

Railway Luncheon Club

Fernleigh and Beyond to Catherine Hill Bay Tour

15 and 16 August 2018 - It has become an annual event to visit the Hunter Region, as it has been for us to hold a 2 or 3 day tour each year. So for 2018 we combined the two, and made it 2 days exploring the remains of coal mines and their associated railways from Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay. Led by noted Hunter historian and well known ARHS member, Ed Tonks, we were treated to a seemingly limitless variety of details about Catherine Hill Bay, Belmont, Lambton at Redhead and other places in between, with the highlights being the remains of the John Darling Colliery, now the site of Belmont Christian College, and of the Lambton Colliery Redhead, now home to the Redhead Mens Shed. Our thanks go to Ed for his knowledge and expert manner in conveying it to our group and also to ARHSnsw Tours Director Spencer Ross, "our man" on the bus in the Hunter. A special thanks to the Principal and staff of Belmont Christian College and the group at Redhead Mens Shed for allowing us access to their collieries' remains.

Our last outing was on Wednesday 19 September 2018 to inspect the XPT Depot at Meeks Road. A report on this will be given in the next Newsletter.

There is no outing in October and in November we will be going for a look at Ashfield. We meet in the unpaid area of the Ashfield Station overbridge at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the Ashfield Club adjacent to the station. This will be our last outing for this year.

Broken Hill Tour.

15 July next year marks the centenary of the Menindee to Broken Hill railway, including the original Broken Hill station building, and plans are in hand for a tour to Broken Hill by the Luncheon Club to celebrate this event. We are planning a three day tour of Broken Hill and spend the 3 days looking at various railway sites in the region, including Silverton, Menindee and hopefully the remains of the Tarrawingee Tramway. Travel to and from Broken Hill to be by regular train services (Trainlink service on Friday 12 July 2019 to Dubbo and connecting coach to Broken Hill returning home on Tuesday 16 July 2019 on the Trainlink Xplorer service) or by other means such as car or air. The cost of the period in Broken Hill from the Friday night until the Tuesday morning including coach hire, 4 nights motel accommodation and all meals, except the Friday night dinner, and not including travel to and from Broken Hill, is \$875 per person double/ twin share with a single supplement of \$210. The travel to and from Broken Hill will be your own responsibility. It is intended to have booking forms available later this year, however in order for us to gauge the level of interest, if at this stage you have the intention of going on this tour could you please advise the ARHS office at Redfern on 96994595.

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Resource Centre Update

Did you know?

Did you know that the Railway Resource Centre has amassed a vast collection of:

- Public and Working Timetables from 1855 to the present day
- Special Train Notices
- Train composition information
- Rolling stock and locomotive data, detail drawings, diagrams and manuals
- ARHS Journals and magazines
- Magazines from other preservation societies and railway systems
- Infrastructure diagrams and drawings
- Edmondson tickets
- Railway correspondence, Annual Reports, Royal Commission Reports, Public Works reports
- Over 5000 books in our library
- Almost 400,000 photographs, catalogued and searchable

If you're looking for information related to railways, particularly in NSW, we will have it! Modest charges apply. Much of this material has been scanned and is available on our intranet which can be accessed at the Reading Room on Tuesdays 12-4pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm; Some material is available on request or by arrangement.

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