

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Visit to Yennora and Liverpool

On Wed 16 Feb, 38 members and friends made the trek to firstly Yennora and then Liverpool on the Luncheon Club's first outing for 2011.

The line from Granville to Liverpool was opened in September 1856, and was an extension of the Sydney Parramatta (Granville) line which was ultimately intended to go to Goulburn. The Luncheon Club will explore this history in a 2-day outing it will be conducting to Goulburn in September this year.

In the short time at Yennora we saw the 1920's timber framed station building, complete with its built-in timber bench seat on the up platform.

The group then moved on to Liverpool where we were welcomed by the SM Alan Mansfield. An inspection of the 1880 station building on No.1 platform was carried out, as well as other station infrastructure including the overhead concourse. This concourse which was opened in 2000 was the result of changes to CityRail's design following input from the local Council.

The 1881 Goods Shed was also visited. In the early 1990s it was sympathetically restored to provide office accommodation for the then South Line Manager (now Customer Services Manager). In the restoration process, some memorabilia including a display of old photos, platform indicators and a track diagram have been retained. Remnants of the once busy goods yard remain, including the goods platform and 5-ton yard crane, this crane sitting on a brick foundation instead of the more usual concrete.

Lunch was at the John Edmonson VC Memorial Club nearby.



The 1880 station building on No.1 platform (S Sharp)

The next outing is on 16 March, when we will be visiting Central Station. We meet at 11am on the main concourse outside the ARHS Bookshop. Please note that the taking of photographs by any means, including mobile phones, is NOT permitted and cameras should not be brought.

On 20 April we will be going to Carlingford, meeting on the platform after the arrival of the 10.28am Down train.

Gary Hughes

Future visits: *May 18 Olympic Park, *June 15 Auburn Track Depot (*to be confirmed) and Waratah July 20.

Monthly Members Meeting Slide Competition

Upcoming subjects are:

- March—Turntables and Triangles
- April—Long Lost NSW Railway Stations
- May—Breakdown gangs and track maintenance
- June—'Back view of anything'. Rail subjects please!
- July—My oldest Kodachrome

Contestants are encouraged to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to our Redfern office. Images via email to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au

Forthcoming tours

March 16: Luncheon Club: Central Station

April 9: John Oakes' Forgotten Industrial Rlws
Booking form attached.

April 20: Luncheon Club: Carlingford Station

May 21/22: Ed Tonks-Newcastle City Coal Mines
Booking form attached.

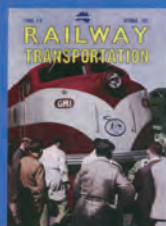
June 10 to 14: To Broken Hill by 621/721 railcars
Booking form attached.

August 6/7: Winelander to Wallangarra
(Postponed tour)

September: Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum Ltd
(Expressions of interest sought)

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