

**RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB
WINDSOR & RICHMOND**

Our first Luncheon Club outing for 2015 saw our group of about 50 travel to Windsor and Richmond on Wednesday 18 March to look at the stations and railway history from days gone by. Despite some train delays caused by level crossing problems at Riverstone, Stuart Sharp and John Oakes described the features of these fine old stations, and Ed Tonks gave an informative description of the War Memorial opposite Richmond Station, his presentation interrupted by a low flying USAF C17 plane.

Our thanks to Stuart, John and Ed for their efforts.

The next outing for the Luncheon Club is on Wednesday 15 April, and we are going to the Mortuary Station in Regent St. We meet at the Regent Street entrance to the station at 11.00am. Lunch will be at the Agincourt Hotel on the corner of Harris Street and Broadway. Notes for the Mortuary Station are available on the Luncheon Club page of the ARHSnsw website.

In May we will be going to Leppington on the new SW Rail Link, and in June to Lawson in the Blue Mountains. In July we are going to Toronto for which we will be hiring a bus, and booking forms for this outing will be available in the Newsletter in May.

Gary Hughes



Upper: The 1883-built station at Windsor from the car park side.
Lower: The former Windsor goods yard crane has been repositioned.

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March Members' Meeting

March's guest speaker was Alex Grunbach who presented a slide show on his tour of South Africa in the mid-seventies.

While the slides were a great record of his tour with plenty of steam locomotives in many different classes, it was Alex's various stories of encounters with the overbearing and obstructive Boers in the period of apartheid that captured the audience's attention.

Travelling by himself, on the way back from the UK, Alex very nearly didn't get past some very inquisitive and suspicious customs officers at Johannesburg airport.

At the end, President Murray Harper thanked Alex for an entertaining presentation.

NSW Amusement Railways

Jim Longworth is speaking at the August members' meeting on the subject of NSW amusement railways.

Jim is continuing to research this subject and has asked if anyone who has their own story on these small railways to tell to please contact him.

You can contribute anything, no matter how small, just send what you know into Redfern by mail or email:

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