

Members Photo Competition

The April topic was "Poor Working Conditions" and the winner for the month was Neville Pollard. His entry - 1243 + 1709 Vintage Loop line centenary 1967.

Chris Sim took out second place with a photo of flash-butt welding at Sydenham.



Upcoming subjects are:

May - Peak Hour

June - In the Shed

July - Cold Weather

Railway Luncheon Club

The first outing for 10th year of the Luncheon Club unfortunately started a bit wet, and rain it did – quite heavily in fact!! Nonetheless our tour to look at the Long Cove viaduct at Lewisham attracted 38 eager souls who braved the wet to see this historic structure. Led by Bill Phippen, our group was actually shown this and two other bridges close by, all of which have historical significance. But the Long Cove viaduct, including a preserved Whipple truss from earlier days, was the showpiece. Our thanks go to Bill, and also to Bill Laidlaw, John Watsford and John Beckhaus for assistance in managing our large group on the narrow footpaths and road crossings which we had to negotiate.

Our next outing is on 16 May and John Oakes will be showing us the former main line and current deviation at Oatley. We meet at Oatley Station at 10.30am. Lunch will be at the Oatley Hotel. Notes for this are now on the website.

For the future, on 20 June Neville Pollard will be leading our group for a look at some of the heritage remnants of the Lapstone Zig Zag. We will be hiring a bus to take us from Emu Plains Station and return to Emu Plains for lunch at O'Donoghues Hotel. The bus hire will necessitate a booking form.

On August 15 and 16, a 2 day tour, led by Ed Tonks, to look at the reminders of former coal mines and railways beyond Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay.

And on 19 September we are organising a tour of the XPT Depot at Meeks Road – more details later.

Gary Hughes
Railway Luncheon Club Manager

ARHSnsw Tours

Below is the long term plan for the upcoming tours with the Society. It is our commitment that the Membership get first option for the Tours before it gets promoted to the wider community, so I would encourage you to book early as they do sell out and we do only have limited positions on each Tour.

Upcoming Tours

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| May 27 | - | Exploring 1 year later, the Construction and Station Sites along the Route of the CBD and South East Light Rail Line - Seats still available |
| June 9-12 | - | A Two State Adventure, Albury and Seymour, a Rail cruise in 621/721 |
| June 20 | - | Lapstone ZIG-ZAG Site outing with the Luncheon Club - Seats still available |
| July 8 | - | A Passenger Train to Rylstone |
| August 15/16 | | Beyond Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay with Ed Tonks, ARHS Luncheon Club |
| September 23 | | "The Hawkesbury River Railway Bridges" book launch cruise. Brooklyn to Danger Is then Gosford and Woy Woy |
| October 2 Days | | Date TBA - John Oakes Sydney Suburban Forgotten Sidings Rail Tour |
| November 23-26 | | ARHS 402 Club Central West Tour |

It is important to note, that whilst all booking forms are not included in the newsletter, they are all available from the office. Alternatively, just call the office and we can take your bookings across the phone or we can email you what you require.

For further information and Booking Forms please contact: ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443