

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

To a railway person today, Newcastle is where "they cut the line back". This of course is true, and the full effects of this removal have yet to be played out. However, in days gone by, Newcastle presented a very different rail scene, with a large goods yard to the east of the now former station. It was to this area that we turned our attention for our outing on 16 August.

Our local historian and well known ARHS member, Ed Tonks, took the group of around 25 on a journey into the past. Once the site of warehouses, a power station, car sheds and many goods sidings, Newcastle's east end has been transformed over the past 25 years into a vast parkland. Some of the old buildings remain, particularly the carriage shed which today performs a very different role as a large picnic shelter.

It was an outing which opened our eyes, and our thanks go to Ed for his excellent commentary and conduct of the tour. His knowledge of the Hunter region seems to have no bounds. After all that, it was lunch at the Queens Wharf Hotel overlooking the Port of Newcastle.

Our next outing is our three-day tour to the Central West on 19, 20 and 21 September 2017. There may still be vacancies for this tour, please contact the Redfern office to check on availability. Notes for this tour are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website. There is to be no outing in October, and on 15 November it's an outing which is a bit different – our Luncheon Club regular and tram buff David Taylor will show us the former tram sheds at Rozelle. We meet at Jubilee Park Light Rail Station at 10.30am.

*Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club*



A view over the Newcastle goods yard as it appeared in the late 1960's. The carriage shed at centre right remains today, utilised as a shelter. The large building at right rear was the Zaara Street Power Station, demolished in the late 1970's. Image Ed Tonks.



Part of the Newcastle Goods Yard and the carriage shed as they exist today.  
Image John Beckhaus

## Members' Photo Competition#

The August competition's title 'Climbing the grade' was very successful with 23 entries received from six contestants. Peter Neve won the competition with his 2001 image of a rack train climbing the 1 in 12.5 grade on the Nilgiri rack railway, India. The image is reproduced directly below. Chris Sim was the runner-up with his steamy image of a Standard Goods and a Garratt climbing Hawkmount early one morning in 1965.



Upcoming subjects are:

**September**—The Whitton Era

**October**—Water Tanks

**November**—Fettlers

**December**—Best digital image from the monthly competitions.

**January**—The last train

**February**—Levers, lamps and lavatories

# Contestants are to submit digital images at least 48 hours beforehand to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au) Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. 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 and the runner-up will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner-up will be awarded.

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

## Tour Schedule

**Sept 19/21: Luncheon Club Central West Tour**

*(Tour almost full. Contact office for any availability.)*

**October 8: 'General Gordon' Hawkesbury River Cruise**

*(Tour full. Contact office for any availability)*

**November 9/13: 402 Club Cruise to Southern Branch Lines**

*(Tour almost full. Contact office for availability)*

**December 10: Railcars to Moss Vale & Robertson**

*(Moss Vale Station 150-year Anniversary. End of Year function.)*

**January 21: A Passenger Train to Kandos**

*(Tour booking form on page 4)*

*For more information contact: ARHSnsw Tours on:*

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