

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

PLEASE NOTE:
THE BOOKSHOP WILL BE
CLOSED FOR THE ANNUAL
STOCKTAKE ON
SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2011

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB Sydney Central Station

On Wednesday 16 March, over 50 members and friends gathered at Sydney's railway hub, Central Station for our outing there. Aply led by tour guides John Oakes, Peter Sage and Arthur Ellis, the group was taken through some of the maze of tunnels under the station. Over the years, these tunnels have been used for a variety of purposes such as transport of baggage to the various platforms, rubbish collection and distribution of food for on-train refreshment services, including those for the current Countrylink trains.

A highlight was to see the never-used Nos 26 and 27 platforms. Located in the space above Nos. 24 and 25 platforms, these were built in the early 1970s when the Eastern Suburbs Railway was constructed.

Most of the group then adjourned to the adjacent Aurora Hotel for lunch.

Our thanks go to our guides John Oakes, Arthur Ellis and Peter Sage, and a special thanks to Grahame Thurling who made it all happen.

The next outing is to Carlingford on Wed 20 April (note that it is NOT the 18 April as may have been announced at Central). We meet on the platform at Carlingford after the arrival of the Down service at 10.28am.

Future outings are planned for Olympic Park on 18 May, to a track depot (possibly Auburn) in June, Waratah in July, and keep in mind our 2-day outing to Goulburn on 20 and 21 September. Booking forms for this outing will be in the June Newsletter.

Gary Hughes



The Luncheon Club group on Platform 1 at Central ready to start the tour under this busy station. (Image: David Taylor)

Forthcoming tours

April 20: Luncheon Club: Carlingford Station

May 18: Luncheon Club: Olympic Park

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.

July 14 to 24: Normanton (Sunshine Express Tours)
(Expressions of interest sought -10 places only)

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

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

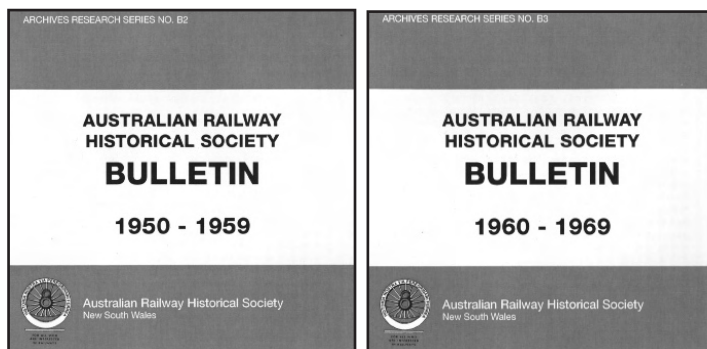
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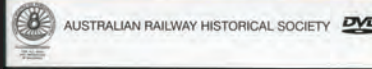
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