

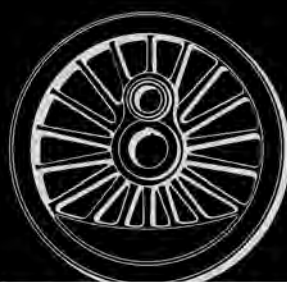
# MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

## Position Vacant

ARHSnsw is calling for expressions of interest in full or part-time work in an editorial capacity at the magazine office in Redfern, NSW.

Proficiency in graphic design software (Adobe InDesign in particular) is desirable.

Interested applicants are advised to contact General Manager Ross Verdich on (02) 9699 4595 or email: rossverdi@arhsnsw.com.au



## Forthcoming tours

- Mar 19–30 12-day New Zealand Tour**—South Island and Wellington. Includes the *TranzAlpine*, *TranzCoastal*, Taieri Gorge Railway, Weka Pass and Ferrymead Heritage Park. *You can still participate in our railway/tramway/trolleybus-focussed tour with expert guidance from expatriate Kiwi Murray Harper! The scenery is delightful too! Bonus: Tour cost includes breakfasts & dinners incl. some speciality dinners. Late bookings accepted! Booking form attached. Itinerary on ARHSnsw website.*
- April 30 Visit to PHM Castle Hill Repository:** *Visit to Store H (Model Collection) Bookings filling fast. Booking form attached.*
- May 16 Lovedale Long Lunch/Maitland with 3801Ltd.** *Booking form attached.*
- June 4/5/6/7 West & North West Wanderer Tour by CPHs.** Due to ARTC Nth Coast track work closure the proposed Brisbane tour is postponed. The long-weekend tour using The RMS's CPHs1 and 7 (and maybe CPH3) will now travel from Broadmeadow, Muswellbrook, Ulan, Merrygoen, Dubbo, Binnaway, Werris Creek, Narrabri, Tamworth, Armidale to Telarah. *Booking form attached.*
- July 24/25 Ed Tonks' Mines and Lines Weekend Tour.**  
Sat: Mines of Lake Macquarie.  
Sun: Hexham to Richmond Main
- August: 621/721 Sydney Suburban tour**
- September: Three Day visit to Dorrigo Steam Museum,** travel by XPT and Coach.

For more information call our Tours Hotline on 02 8394 9019

## RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

On 17 February last about 40 luncheon club members had an enjoyable time visiting Sutherland Station.

In quick fashion, the members engaged the Station Manager, Charlie Kataieh, in a spirited conversation about the impact of the new junction arrangements once the duplication on the Cronulla Branch is opened. From April, all Up Branch trains will now be required to occupy the Down Main to gain access to No. 3 platform. This arrangement will substantially change the pattern of train movements.

Members were also able to inspect the interlocking frame in Sutherland signal box, thanks to Noel Barber and Peter Emmett, the top two CityRail operational staff for the Illawarra line. All the CityRail staff were extremely pleasant and helpful and the Society is most appreciative for the time of these key officers.

Peter Neve, Life member and resident of Sutherland since 1955, made a valuable and engaging contribution by his comprehensive history on the history of the station, including the 1886 platform face, the former branch to Woronora Cemetery and the extant 1911 tramway waiting shed.

The next outing of the Luncheon Club will be to Canterbury Station on Wednesday 17 March. Members are invited to meet on the overhead concourse at 11.00am. Bring your name badge.

## Slide Competition

The slide competition topic for the February meeting was 'NSW locomotive hauled passenger trains' and it was very well supported with some very good images in city, suburban and country scenes. The eventual winner was Chris Sim with a well-composed image of electric loco 4617 hauling a newly refurbished Cub Set through Redfern circa 1970.

Upcoming subjects are:

- March . . . South Maitland Railways
- April . . . Southern Aurora
- May . . . Gone but not forgotten—NSW branch lines
- June . . . XPTs in the landscape
- July . . . Rails at the state borders especially dual gauge.

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images but submissions need to be in at least 24 hours beforehand. Images submitted via CD are to be sent to our Redfern office and images via email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au