

WELCOME TO LACHLAN VALLEY RAILWAY

This is not a static museum, but a living railway depot where work is carried on in much the same way as it always was; albeit on a much smaller scale.

You are welcome to examine the exhibits which are open. However, remember that railway depots were not designed for visitors and contain many potential hazards. Please do not attempt to enter vehicles other than those nominated in the attached plan, and do not enter areas which are marked out of bounds.

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES

If there is a guide on site he or she will be happy to show you around. If not, follow the directions in this guide and arrow markers.

There are always volunteer staff members available who will be happy to answer your questions. Please don't hesitate to ask. We hope you enjoy your visit.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR MUCH NEEDED DONATIONS.



Anzac Day 2015



Cowra roundhouse 1966 (D. Macartney)



Depot staff 1930 (Cowra Historical Society)

HISTORY

Cowra Locomotive Depot, which houses part of the Lachlan Valley Railway collection of engines, carriages and wagons, was opened in 1923 replacing the original depot adjacent to Cowra Station.

The first depot was opened in 1886 when the line reached Cowra from Harden and served the town for 37 years before lack of space forced the move.

At its peak the depot had 118 full-time employees, was the operational home for up to 20 locomotives and boasted award winning gardens. As district rail services declined the depot fell into disrepair during the 1970's and was finally closed by the NSW government in 1985. The Lachlan Valley Railway, which was already occupying part of the complex, took over immediately and began the arduous task of upgrading the area to a railway heritage centre.

Since taking up residence, the Society has restored the gardens and some buildings. The Society built the terminal station (using the original 1910 Cowra West station building), erected about a kilometre of security fencing, built three carriage sheds as well as tackling numerous other major projects. All this has been done in parallel with the restoration and maintenance of locomotives and rollingstock.



LACHLAN VALLEY RAILWAY

Welcome to COWRA RAIL HERITAGE CENTRE

Open seven days a week
(except Christmas Day)

Opening hours: 9am to 5pm

Admission: Voluntary donation

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EXHIBITS

1. Cowan & Sheldon breakdown crane.
 2. Sand shed. Sand provides traction to metal wheels on wet rails.
 3. West Cowra Station building. Photo display.
 4. Carriage display. TAM and EAM sleeping cars. MCE sitting car.
 5. Diesel shunting locomotive D9.
 6. Steam store for locomotive parts. No access to visitors.
 7. Fettlers track work vehicles.
 8. War Memorial interpretive board.
 9. War Memorial Fountain.
 10. Steam locomotive 5367.
 11. Steam locomotive 3026.
 12. Harman steam crane.
 13. Planet diesel shunting locomotive.
 14. Blacksmith shop.
 15. Turntable 75' diameter. No access to visitors.
- A. Women's toilets.
B. Men's toilets.
C. Disabled toilets.

CARPARK

ENTRANCE

Visit the heritage listed
COWRA RAILWAY STATION

Open for inspection
last Sunday of each month
Cowra Antique Vehicle Club



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