



Members' newsletter

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Sat 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 6	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 7	Members' Meeting: Trevor Edmonds - 6th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company
Sat 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 11	Tour - Members' and Volunteers' Xmas Outing to Loftus
Tue 13	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 13	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Members' slide & video night
Sat 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 20	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 24	Railway Resource Centre Closed
Mon 26	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 27	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 31	Railway Resource Centre Closed

January 2017

Mon 2	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Tue 3	Railway Resource Centre open
Wed 4	Members' Meeting: Tracey Pallas-NSW Stockyards
Sat 7	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 10	Newcastle Members' Meeting: Titfield Thunderbolt movie
Sat 14	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 17	Railway Resource Centre open
Sat 21	Railway Resource Centre open
Sun 22	Tour - Annual Summer's Day on the South Coast
Tue 24	Railway Resource Centre open
Thur 26	Public Holiday Bookshop & Railway Resource Centre closed
Sat 28	Railway Resource Centre open
Tue 31	Railway Resource Centre open

A message to all our members.

2017 offers us some interesting challenges for the society. The Board has set up a task force under new director James Dalton to look at where we see ourselves in the not too distant future. How we might appeal to younger members is a vital part of that task. If anyone feels they have something to contribute, we would love to hear from you.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Chris Harding, President

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: sales@arhsnsw.com.au
Rail Resource Centre:	Tuesdays: 12pm to 4pm Saturdays: 10am to 3pm	Email: resources@arhsnsw.com.au (Ph 02 9699 2736 and fax: 02 9699 1714, please note requests not taken by phone)
GM, Administration and Mail Order:		Phone: 02 9699 4595 • Fax: 02 9699 1714 Email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au
Tours:	As advertised	Infoline: 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443 www.arhsnsw.com.au

**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.

