

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Visit to Carlingford, Wed 20 April 2011

Gary Hughes reports:

Carlingford is one of those places which most of us have heard about, but probably few have been to. It is the terminus of one of suburban Sydney's few branch lines, and is a line which, as it exists today, was built under two separate private Railway Acts passed by the NSW Government in October 1886 and June 1893. Over the years it has seen steam hauled goods and passenger trains, railmotors and since it was electrified in 1959, suburban electric trains.

Against this background, the Railway Luncheon Club conducted its April monthly outing to Carlingford. Whilst the station has seen much 'modernisation' over the years, the old goods shed, built by the Department of Railways in 1902 and privately acquired soon after, remains. It now serves as a Produce Store, selling all kinds of 'rural' goods. Remnants of sidings which once served it remain, although are no longer in use. Another 'gem' close by is the K13 Submarine Memorial. Whilst it has nothing to do with railways, the group was none the less fascinated to hear of the history of the Memorial and the submarines which it remembers.

It was certainly a different day, and our thanks must go to Ken Williams who suggested Carlingford in the first place, and then researched and wrote up the informative notes.

Our next outing is on 18 May, and we are going to Olympic Park Station. We meet on the upper concourse area adjacent to the Booking Office at 11.00am. For the future we are going to Clyde in June, Waratah in July, Lindfield in August and in September it's our 2-day outing to Goulburn. Booking forms for this will be in the June Newsletter.



The Luncheon Club group outside the former Carlingford Goods Shed, now serving as a Produce Store. Part of one of the former sidings is in the right foreground.
Image:- Nev Pollard.

Forthcoming tours

- May 18: Luncheon Club:** Olympic Park
- May 21/22: Ed Tonks - Newcastle City Coal Mines**
Booking form attached
- June 10/14: To Broken Hill by 621/721 railcars**
Tour fully booked
- June 15: Luncheon Club:** Clyde
- July: Newington Armoury**
Booking form next month
(Expressions of interest sought)
- August 6/7: Winter Winelander to Wallangarra**
(Postponed tour) *Booking form attached*
- September: Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum Ltd**
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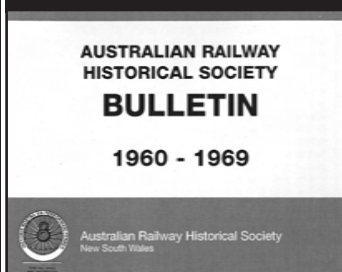
At the September 2006 members' meeting, the raw video footage of this program was run by courtesy of Graeme Belbin. It features 16mm colour movie footage of railways around Australia from the late forties, fifties and sixties. The longest segments covers NSW government and private railways and now features synchronized sound. This long-forgotten never seen before film was found in a suburban garage. Recommended viewing at only **\$40.00**

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