

## Members Photo Competition

The July topic was "Cold Weather" and the winner for the month was David Matheson. His entry - A station attendant waves a train away from Clarence as snow falls, Zig Zag Railway.

Neville Pollard took out second place with a photo of T345 leaving Bright in NE Victoria about 1980.



Over the past few months the members entering into the photo competition is reducing and becoming only a few of the same people. I would like to encourage more members to participate in the Photo competition and share with us all some of your hidden gems within your photo collections.

Upcoming subjects are:

**August** - Guards Vans

**September** - Tunnels

**October** - Fixtures and Fittings

## Railway Luncheon Club

Our last outing was to walk part of the Lapstone Zig Zag on Wed 20 June 2018. Our group of just over 40 enjoyed the experience of walking on the route of a former railway, which was opened in 1867 and closed in 1892. Led by Neville Pollard, our group was treated to Nev's expert commentary on both the route of the railway and its operating features. Our thanks to Nev for a job well done.

We returned to Emu Plains for lunch at O'Donoghue's Hotel.

There was no outing in July. Our next outing is our 2 day tour from Fernleigh and beyond to Catherine Hill Bay on Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 August 2018. This tour will be led by Ed Tonks and space may still be available. Check with the ARHSnsw Redfern Office.

For the future, on Wednesday 19 September 2018 we are going to inspect the XPT Depot at Meeks Road. We meet at Sydenham Station on the Bankstown side at 9.00am, from where our vintage bus will take us to the Depot. The tour will conclude at about 11.30am after which our bus will take us back to the General Gordon Hotel at Sydenham for lunch. Booking is essential and please note the conditions of the tour which are on the Booking Form. This booking form is available on the Tours page of the ARHSnsw website, and in the Newsletter. Bookings can also be made by phoning the ARHSnsw office. Please note that we have been limited by Sydney Trains to 40 participants, and preference will be given to ARHS members.

There is no outing in October and in November we will be going for a look at Ashfield.

As mentioned last month, next year is the centenary of the Menindee to Broken Hill railway, including the original Broken Hill station building, and plans are in hand for a tour to Broken Hill by the Luncheon Club to celebrate this event in July 2019. More details as our plans progress.

Gary Hughes  
Railway Luncheon Club Manager

## ARHSnsw Tours

Below is the long term plan for the upcoming tours with the Society. It is our commitment that the Membership get first option for the Tours before it gets promoted to the wider community, so I would encourage you to book early as they do sell out and we do only have limited positions on each Tour.

### Upcoming Tours

**August 15/16** Beyond Fernleigh to Catherine Hill Bay with Ed Tonks, ARHS Luncheon Club

**September 2** A Passenger train to Rylstone

**September 23** "The Hawkesbury River Railway Bridges" book launch cruise. Brooklyn to Danger Is then Gosford and Woy Woy

**October 2 Days** Date TBA - John Oakes Sydney Suburban Forgotten Sidings Rail Tour

**November 2-6** ARHS 402 Club Central West Tour

It is important to note that whilst all booking forms are not included in the newsletter, they are all available from the office or you can now book directly on our website. Alternatively, just call the office and we can take your bookings across the phone.

For further information on Tours and Bookings please contact: ARHSnsw Tours on 02 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443