

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB KIAMA

In his notes, Stuart Sharp describes Kiama Station as “the birthplace of an iconic railway building”. The design was approved in 1892, and the Kiama station building was the first of this design, which was subsequently applied to another 21 buildings in various locations until 1906. After then, other similar examples were stripped of much of their external decorations. The stylistic design features of Kiama show a slant towards the Italianate influence.

Neither threats of wet weather nor train disruptions caused by an earlier tragic fatality at Loftus could deter about 40 members and friends who made the trek to Kiama on 19 June 2013 to check out Stuart’s description. As an added attraction, Duty Manager, Tor, showed the group the existing staff instruments and the computerised track diagram. John Oakes also gave some details of the narrow gauge railway near the station. It was then a short walk to the Kiama Leagues Club for lunch.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club is on Wed 17 July and we are going to Cockle Creek where well known ARHSnsw member Ed Tonks will be our guide. Catch the Newcastle Intercity service leaving Central at 8.15am, and change at Fassifern (due 10.28am) for the following local service due at 10.40am, to arrive at Cockle Creek at 10.49am. Lunch will be at the nearby Macquarie Club. Notes for Cockle Creek are now available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw Website.

For the future, on 21 August we are going to Campbelltown, and notes for Campbelltown will be on our website in a few weeks. On 18 September, it’s our 50th outing and we will be going to the ARTC Network Control Centre at Broadmeadow. Our 2-day tour to Bathurst and places west will be on 22 and 23 October. The booking form for this tour is in this Newsletter.

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Gary Hughes



At the Down (i.e. Bomaderry) end of Kiama platform, the Luncheon Club group listens intently as John Oakes gives details of the narrow gauge railway which once ran nearby. Image: David Taylor.

Forthcoming Tours

- Sept 7:** Explore Mullet Creek by Boat
(Booking form on page 4)
- Oct 22/23:** Railway Luncheon Club
Bathurst Region Tour
(Booking form on page 5)
- Nov 9 to 20:** New Zealand North Island Tour
(Booking form on page 6. Deposit required to confirm booking.)

For more info call the Tours Hotline on (02) 8394 9019.

Members' Slide Competition

The June subject was ‘Upper & Lower Quadrant Signals’ and the winner was Stan Rees with his image of signals just north of Parkes. Upcoming subjects are:

- July—Silhouettes
- August—Tripleheaders
- September—Crossing shots
- October—Locomotive Depots by Night
- November—Sydney to Melbourne Daylight

Passenger trains over the decades
(Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to Redfern by email: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Submissions are limited to five slides or digital images only. The subject should also be the image’s main focus. Contestants must know when and where slide was taken otherwise image will be ineligible to win.)

THE RRC WISHES TO BORROW:

‘Catechism on Ticket Collection and Examination for
Barrier Station Assistant -1957 Edition’

Bill Phippen reports a copy of the above was recently received but it has one page missing. All the pages have been scanned onto the RRC’s Intranet, but if you have a copy we only need to borrow it for five minutes to scan the one page missing from the RRC’s copy. If any member can help out please contact Bill Phippen on 9699 2736 or email: whippen@arhsnsw.com.au

RESEARCH REQUEST

Ann Howard, historian and author on Dangar Island, is doing a doctorate on the people who built the first **Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge (1886-1889)**. She is also completing a popular history book *A Bridge to Dangar Island?* She would appreciate hearing from descendants of bridge workers or people who moved to Brooklyn, Wondabyne and Long Island during this time. Contact Ann on 02 99552074 or email: annhoward@ozemail.com.au