



2025 PWI CONVENTION



PRE-REGISTRATION EVENT

Hosted by: **ARTC**



THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2025
ARTC Port Waratah Provisioning Centre, Carrington

From 09:30hrs	Arrival for boarding the PWI Train – Sydney Terminal, Platform 3
10:00 – 13:10	Departs Sydney Terminal, Platform 3: 10:04hrs (sharp) Arrives for Newcastle Interchange: 13:10hrs
13:00 – 13:30	Bus Transfer – Newcastle Interchange Station (Station St) to ARTC Port Waratah Provisioning Centre (Cowper St S, Carrington)
13:30 – 13:50	Welcome to Country and Presidents Welcome
13:50 – 14:20	Pre-Registration and Networking ARTC Port Waratah Provisioning Centre, Carrington
14:20 – 14:30	ARTC Safety Brief
14:30 – 16:15	ARTC Site Tour Four (4) stations across the Carrington site
16:15 – 16:30	Closing and thankyou
16:30 – 17:00	Bus Transfer to Newcastle CBD. Stops at Honeysuckle and Crown Street Light Rail Stops
17:00 onwards: a general reservation will be made at the following venue for those wanting to continue networking. This will not be an official PWI event. The Lucky Hotel, located at 237 Hunter St, Newcastle (<i>adjacent to the Crown Street Light Rail Stop</i>)	

2025 PWI WOMEN IN RAIL BREAKFAST

Proudly supported by: **GHD**



FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 2025
The Avenue, Newcastle Exhibition and Convention Centre

From 07.00	Registration Desk Open
07.30	Breakfast served (<i>Networking Canapes style</i>)
08.00 – 08.15	Keynote Address: Jacqueline Linke <i>Director, Greater Sydney Client Engagement and Delivery IT Transport for NSW</i>
09.00	Breakfast event closes.



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FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 2025
The Arena, Newcastle Exhibition Centre

From 08.30	Registration Desk Open
09.00 – 09.15	Bump in and guests seated
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome Address: MARK HARRIS <i>PWI NSW President</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Keynote Address: WAYNE JOHNSON Chief Executive Officer <i>Australian Rail Track Corporation</i>

SESSION 1

Chaired by: **Paul Dudding**
Operations Manager
CPB Contractors



10.00 – 10.10	Intro to CPB Contractors	Paul Dudding, <i>CPB Contractors</i>
10.10 – 10.30	North-South Freight Corridor - Criticality of the Network	Costas Kokkoni, <i>ARTC</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Technical and Delivery Challenges of High Speed Rail	Tim Parker and Edmund Gralton, <i>High Speed Rail Authority</i>
10.50 – 11.00	Discussion / Questions for all papers	Paul Dudding, <i>CPB Contractors</i>
11.00 – 11.10	Life Members	Mark Harris, <i>PWI NSW President</i>
11.10 – 12.00	MORNING TEA (The Avenue, NEX)	

SESSION 2

Chaired by: **Matt Jones**
General Manager, Rail Services
JHG



12.00 – 12.10	Intro to John Holland	Matt Jones, <i>John Holland</i>
12.10 – 12.30	History and Future of Light Rail in Newcastle	Stuart Sutherland, <i>Lycopodium</i>
12.30 – 12.50	The Black Art of Traction Power Modelling	David Stuart-Smith, <i>ARUP</i>
12.50 – 13.00	Discussion / Questions for all papers	Matt Jones, <i>John Holland</i>
13.00 – 13.20	Young Achiever Award 2025	Julian Sharp, <i>CPB Contractors</i>
13.20 – 13.30	PWI Rail Alliance	Neil Hobden, <i>PWI Technical Dir</i>
13.30 – 13.40	PWI Fellows and Honorary Fellows	Mark Harris, <i>PWI NSW President</i>



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13:40 – 15.00	LUNCH (The EXtra Room, NEX)
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SESSION 3

Chaired by: **Damien Drew**
General Manager, Operations JMDR

JMDR

15.00 – 15.10	Intro to JMDR	Damien Drew, <i>JMDR</i>
15.10 – 15.15	PWI Diversity and Inclusion Initiative	Rebecca Want, <i>GHD</i>
15.15 – 16.15	Panel Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matt Longland – CEO Sydney Trains ▪ Carolyn Walsh, Chair of the National Transport Commission ▪ Wayne Johnson, CEO ARTC 	Lucio Di Bartolomeo, <i>ARA</i>
16:15 – 16:50	The Rail Industry v The Law. A Personal Perspective	Michael Hickey, <i>Ingenium Advisory</i>
16.50 – 17:00	Discussion / Questions for all papers	Damien Drew, <i>JMDR</i>
17:00 – 17.15	Endnote and Announcements	Mark Harris, <i>PWI NSW President</i>

RETURN TRAVEL TO SYDNEY Friday, 31 October 2025

Sydney Trains Services	Departing Newcastle Interchange to Sydney Terminal via Main North.		
	Depart Ncle Int:	17:22	18:22
		19:21	
	Gosford:	18:34	19:35
		20:33	
	Hornsby:	19:19	20:19
		21:19	
	Strathfield:	19:42	20:42
		21:42	
	Arrive Central:	19:55	20:55
		21:55	
	Trains are approx. every 1 hour. Last train departs 21:32, arrives Central 00:25.		



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POST-CONVENTION NETWORKING EVENT

Sponsored by: **Damien Drew**
General Manager, Operations JMDR



18.00 – 20.30	PWI Post-Convention Networking Event The Honeysuckle Hotel Lot 31 Wharf C, Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle
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RETURN TRAVEL TO SYDNEY Saturday, 1 November 2025

Or Sydney Trains Services	Departing Newcastle Interchange to Sydney Terminal via Main North. <i>Depart Ncle Int:</i> 08:57 10:59 12:56 <i>Gosford:</i> 10:09 12:09 14:09 <i>Hornsby:</i> 10:52 12:49 14:49 <i>Strathfield:</i> 11:19 13:18 15:19 <i>Arrive Central:</i> 11:32 13:34 15:33 Trains are approx. every 2hrs. ➤ First train departs 04:58, arrives Central 07:29. ➤ Last train departs 20:32, arrives Central 23:32.
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