

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB ARNCLIFFE STATION

Around 35 members and friends braved the wet weather on 18 April 2012 to visit Arncliffe. A break in the weather gave the group the opportunity to hear under the expert hand of Jim Longworth of the history of the station and its place in the community.

This section of the Illawarra line, the first line in NSW to serve suburban development and the first to be built as double track, was opened on 15 October 1884 and included Arncliffe. It was designed as the first major station on the Illawarra line south of Sydney, and was one of the most substantial stations of the eight built in 1884. Constructed with two wayside platforms, the Up platform building was an impressive brick building with street frontage. With the coming of quadruplication in 1923, both platforms ended up as island platforms. Our thanks to Jim Longworth for his research and involvement in this outing. The group adjourned to the nearby Scots Club for lunch.

The Luncheon Club's next outing is on Wed 16 May and is to Scenic World at Katoomba. A few places are still available for this tour, and booking is essential. On June 20 we will be going to Strathfield, and the 17 and 18 July is our two-day tour of the Hunter region. The booking form for this tour is in this Newsletter.

Gary Hughes



Arncliffe is a well-presented station with pleasing architecture. Here the Luncheon Club group is gathered on Platform 1. Image by Shane O'Neil

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SOUTHERN AURORA AUTHOR

Victorian Chris Banger had a busy April 16 when he flew to Sydney to take part in the formal launch of his book by RailCorp CEO Rob Mason at Rail Heritage Central. Here he happily signs a copy of his book for a customer, one of many signed on the day. *Shane O'Neil Image*



APRIL'S GUEST SPEAKER

ARHSnsw RRC volunteer Allan Baird presented the first part of this late steam era Illawarra line DVD. This part covered steam passenger and goods services between Sydney and Bomaderry; with a side trip to Moss Vale ascending the mountain range and back. Using contemporary digital techniques he covered the Down journey by splicing individual scenes from trackside, in-cab and stills. The later coming alive with steam and smoke exhaust by the use of advanced digital imagery. An authentic sound track complimented the scenes, whether they were moving or still.

Part two of this DVD covering the Up line from Bomaderry to Sydney will be run at the June 2012 meeting.

NEW ARHSNSW MEMBERS

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4981	Keith RYAN	4997	Garry MACKLIN
4982	Alex BENJAMIN	4998	Peter MADSEN
4983	Barry TULLOCH	4999	Zelda BENJAMIN
4984	Bernard HANLON	5000	Hailey MANNELL
4985	Anthony ROTH	5001	Michael ALLAN
4986	Alan BOYD	5002	John AVEYARD
4987	Peter SIMPSON	5003	Gregory SMITH
4988	Garry SAUNDERS	5004	Antonia RAVESI
4989	Steven BLYTON	5005	Jose KADUTHODIL
4990	John YEUNG	5006	John McNAMARA
4991	James CASSIDY	5007	Barry BROWN
4992	Arthur STATHAKIS	5008	Christopher BURRELL
4993	Quinton HARVISON	5009	Douglas McMASTER
4994	Bruce WOOD	5010	Terry MAXTED
4995	Denis WATERS	5011	Wayne HORTON