

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB PETERSHAM TRAINING COLLEGE



Our large group poses for the camera outside the college. Image: David Taylor

Petersham Training College is that RailCorp facility just west of Petersham Station, and whilst some of us may have been in there for Model Railway Conventions over the years, few have seen what goes on in there in the College's important role as a provider of training for RailCorp. So with this in mind, 45 members and friends attended the Railway Luncheon Club's December outing to find out.

Creating something of an attendance record, the group, led by Tony Eriksen, Facilities Officer and Michael Nicholls, ARHSnsw Councillor, were taken through the various training rooms and training facilities. Unfortunately, due to operational requirements, we were restricted in experiencing some of the facilities such as the simulators, but none the less it provided a fascinating insight into this very important aspect of railway operations.

Our thanks to Tony and Michael for their efforts.

There is no formal outing in January, however for those interested we have arranged for a visit to ARHS Redfern to meet the staff and also have the opportunity to maybe purchase a book or two from the book sale. The visit will be on the 19 January at 11.00am. Morning tea facilities will be available. No lunch arrangements have been made.

Our first outing for 2011 is on 16 February, when we are going firstly to Yennora, meeting there at 11am. We then catch the next Down service, at 11.14, to Liverpool for an inspection of this historic station. Lunch will be at the Memorial Club nearby. *Gary Hughes*



Part of the outdoor facilities of the Petersham Training College. The two suburban cars are used for a variety of training purposes, and are here being jacked up by emergency crews as part of a training exercise. Image: Nev Pollard.

TOUR NEWS & INFO

The planned triple CPH rail motor tour to Bomaderry on 23 January is now only running with CPHs 1 & 7.

The inclusion of CPH 3 on its maiden heritage tour has had to be postponed. Although it was to be placed between the other two rail motors for this tour, RailCorp insisted on it being outfitted with the latest accredited radio and safety equipment. This could not be fitted in time for the tour so it will languish instead at Paterson. Nor are rail cars 621/721 available.

As this annual tour is very well patronised, the tour will run on the Saturday as well to accomodate those patrons who could not be accommodated on the Sunday trip or who kindly consented to travelling on the Saturday.

Forthcoming tours

January 19: Luncheon Club: At ARHS Redfern

**January 22: Another Summer's Day on the South Coast
CPH Railmotor Tour - Nos.1 & 7**
Booking form attached.

**January 23: Another Summer's Day on the South Coast
CPH Railmotor Tour - Nos.1 & 7**
Sorry tour full.

February 16: Luncheon Club:
Yennora and Liverpool Stations

February 21/22: Winelander to Wallangarra
Booking form attached.

**February 26: 50 years since closure of Sydney
Tramlines. Vintage Bus Tour**
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