

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB CROYDON STATION

With the weather in our favour, around 45 members and friends came to Croydon on Wednesday 20 March for the first outing of the Luncheon Club for 2013.

After a welcome from the local CityRail CSA, Joe, who also took the time to answer many questions on what the new CityRail might look like, the group heard of the history of the various buildings which now adorn the five platforms. The buildings are from three distinct periods, the oldest building is on Platform 5 and dates from 1891. The building on Nos 3/4 platforms dates from 1926 when the sextuplication was being carried out and is typical for the time, with plain brickwork and no adornments. It is similar to most built at the time between Redfern and Strathfield. The 'newest' platform building is on platforms 1/2 and was built in 1942. The former overhead booking office was removed and the current one built in 1996. The remains of the stairs giving access to the former Up 'fast' platform (platform now demolished) were noted as was the former subway access at the city end of the platforms.

A short trip on an Up service brought the group to Ashfield Hotel for lunch.

The next outing is to Newtown on Wednesday 17 April 2013. We meet on the unpaid forecourt area at the entrance to the station. Lunch will be at the Courthouse Hotel at Newtown.

For the future, in May we are going for a farewell ride on the Monorail, June is to Kiama and in July our annual Hunter outing is to Cockle Creek, to be led by Ed Tonks. Our two-day outing for this year is to Bathurst and places west on 22 and 23 of October.

Gary Hughes

AN IMPORTANT RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB SAFETY MESSAGE

An incident occurred at the Croydon Luncheon Club meeting on 20 March. An unidentified person was photographing station infrastructure within the yellow line very close to the edge of the platform with their back to 100km/h trains on the Down Main. This is very dangerous practice and is in breach of RailCorp safety regulations. Please stay behind the yellow line at all times. Any member found in breach of this rule or failing to observe the instructions of the Luncheon Club organiser will be immediately barred from outings.



The Luncheon Club group at Croydon Station's 1996-built overhead booking office.
Image: Peter Neve.



The 1942 platform building is on the left, the 1926 one in the centre and the oldest, dating from 1891, on the right.
Image: Peter Neve



The long abandoned stairs leading to the former Up 'fast' No.1 Platform at Croydon.
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