

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

There was no official outing for the Railway Luncheon Club for January. However about twenty members enjoyed morning tea at ARHS Redfern and a look around the Railway Resource Centre. Ray Pickard was the MC, assisted by RRC Manager Bill Phippen. Ray gave a demonstration of the internal RRC search engine facility. Members proceeded upstairs to inspect the second hand books on display. Some worthwhile sales eventuated-the proceeds of which are credited to the RRC income account.

The next official outing will be on Wednesday 16 Feb 2011, when the Luncheon Club will be going to Yennora and Liverpool. Meet on the Down platform at Yennora at 11am for a quick look at the building on the Up platform. Then catch the following Down service at 11.14am to go to Liverpool. After our inspection of the station building and goods shed, we will be off to the Memorial Club for lunch.

We have a full program planned for this year.

In March we're going to Central, meeting outside the ARHS Bookshop. Beyond that we are making arrangements for visits to a variety of places such as Carlingford (postponed from 2010), Newtown, Thirroul and Olympic Park. Our "annual" Hunter tour will be in July when we are planning to go to Waratah, and in September we are arranging for a two-day visit to Goulburn.

The Luncheon Club outings are generally on the third Wednesday of each month (except January), and are available to all members and their friends. They are an informal affair and, except for the two-day tours, bookings are not necessary. Being conducted mid-week, it is particularly aimed at those members who may wish to go on shorter tours and just meet over lunch with those of similar interests. Generally we use public transport and informative field notes are usually provided.

The Luncheon Club outings are intended to be complementary to the ARHSnsw tours program organised by Tours Officer Spencer Ross. *Gary Hughes*

TOUR NEWS & INFO

The planned Winelander scheduled for 19/20 February has had to be deferred to 6/7 August due to damage to the Range and also Helidon/Ipswich sector of track. Advice is that it will take at least three months to do all the repairs.

On previous experience with tours that were scheduled to travel over washed out lines, Ray Edser, Tour Manager, Sunshine Express Rail Tours is not prepared to schedule a Winelander earlier, based on QR's proposed timetable of repairs.

Passengers who have booked on this tour will have their bookings transferred to the Winter Winelander to run on 6/7 August - please advise if you require any change.

In place of this tour, the Society has booked accommodation on 3801 Limited's Kandos tour on 19 February, featuring three 44 Class including newly recommissioned 4464. A booking form is attached.

Planning for the annual June Long weekend tour is well advanced and this year's tour to Broken Hill with the 620/720 Class two-car railcar set looks like being a five-day event not be missed.

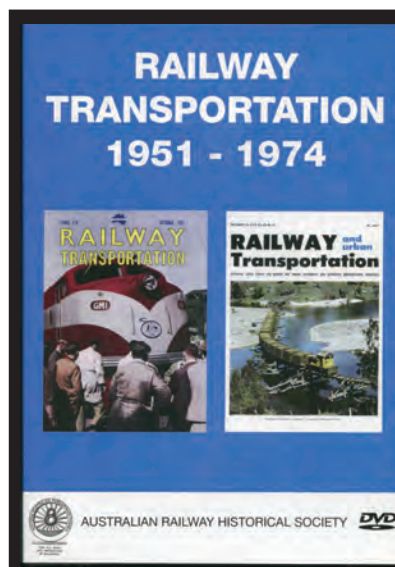
The tour may start out of Campbelltown due to the need to avoid the CityRail am peak. A Western Division shut down due to track repairs through the Marangaroo tunnel may see the tour run via Cootamundra in both directions. Overnight accommodation is the limiting factor on this tour so passengers will be easily accommodated on the train on this tour with plenty of room to spread out. A booking form is attached to this newsletter.

NSWR MODELS WANTED

A member is interested in getting back into railway modelling after thirty years of dormancy while his children grew up. He is interested in NSW 0 scale, two rail, coarse scale. The proposed model railway is to be based on an outer suburban/rural branchline terminus. Any one with potentially suitable items for sale should contact Jim Longworth, 9876 4369 (h).

Forthcoming tours

- February 16: Luncheon Club:**
Yennora and Liverpool Stations
 - February 19: Three 44 Class to Kandos including newly restored 4464**
Booking form attached.
 - February 26: 50 years since closure of Sydney Tramlines. Vintage Bus Tour**
Booking form attached.
 - March 16: Luncheon Club: Central Station**
 - May 21/22: Ed Tonks-Newcastle City Coal Mines**
 - June 10 to 14: To Broken Hill by 621/721 railcars**
Booking form attached.
 - August 6/7: Winelander to Wallangarra**
(Postponed tour)
 - September: Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum Ltd**
(Expressions of interest sought)
- For more info call our Tours Hotline on **02 8394 9019**.



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