

Members' Photo Competition

The subject for July's competition was 'Railway Accidents/ Derailments' and the entry judged to be the best was Peter Neve's image of freshly overhauled 19 Class 0-6-0 1923 derailed at the Erskineville end of Alexandria Yard on 20 March 1968.



Upcoming subjects are:

August— Sydney's Single Deck Electric Trains

September—Stations out of the ordinary

October—Modern trains in NSW

November—70 Years of ARHSnsw Tours

December—Waiting for the stick

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au. Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. Prints will not be accepted. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** slides or digital images only.

Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and in the case of slides to know when and where the photo was taken.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

New Society Book 'To the Fertile Plains Beyond'

CC Singleton was a prolific writer of articles that found their way into the Australasian Railway and Locomotive Historical Society Bulletin (as it was then known). The railway crossing of the Blue Mountains and station arrangements of the line became the subject of numerous articles between 1939 and 1958. Many of these articles were in collaboration with RF Wylie, an invaluable source of information regarding the New South Wales Railways. Singleton adapted and updated these writings and together with his maps and station line drawings they were collated into a manuscript, including the Foreword ready for print in 1970.

Unfortunately, as a result of his death in February 1971, the project was put on hold. Contrary to Singleton's words in the Introduction and like many plans, it unfortunately never went to print and lay in limbo for many years.

In 2012 the Publications Committee recognised the need to review old manuscripts in its possession with a view to publication. The Committee recognised both the importance of Singleton's manuscript and the need to have it published as a historical record. So some 46 years later "To the Fertile Plains Beyond" will see the light of day soon in 2016.

Harry Anneveld - quoted from his preface to the book.

Tour Schedule

August 13 to 14: SMR & Coalfields Tour with Ed Tonks
(Tour fully booked)

August 20 to 28: 125th Anniversary Normanton Croydon
(Tour fully booked)

August 24: Luncheon Club Sandgate Tour with Ed Tonks
(Tour fully booked)

September 10: 620/720 Class Rail Car tour to Rylstone
(Tour fully booked)

October 15: Newcastle Ferry Cruise & University Library
(Booking form on Page 3)

October 16 to November 3: Central Asia & Great Silk Road
(Contact Opulent Journeys 1300 219 885)

November 8/9/10: Luncheon Club Gunning & Beyond Tour
(Booking form on Page 4)

November 19: Port Kembla, Steelworks & Metro Colliery
(Booking form in next month's newsletter)

For more info contact ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428333443.

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB CHULLORA WORKSHOPS #2

Our first tour of Chullora Workshops to see the work on 3801 was such a success that a second one was necessary, and on 13 July our busload of members and friends again visited the Chullora precinct. It all went well and our thanks to Craig Mackey for his assistance.

Unfortunately someone has seen fit to post images taken on the day on social media, such as Facebook, without seeking prior approval to publish them. We were on the Chullora site with the consent of both Sydney Trains and Transport Heritage NSW, and getting this consent was not a simple matter. The publishing of images such as occurred can lead to problems for us in our future attempts to gain access to such places which are not normally available (train control facilities and maintenance depots are other examples). Therefore as a general rule, when we are able to access such places, the posting on any non ARHS media of images taken on a tour should not be done without getting approval first. Similarly, images of people on the outings should not be published on any non ARHS media without getting the approval of those persons involved.

The next Luncheon Club outing is to **Sandgate Cemetery** on 24 August. This tour is fully booked. Notes for Sandgate are on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website, and a compendium of images will be given out on the day.

For the future, on 21 September we are going to **Artarmon**, with lunch probably at Chatswood RSL, and on 8, 9, and 10 November we are running a three day tour to **Gunning and places beyond**. The booking form for this tour is in this Newsletter.

Gary Hughes, Manager, Railway Luncheon Club.