



JANUARY 2020 MEETING

Report by Heather Dunlop

Our first gathering for 2020 was the traditional outdoor meeting at Tench Reserve, by the Nepean River at Penrith. Over the past few years we have had some fairly indifferent weather, however this year the weather Gods were kind and the conditions warm with a gently breeze off the river.

This meeting was well attended and lots of discussions about Christmas and New Year activities while enjoying a variety of picnic fare. With the business side of the meeting taken care of, it was just getting dark when the group disbanded with a few adjourning for coffee at one of the many coffee houses/restaurants by the river. Bob Salis donated one of his unique art works for the raffle which was greatly admired by members. Thanks Bob for your generous donation.

MID WEEK MANOUVRE

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Nine of us made up the group for the visit to Western Sydney Airport Information Centre at Luddenham. We met at Luddenham Road Cafe for coffee in a deceptively busy cafe, catering for workers, travellers, locals etc.

We then travelled the short distance to the Information Centre, after a few wrong turns, and were greeted by our guide, Britt, who was very knowledgeable and answered a lot of questions asked of her. The airport is in very early stages of construction, however there is certainly plenty of information available digitally, with interesting history of the site and how the development has progressed slowly since the 1970s. Love it or hate it, the airport is now a reality and will open 2026? We were provided with morning tea which was unexpected but appreciated.

After a good hour of inspecting the venue we departed for lunch at The Country Club (West) at Catherine Fields.

An enjoyable and different event and a place worth visiting each twelve months or so to watch the progress, the earthmoving at the moment could not be seen from the Centre however this will change as it progresses and it is possible to see the construction from Badgery Creek Road if interested.

A most interesting day.