

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB CAMPBELLTOWN STATION

The first hint that Campbelltown was a physically pretty place was the selection of the name of the village by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1820. He named it after his wife's maiden name. The railway was opened to Campbelltown on 18 May 1858, and the line was duplicated in 1890. The existing building on platforms 1 and 2 dates from the 1890 duplication, although additions and alterations have taken place since.

With this history in mind, and memories for many of us of the days of the Camden Tram, about 35 members and friends made the journey to this south west part of Sydney on 21 August 2013 to see what Campbelltown offers today.

After a welcome by Stations Customer Manager, Campbelltown Group, David Screen and the Station Duty Manager, Joe, we were able to quiz these officers as to the new structure of Sydney Trains, and the likely changes in the new timetable to be implemented in October 2013. Stuart Sharp then explained aspects of the 1890 building and some of the other features which make Campbelltown unique to the railway enthusiast. The group then adjourned for a Chinese lunch at the nearby Court Tavern.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club is on 18 September, when Life Member John Oakes will lead us as we look at the remains of the Darling Harbour branch line at Ultimo. We meet at the Chalmers Street end of the Devonshire Street pedestrian tunnel at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the Great Southern Hotel.

Our two-day tour to Bathurst in October is now fully booked. On 20 November we are going to Redfern Station.

Gary Hughes



The group listens intently as Stuart Sharp explains the features of the 1890 building on No.2 platform at Campbelltown Station. Image: Graham Harmer.

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AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Member Gary Saunders and his brother Bruce have done extensive research on the subject of the colours used within the NSW Railways from its inception in 1855. The research is on-going and despite the editor having heard Gary's lecture twice before, there has always been further enlightenment each time.

The Saunders team has trawled through libraries, the Rail Resource Centre and various museums to compare written notes to what's actually left out there in the way of paint samples. The lecture was divided into eras corresponding to the associated railway hierarchy of the time. In the mid-twentieth century the eras simply became known the Tuscan and Russet, Tuscan and Indian red. Paint was bought in large batches after tenders were sought so variations were known to occur with different manufactures. There will always be controversy when the colour of a certain item of rolling stock or locomotive is discussed. But the Saunders' approach is more scientifically based. Microscopic examination of pigments being one method used. Of course, lining also varied according to the era and the preferences of railway hierarchy.

George Gettens thanked Bruce on behalf of the members for his enlightening presentation.

NEW MEMBERS

The ARHSnsw Council have accepted the following new and returning members over the past few months:

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| 4360 | Stephen MILLER | Springwood | NSW |
| 4816 | Brian DEASY | Mountrice | Ireland |
| 5117 | Jeffrey GABRIEL | Stanmore | NSW |
| 5118 | Paul BOWYER | Northmead | NSW |
| 5119 | Wim HOEKSTRA | Glenbrook | NSW |
| 5120 | Philip LONG | Manly | NSW |
| 5121 | Robert MORGAN | East Gosford | NSW |
| 5122 | Peter HUGHES | Mordialloc | Vic |
| 5123 | Pete HEININGER | Corrimal | NSW |
| 5124 | John HARRIS | Riverwood | NSW |
| 5125 | Steve MALPASS | Wangaratta | Vic |
| 5126 | Milton BAAR | Pennant Hills | NSW |
| 5127 | David McFARLANE | Waitara | NSW |
| 5128 | Allan LEAVER | Unanderra | NSW |
| 5129 | Graham BEAVAN | Fairfield | NSW |
| 5130 | Geoffrey GOODACRE | Cowra | NSW |
| 5131 | James NELSON | Marrickville | NSW |
| 5132 | Paul SNEESBY | Hornsby | NSW |
| 5133 | Steven HENRY | Miranda | NSW |
| 5134 | Ann HOWARD | Dangar Island | NSW |
| 5135 | John READ | Five Dock | NSW |
| 5136 | Terence CARPENTER | Goulburn | NSW |
| 5137 | Ron NEWMAN | Macksville | NSW |
| 5138 | Warren FITZPATRICK | Macquarie Fields | NSW |
| 5139 | Robert McFARLANE | Surry Hills | NSW |
| 5140 | Alexander CROLL | Newtown | NSW |
| 5141 | David RICKARDS | Bayswater | WA |
| 5142 | Roger BINSTEAD | Tacoma | NSW |
| 5143 | Michael SHEPHERD | Wentworthville | NSW |
| 5144 | Jamieson PHAIR | Paddington | NSW |
| 5145 | Noel CARGILL | Dulwich Hill | NSW |
| 5146 | Scott WHITAKER | Wandong | Vic |