

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB GOSFORD ELECTRICAL

In a change from normal railway infrastructure, on Wednesday, 21 November, the Railway Luncheon Club visited the Electrical Depot at Gosford to see the functions of this important RailCorp facility.

Ably led by RailCorp Team Leader, Mark Holmes, our group of around 40 saw and heard first hand of how this depot handles everyday problems associated with the overhead wiring installation. With safety being of paramount importance, staff of the depot carry out repairs to the overhead system and keep the system functioning.

It was a very informative outing, and our thanks go to Mark for his expert commentary. After the inspections were completed, the group adjourned to the nearby Hotel Gosford for lunch.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club, and the last for this year, is to Sydney Train Control at Central Station, on Wednesday, 19 December. We meet on the concourse outside the ARHSnsw Bookshop at 10.45am. Lunch will be at the Great Southern Hotel.

There is no outing in January, but on Wednesday, 20 February 2013, for those interested there will be an informal lunch at 12 noon at Whelans Hotel at Strathfield, similar to what we did last February. Note that this is an informal event and not an ARHS activity. Normal outings resume in March when we are going to Croydon.

Gary Hughes

BOOK SIGNING BONDI TO THE OPERA HOUSE



A book signing by the authors of *Bondi to the Opera House*, Randall Wilson and Dale Budd, was conducted on Saturday 3 November, just outside the Society's Central Station bookshop. It was also the occasion of the Historic Houses Trust's Sydney Open day with the Society conducting tours of Central's 'ghost' tunnels and platforms not normally public accessible. The book signing was very successful. Good stocks of the books are still available @ \$29. The framed reproduction tram roll destination boards provided an appropriate back drop. (These high quality reproductions are now for sale in the bookshop.) Image by Kevin Mirah

Forthcoming tours

December 19: Railway Luncheon Club
Train Control Central Station

January 20: Summer's day on the South Coast with
Rail Motor Society's CPHs
(Booking form attached.)

March 9 & 10: *Winelander* with ARHS Qld.
(Booking form attached.)

September 3 to 21: *Trans Siberian. Moscow to Beijing*
plus Metro & rail museum inspections.
(Brochure with full itinerary available from bookshop)

More information required?

Call the Tours Hotline number (02) 8394 9019.

Members' Slide Competition

Upcoming subjects are:

December—Members' slide & video night

January—My best image of 2012 (limit of 5!)

February—Shunters

March—Railway Signs incl. Station Nameboards

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern via email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

A **reminder** that contestants should limit their submissions to five slides or digital images only. The subject of the contest should also be the image's main focus.



The editor was given this cast iron railway crossing warning sign by a neighbour who was clearing out his garage. Its history or origin of use is not known. It has a diameter of exactly 24 inches (610mm). Can any reader confirm its origin?