greg HAZELGROVE	Charlestown
5232	Eric LAUSBERG	Lilydale, Vic
5233	Des GREBERT	Ingleburn
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
5245	Glen McCARLEY	Sinnamon Park, Qld
5246	Matthew JULIAN	Como
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.

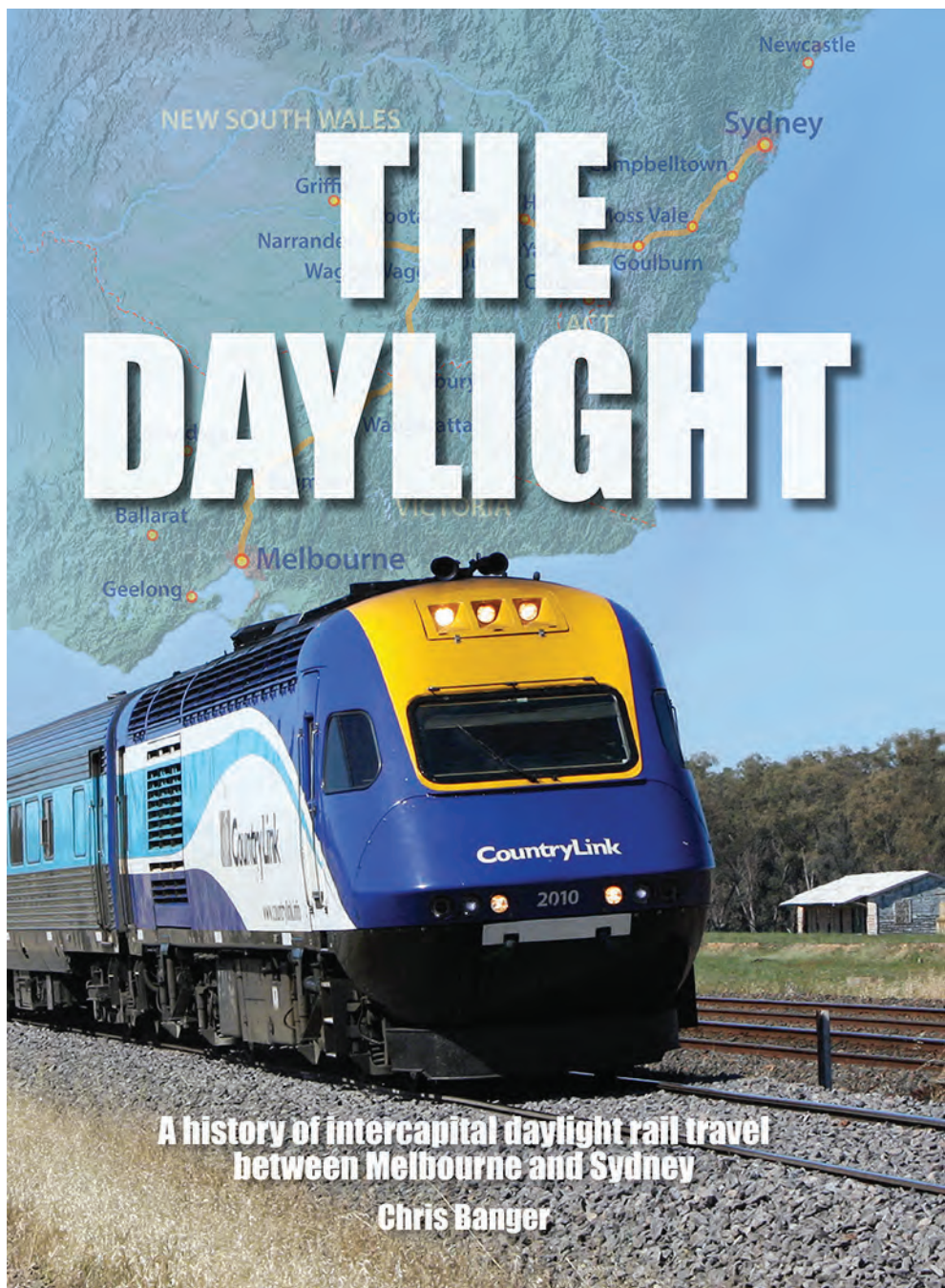
Questions were answered by member Colin Butcher who use to work for the company that operated the mono rail and now works for the Sydney Light Railway.

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



# Whats new at the ARHSnsw Railway Bookshop

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## ***THE DAYLIGHT: A history of Intercapital daylight rail travel between Melbourne and Sydney by Chris Banger***

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