

RAILWAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Our outing on 19 July was to look at Sydney's newest station buildings, at Cheltenham and Concord West. These new buildings, completed in 2016, were both as a result of major track amplification works associated with the northern freight corridor.

Today Cheltenham exhibits the outcome of community opposition to the proposed large overhead structure incorporating the staff facilities and station amenities. This was replaced by a modest overhead structure providing access to both platforms, and an imposing, but modest, station entry to the Up platform facing Sutherland Road. Staff facilities and passenger amenities are now located on the Up platform.

Concord West on the other hand faced no community opposition to its large overhead structure incorporating staff facilities and all amenities. There are awnings on both platforms but no major buildings. We then contemplated on what we had seen over lunch at the Hotel Concord.

The next outing is Wednesday 16 August, Ed Tonks will show us Newcastle's east end as it used to be. For this outing, we meet outside the Customs House in Watt Street, opposite the former Newcastle Station, at 11.04am, after the arrival of the shuttle bus service (Route 110) which connects at Hamilton with the 8.15am Central to Hamilton rail service due at Hamilton at 10.47am. Lunch will be at the Queens Wharf Hotel.

On 19, 20 and 21 September we are embarking on a three-day tour to the Central West. The booking form for this is in this Newsletter.

Gary Hughes, Manager Railway Luncheon Club



The large overhead station structure now at Concord West.

Image: John Beckhaus.

Expressions of Interest

**Positions of: General Manager
Railway Resource Centre Manager**

Expressions of interest are invited for the above paid positions which will become vacant due to the retirement of the present incumbents.

For a copy of the relevant Position Description, please contact by email Grahame Thurling, the ARHS_{nsw} Secretary at:

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Members' Photo Competition#

July's competition's title 'Named Trains' was very successful with 35 entries received from seven contestants. Chris Sim won the competition with his image of 3801 on the *Newcastle Flyer* at Fassifern in 1965. The image is reproduced directly below. Nev Pollard was the runner-up with his 1972 image of The *Indian Pacific* on the Nullarbor Plain waiting to cross a freight.



Upcoming subjects are:

August—Climbing the grade

September—The Whitton Era

October—Water Tanks

November—Fettlers

December—Best digital image from the monthly competitions.

Contestants are to submit digital images at least 24 hours beforehand to: mail@arhsnsw.com.au Digital images cannot be submitted on the night. Contestants are to submit a caption with each digital image and to know when and where the photo was taken. The subject should also be the image's main focus. Submissions are limited to **FIVE** digital images only.

No prize will be given on the night but the winning image and the runner-up will be entered into a contest at the December Members' Meeting when a winning prize plus a runner-up will be awarded.

The winning image may be used for publicity purposes in the Society's print and digital media.

Tour Schedule

Aug 19/20: Mines & Lines of Lake Macquarie with Ed Tonks
(Booking form on Page 3 of this newsletter)

Sept 19/21: Luncheon Club Central West Tour
(Booking form on Page 4 of this newsletter)

October 8: 'General Gordon' Hawkesbury River Cruise
(Booking form on Page 5 of this newsletter)

November 9/13: 402 Club Cruise to Southern Branch Lines
(Booking form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

December 10: Railcars to Moss Vale & Robertson
(Moss Vale Station 150-year Anniversary)

For more information contact: ARHS_{nsw} Tours on:
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