



Byways of Steam 21 - on the Railways of New South Wales

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Eveleigh Press, Matraville, NSW Australia, 2003. Soft Cover. Condition: New. No Jacket. First Edition. 128 pages profusely illustrated colour & b/w photos - The Campbelltown to Camden Railway, by Ian Dunn. The Camden line began life as a politically inspired experiment, a rural tramway feeder to the main line. Consequently, it was doomed economic unviability when it became a railway in 1901. For the railway enthusiast, its steep grades and intensive operations made it a mecca, easily accessible from metropolitan Sydney and increasingly quaint in its aspect. This essay explores the origins, building and operation of the line, and the photos dwell particularly on the operations associated with the coal loader at Narellan in the late 1950s. - Bathurst's 59 Class Bankers, by Peter Attenborough. Mainline steam operations over the main western line ceased during the winter of 1967 but it was to be another five years before the last steam locomotives were transferred from Bathurst. In those intervening years, Bathurst depot maintained a small number of engines for yard shunting and bank engine work on the climb out of the Macquarie River valley on either side of the city. This article looks at the role of those engines, in...

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