

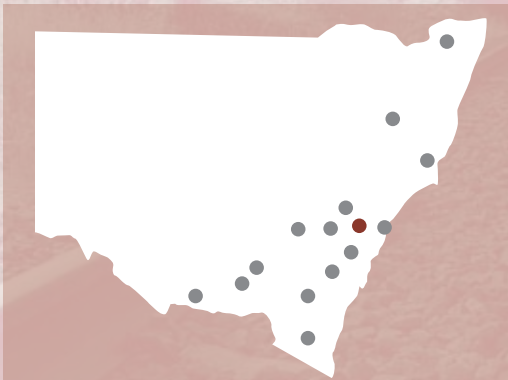
CONSERVING RAIL HERITAGE

The NSW Government endorsed a Sustainable Rail Heritage Asset Management Strategy in 2006 to ensure the State's rail heritage assets are conserved for current and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

The Strategy aims to encourage the ongoing care of the State's most significant items of rail heritage by volunteer based organisations that are committed to sharing our rail story with the general public.



The Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum is the Blue Mountains Division of the NSW Rail Transport Museum. Located adjacent to the Great Western Highway and railway, it is an easy walk from the Valley Heights Railway Station.



Valley Heights Locomotive Depot is part of the NSW Rail Heritage Network.

Office of Rail Heritage



OPENING HOURS

The Museum's Open Days are the second and fourth Sundays of each month (except Mothers Day and the last Sunday in December) between 10am and 4pm.

ADMISSION AND RIDES

Adults	\$13
Pensioners and Concessions	\$11
School Students (aged 5-18)	\$9
Family (2 adults and 2 children / 1 adult and 3 children)	\$35
Children (aged 4 and under)	Free

Prices are subject to change without notice. Refer to our website for details.

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BE INVOLVED

If you would like to be part of our team of volunteers or become a member of the NSW Rail Transport Museum please call 02 9379 1031 or visit www.nswrtm.org



VALLEY HEIGHTS LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT HERITAGE MUSEUM



VALLEY HEIGHTS

OUR STORY

The Valley Heights Locomotive Depot was officially opened in January 1914. The Depot's locomotives assisted up to 30 trains every day from Valley Heights to Katoomba.

Located on the steeply graded line to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, the Depot served the railways for 75 years.

However, its days became numbered when more efficient and powerful electric locomotives were introduced – eventually resulting in the closure of the depot, marking a major milestone in the State's rail history.



The site is now home to the Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum which provides interactive exhibits of engines and carriages, along with other unique displays of railway memorabilia.

A group of dedicated volunteers have also worked to conserve both the depot buildings, including the oldest roundhouse depot in NSW, and heritage rolling stock.

The Steam Tram and Railway Preservation Society operates from the site, providing historic steam ride experiences for visitors of all ages to enjoy.

The Museum is a great destination for a school or group excursion.

VALLEY HEIGHTS STEAM TRAMWAY

The Steam Tramway was established in association with the heritage museum at Valley Heights when a fire destroyed the Parramatta Park Tramway in 1993.

Since the fire, the Steam Tram Society has rebuilt its collection including the famous Sydney steam tram of the late 1890s.



OUR TREASURES AND EXPERIENCES

The Museum houses a collection of historic railway and tramway locomotives depicting the development of rail transportation in NSW over a century from the 1880s through to the 1980s.



(Above) Stainless Steel Interurban Car - Introduced with electric traction during the late 1950s.



(Above left) Locomotive 5461 – Built in 1916 and operated from the Valley Heights Depot.

(Above right) BL 356 – Non air-conditioned first-class sitting cars which began operating in the 1930s.

(Above) Valley Heights Roundhouse - The oldest remaining steam locomotive roundhouse in NSW.



(Above) Our model railway along with an extensive display of railway memorabilia including maps and photographs help to bring the Blue Mountains to life.

OUR EXPERIENCES

- Take a unique ride in a restored historic Sydney Steam Tram dating from the 1890s.
- Explore the oldest remaining Steam Locomotive Roundhouse in NSW.
- Witness restoration works being carried out on tramway and railway exhibits.
- View the Model Railway layout and see the photographic display of local history provided by the Springwood Historical Society.

The Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum is ideal for school excursions, club functions, birthday parties and as a backdrop for captivating wedding photographs.

