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All members of Australasian Region are invited to submit articles of a railway or model railway nature for publication in Mainline.

Submissions in can be Emailed to

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Original uncropped photo files would be preferred.

Please ensure any contributions of copyrighted material have written approval from the copyright holder.

Disclaimer

All comments published are the views of the author/authors and not the views of NMRA AR.

Articles are provided by members in good faith and the views expressed therein are not necessarily those of NMRA AR.

Target dates for future issues

May June 2020

Copy deadline

10 May 2020

Cover photo

This photo of my HO Scale model of Southern Pacific SD45T-2 9363 illustrates to me the key achievements of NMRA's system of standards for interchangeability. The model by Athearn is fitted with an NCE decoder, powered by a Bachmann DCC system and is running on a mixture of Hornby, Mehano, Atlas and Peco track work. (Photo by the Editor)

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Editor's note

This issue is larger than usual due to AGM reports and divisional news from most active divisions.

Editorial Musings

Five years editing MainLine from Perth has shown me, we have beaten the tyranny of distance in our hobby. I've been able to produce MainLine from my home in Perth using content supplied by members all over our region. I'm then able to send the finished document electronically to the east coast for uploading onto our web site for you all to read. I'm not an electronics enthusiast, far from it. I just use readily available reliable tools and technologies.

In addition to editing MainLine I've been able over this period to participate as Division Four Superintendent in Australasian Region Committee meetings over the phone in real time. In the near future we will be able to have video Australasian Region Committee and Division meetings. This means we can all participate in region activities regardless of our location.

Have I gained anything from editing MainLine? My working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher has expanded considerably. My appreciation of the generosity of NMRA AR members has increased enormously. Production of MainLine on a regular basis would not have been possible without the help of my family and many members of our association. I'm especially indebted to Alan Burrough for reviewing every issue since 2015. His knowledge of English grammar has made the publication readable and concise.

We have been able over the last five years to deliver MainLine regularly at zero cost to region members. I hope MainLine has been up to your expectations. It is apparently read by NMRA Members outside our Region. We've recently had an article from MainLine featured in the Division Business Car section of NMRA Turntable.

What will I do once I've handed over MainLine? My layout is in need of more attention than I've been able to spare while editing MainLine. I've plans to work on the scenery. Now Hornby have come good with a model of "Hogwart's Castle" I can blend some magic into the theme of my layout



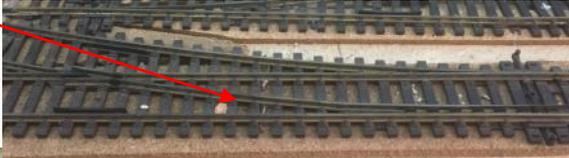
I'll leave you with my personal approach to railway modelling. It's summed up in a line from a movie

"It's not all I've got Pat, it's what I've got"

(Naming the movie and the actor speaking the line earns you a cab ride on Wombat Gully-2)

Things I've learned along the way

- Look at how real railways work and learn from them
- Experiment with new ideas and techniques
- Accept the time, space and resources you have and use them to the limit. Wombat Gully was only 1,500mm by 1,900 mm.
- Model what appeals to you, after all its your model railway
- Don't be afraid to question the established rules of the game. Like is RP 11 relevant today?
- Feel free to change your layout as your interests change
- Add your own touches to your layout and rolling stock
- When in doubt adopt the KISS principle. Hand thrown, dead frog DCC friendly turnouts have served me well for years
- All things come to those who wait



Regards

Rod Tonkin

MINUTES OF THE NMRA (AR)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2020

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NMRA (AR) was held at the residence of Ken Scales at The Circuit, Bluehaven, NSW.

Meeting commenced at 2:30 pm after the Division 7 meeting

Present: 33 members as per the Division 7 Attendance Sheet

Apologies: Graham Young, Chris Lord, David Howarth, Glen Coventry, Doug Cooper, Al Harris, Geoff Chatwin, Dennis Clarke, Sally Ostlund, Lachlan McGuire, Garry Glazebrook, Richard Roth and Phil Anderson.

Minutes of 2019 AGM: Accepted by the ARC on 30th April 2019.

Significant Motions Carried by the ARC in 2019 - see attached.

President's Report - See attached report

Treasurer's Report - See attached report.

AP Chair Report - See attached report

Membership Officer Report - See attached report

Result of Australasian Region ARC Elections for 2020

Position	Nominations	Position	Nominations
President	Graham Young	Treasurer	Geoff Chatwin
Vice Pres	David North	Secretary	tba
Committee (x 3 positions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Harris • Peter McGuire • Doug Wallace 		

For the three Ordinary Member positions, there was a ballot amongst the following four nominees: Charles Clarke, Al Harris, Peter McGuire and Doug Wallace. There were 67 votes received with the successful three candidates being Al Harris, Peter McGuire and Doug Wallace.

Approval of proposed Changes to the Rules of Association - The changes were put to the membership with the Notice of the AGM. 68 votes were received with 63 votes for the changes and 5 votes against the changes.

Meeting Closed at 3:00 pm.

On conclusion of the meeting, John Gillies advised the US is increasing the subscription fee for NMRA Magazine to USD 66 with effect from 1 July 2020. This will make the price over AUD 100 per year!

Attachments

1. Significant Motions Carried in 2019
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Achievement Program Report
5. Membership Officer's Report
6. Independent Auditor's Report (Separate document)

Attachment 2: Significant Motions Carried Since 2019

Date	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Passed Yes/No
30 Apr 2019	Membership Cards will be delivered in electronic form with hardcopies only issued to those without email addresses.	EB	DN	Y
30 Apr 2019	Pricing of NMRA gauges sold by the AR Company Store. Non members pay the member price plus one year of membership. Eg, For a HD scale gauge, the price is \$19 for a member and \$49 for a non-member.	JG	DN	Y
30 Apr 2019	The Membership Officer has established a post office box for membership business. The new address is: PO Box 275 Mona Vale, NSW 1660 AUSTRALIA	GY	DN	Y
30 Apr 2019	Charging Moose to be gifted to Paul Marrant and trailer is to be sold.	GY	DN	Y
11 Jun 2019	Accrual Accounting Compliance: ARC approved the Treasurer to produce compliant NMRA Inc accrual EOFY Financial Statements by engaging Mr John Murray Stone, a qualified accountant, to provide the necessary accounting advice.	JG	GY	Y
1 Oct 2019	Cloth badges and bumper stickers will not be provided to new members who join after 1 November 2019 and all remaining stock will be handed to the Company Store. A new application form will be produced which will show the above items are available from the Store and will show the cost for cloth badges as \$ 5.00 ea. And bumper stickers at \$ 2.50 each plus postage \$ 2.00. (with prices subject to periodic review)	GY	JG	Y
12 Nov 2019	Disposal of Conference Phone & Equipment. As this equipment is no longer needed for the conducting of meetings, having been replaced by more modern technology, it was left to the President and Vice President to try and sell it for whatever was achievable.	GY	DN	Y
4 Feb 2020	Formation of Division 10 in Tasmania. This will require the separation of Tasmania from Division 3 and the appointment of a Div Super in Tassie. Pat Britten appointed div 10 Super, Mark Bean appointed Div 3 Super.	DN	RT	Y
4 Feb 2020	Due to its dilapidated state, the Charging Moose layout held by Paul Marrant is to be written off. Similarly, a damaged Div 1 banner is to be written off.	DN	RT	Y
4 Feb 2020	Re-write of RoA. The Sections of the RoA were reviewed and changes were agreed so the draft RoA can be presented to members before 15 February 2020 for their approval by the AGM.	AH	DN	Y

Attachment 3: President's Report

This last year has been a busy time for your Committee. We have had some achievements; however, there are still a number of things that require further research before they are implemented.

One of the most time-consuming items has been the review of the RoA, which we have recommended to you for your consideration and approval. The votes have been counted by the Returning Officer, Allan Garbutt and the results of that ballot will be provided to the membership presently.

It is hoped that over the next couple of months that we will be able to conduct our Region Committee meetings via video conferencing rather than just audio sessions. Once we have this underway, we will work on conducting Divisional meetings live on the web so that those unable to attend will be able to see and hear these meetings.

At the February committee meeting it was agreed to establish a Division in Tasmania, separate from the Victorian Division. The new Division will be known as Division 10 and Pat Brittan will be the Division Superintendent. I welcome Pat to the Committee.

At that same meeting Mark Bean was appointed as Division 3 Super to replace Alan Ogden who has resigned due to work commitments. Thank you for your efforts, Alan and I welcome Mark to the Committee.

At an earlier meeting Rod Tonkin advised that he was stepping down from the position of editor of MainLine with effect from this month and further advised that he was stepping down as Division 4 Super. On behalf of all members I take this opportunity to thank Rod for all his efforts, both as Editor and Divisional Super over many years. The work he has done is much appreciated by all.

The Committee has confirmed the appointment of Merv Bagnell from Queensland as the new Editor of the magazine with effect from April. He is looking forward to receiving contributions from members for inclusion in the magazine.

Al Harris is also stepping down as Division 8 Superintendent after 5 years of diligent service. Thanks for your efforts, Al. The new Div 8 Superintendent is Ian West and I welcome Ian to the Committee.

There have been other changes to the Committee this year with 2 of the Officers stepping down from their positions. In addition, two of the Ordinary members have elected not to re-nominate for their positions.

David O'Hearn has decided to step down from the position of Region Secretary.

And John Gillies steps down from the position of Region Treasurer in accordance with our Rules of Association, having completed 4 years of service in that position.

Again, on your behalf I wish to thank them both for their contribution to the operation of your Association. Without their help, I for one would not have been able to fulfil my duties. Again, I say thank you.

The new Treasurer will be Geoff Chatwin from South Australia and I welcome Geoff to the Committee.

The position of Secretary is vacant, as there were no nominations for this position, and the Committee will appoint a person to this position as soon as possible.

The ballot for the Ordinary Member positions on the Committee has been conducted by the Returning Officer, Allan Garbutt and the results of that ballot will be provided to the membership presently.

We have the Regional Conference coming up in June here in Sydney and the arrangements for this are well advanced and to-date there are 20 confirmed bookings. There is still time to register for this activity.

During the year the committee decided to re-activate the Company Store. The Store will stock a range of standards gauges, plus patches and stickers, etc. These are available by contacting the Vice President by email or phone.

This provides another member benefit, with selected items now available locally at very attractive prices.

I also want to thank all the Committee Members who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year, together with those members who are appointed by your Committee to carry out specific duties –

Namely -

the Achievement Program Regional Manager, Gerry Hopkins;

the Membership Officer, Erik Bennett;

the Web Manager, originally Gerry Hopkins, now Lachlan McGuire;

the Convention Chairperson, Peter McGuire;

& the Social Media Manager, Martyn Jenkins.

Thank you all for your contribution to the Australasian Region

Graham Young

President, NMRA AR

Attachment 4: Treasurer's Report

1 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

Our traditional financial reporting has used a mainly cash based approach but during 2019 it became apparent to the Australasian Regional Committee that our annual end of financial year reporting did not fully comply with the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation legislation and regulations.

While our month to month business will continue on a mainly cash basis as it best suits management of our activities, end of financial year reporting has transitioned to an accrual accounting basis and the 2019 Financial Statements are presented in that format.

There was a formal audit of the 2019 accounts by Division 1 member and Chartered Accountant Murray Stone and I thank him for his professional examination of our finances.

Total income was \$28,170 and total expenditure was \$31,026 which resulted in a deficit of \$2,856. In cash terms the deficit was \$6,444 and mainly the result of shipping the Smuggler's Cove layout to the USA which cost \$6,605 to honour an ARC decision of several years ago.

Income

Income was \$3,170 (10%) lower than 2018, mainly as a result of no convention income being recorded and lower bank interest earned. Membership and NMRA Magazine fees are the major source of income with \$26,751 being received in 2019, which was \$507 (9%) lower than 2018.

Expenditure

Expenditure was \$4,705 (18%) higher than 2018, mainly because the one-off Smuggler's Cove shipping costs were partially offset by two policy changes that reduced costs in 2019 and will continue into the future. Revising our insurance coverage to focus more on public liability will save around \$850 per year and changing from printed to electronic membership cards as recommended by Erik Bennett, our Membership Official, will save around \$560 per year. Thank you for your proposal Erik.

USA Remittances for Memberships and NMRA Magazine subscriptions are our largest annual cost. In 2019 they cost \$19,418 and were \$565 (3%) higher than 2018, primarily because of the reduced purchasing power of the Australian dollar.

Additional financial information for the 2019 financial year is included in the Financial Statements and their notes.

Bank Accounts

On 31 December 2019 the cash available in our National Australia Bank Cash Manager and Term Deposit accounts was \$41,668 and our financial position remains healthy.

Tax

2019 taxable income of \$158 was below the \$416 taxable income threshold, so no tax is payable.

John Gillies

Treasurer, NMRA AR

Attachment 5: Achievement Program Report



NMRA – AUSTRALASIAN REGION ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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March 2020

Gentlemen,

Since the last AGM -

I have signed off on 33 AP awards across eight Divisions.

There have been 9 Golden Spikes awarded.

MMR	=	1
Official	=	3
Volunteer	=	14
Author	=	2
Cars	=	1
Motive power	=	1
Civil	=	1
Electrical	=	5
Dispatcher	=	0
Scenery	=	4
Prototype	=	0
Structures	=	2

All APs earned in the Region can be seen at http://nmra.org.au/awards/AP_awards.html

Regards

Gerry Hopkins MMR FNMRA

Attachment 6: Membership Officer's Report

Membership Report AGM 14/03/2020

As at today, we have 758 members in Australia and New Zealand, 38 more than at the same time last year. This is the greatest number of members the Australasian Region has ever had.

Since last AGM we've had 103 new members. In the same period we've lost 65 members.

Div	Division Name	Members
01	QLD	328
07	NSW	180
08	Northern Rivers	53
02	ACT	48
03	VIC/TAS	40
06	SA	39
09	Mid Nth Coast	34
05	NZ	29
04	WA	7

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We have sixteen 100% clubs with another railway club in Batemans Bay gearing up to become a 100% club. There are ten clubs in Queensland, two in Div 7 and one each in Taree, Coffs Harbour, Northern Rivers and New Zealand. There are 334 members in clubs. This represents 44% of our membership.

Club	No Members	Division
Logan District Model Railway Club (Logan)	41	01
Toowoomba Model Railway Club (TMRC)	41	01
Miniature Train Club, Gold Coast (MTCGC)	35	01
Central Coast Wednesday Night MRC (CCWN)	30	07
Taree & District Model Railway Club (Taree)	28	09
Coffs Coast Railroad Modellers (CCRM)	27	08
Sunshine Coast Model Rail Club (SCMRA)	19	01
Action Model Railway Club (Action)	18	01
Calms Model Railway Club (CMRC)	18	01
Northern Rivers Model Railroaders (NRMRA)	14	08
Western Suburbs Railway Modellers (WSRM)	14	01
Gladstone District Model Railway Association (GDMRA)	13	01
Ipswich Model Railway Club (IPSW)	12	01
Wide Bay - Burnett Model Railway Club (WBB)	10	01
City of Sails Model Railway Club (CSMRC)	9	05
Midwest Model Railroad Club (MMRC)	5	07

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The electronic membership card was introduced last year and all feedback has been positive. The electronic card saves over \$850 just in postage, and, including the cost of the cards, saves the NMRA \$1100 per year.

It's pleasing to see the increase in electronic funds transfer for the payment of annual dues. This is the most efficient method.

When using funds transfer, it is essential to include a reference to enable me to identify that it is you who has paid. Also, you must advise me that you have paid and the amount you have paid. You need to advise me because there are hundreds of transactions and I need to know to look for you. You need to tell me the amount so I can determine up front the member type you desire.

If you make a cash deposit over the counter at the bank, you must ask the teller to include your name as a reference – to enable me to identify your payment.

A few statistics as at today:

Of the 758 members, 36 do not have email.

There are 11 full member lady modellers.

413 members have DCC. This means 54% of members have DCC. 345 members do not have DCC.

Interestingly, only 37% of club members have DCC, which means that for members not in a club, well over 60% have DCC.

The DCC systems include 215 NCE systems, 69 Digitrax, 48 CVP, 30 Lenz. There are a number of other systems, including two scratch-built systems, and some members have more than one brand of DCC system.

Brand	No	Brand	No
NCE	215	DCC++	2
Digitrax	69	Marklin	2
LVP	48	Servotrax	2
Lenz	30	Both	1
Hornby	9	Deltang RC	1
Yes	9	ESU Cab Control	1
Roco	9	Home built	1
MRC	6	MTS LGB	1
ESU	4	MERG	1
Bachmann	3	UNenbrock	1
DCS	3	Zimo	1

Eric Bennett
Membership Officer
NMRA Australasian Region

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

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COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

Scope

I have audited the attached financial report of the National Model Railroad Association Inc. – Australasian Region ("the Association") for the year ended 31st December 2019. The Association's Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information it contains. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Association.

My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, statutory requirements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

- (a) As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practical for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over incoming receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to revenue was limited to amounts recorded.

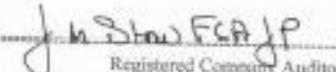
Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, that might have been determined to be necessary had the limitations referred to in the qualification paragraphs above not existed, the financial report of the National Model Railroad Association Inc. – Australasian Region is properly drawn up:-

- (a) so as to present fairly the Association's financial position as at 31st December, 2019 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) the financial report is in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Dated at Murwillumbah NSW this 4th day of February, 2020

JOHN MURRAY STONE, FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT


Registered Company Auditor

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION

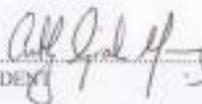
DECLARATION BY THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

In the opinion of the Committee of the National Model Railroad Association Inc. – Australasian Region, the accompanying financial statements:-

1. present fairly the financial position of the National Model Railroad Association Inc. – Australasian Region as at 31st December, 2019 and the performance of the Association for the year ended on that date;
2. have been prepared and presented in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards;
3. at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


PRESIDENT


TREASURER

Dated this 4th Day of February, 2020

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements, which form part of the special purpose financial report, have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and disclosure requirements. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The financial statements have also been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activities, the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a. INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment Income has been brought to account as interest as it was received.

b. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment have been capitalized when acquired.

c. INCOME TAX

The Association does not apply the principles of tax effect accounting, as the members of the Committee believe the resultant asset and liability recognized upon adoption will never be capable of realization in the ordinary course of operations.

The Association is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a Not-for-Profit Hobby Association and has a tax file number. In the current year, the amount of non-mutual income less applicable expenses is less than the \$416 threshold. Accordingly, a tax liability is not required for the current year.

d. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The Association operates in the Australasian Region with the purpose of promoting the hobby of model railroading within the Region.

e. REVENUE

Revenue from the provision of a service is recognized upon the delivery of the service to the customer. Interest revenue is recognized on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Contributions of non-current assets are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

f. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The Association is not required to charge the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on any revenue it levies. Expenses and assets are recognized including the amount of GST, as the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Any transactions occurring between the Association and related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favorable than those available to other parties.

3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no Contingent Liabilities pending nor any Capital Commitments made as at 31st December, 2019.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

4. On30 LAYOUT CHARGING MOOSE

The Association has an interest in an On30 layout known as Charging Moose previously acquired from the estate of a deceased member. As of the date of this report, the layout is on long-term loan to a member with the proviso that upon the demise of the said member the layout will revert back to the Association.

The condition of the layout is unknown at this time. Accordingly, it has not been included in the Financial Assets of the Association. When it reverts back to the Association, the Committee at that time will have to assess its condition and related value.

5. MEMBERS' LIABILITY ON WINDING UP

Upon winding up of the Association, each member will be liable for any unpaid membership fees, if any, at that time.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
AUSTRALASIAN REGION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2019**

	NOTES	2019	2018
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			
- Cash Management Account	21,788.60	29,081.07	
- Term Deposit – Due within 12 months	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Interest Receivable	10.52	21.04	
Prepaid 2020 Convention Expenses	2,992.32	0.00	
Stock on Hand – at Lower of Cost or Net Market Value	605.90	0.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>45,397.34</u>	<u>49,102.11</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		0.00	0.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>45,397.34</u>	<u>49,102.11</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Credit Card Payable		120.51	969.48
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>120.51</u>	<u>969.48</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		NIL	NIL
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>120.51</u>	<u>969.48</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,276.83</u>	<u>48,132.63</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Opening Balance - 1 st January, 2019		48,132.63	43,113.04
Add: Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,855.80)	5,019.59
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY – 31st DECEMBER, 2019		<u>45,276.83</u>	<u>48,132.63</u>

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**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION INC.
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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019**

	NOTES	2019	2018
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Membership and NMRA Magazine Fees		26,751.17	27,258.00
Donations		61.00	0.00
Convention Income – 2018		0.00	2,665.86
Company Store Sales		728.00	486.00
Interest Income		630.25	704.88
Sundry Income		0.00	225.55
TOTAL INCOME		<u>28,170.42</u>	<u>31,340.29</u>
EXPENDITURE			
NMRA USA Remittances – in SAUD		19,417.92	18,852.52
NMRA USA International Transaction Fees		591.52	586.59
Shipping of Smuggler's Cove Layout to USA		6,605.00	0.00
Trophies, Awards, Plaques and Achievement Program Costs		745.24	757.90
Insurance – General		924.80	1,810.53
Membership Administration		431.50	1,969.10
Bank Charges/Credit Card Merchant Fees		494.79	493.60
ARC Meeting Costs		630.55	507.90
Computer/Internet Expenses		687.71	0.00
Office Expenses		123.85	104.25
NSW Fair Trade Lodging Fees		46.00	95.00
Advertising and Promotion		483.80	357.00
Company Store Costs		299.44	699.98
Consultant's Fee re Accounting Presentation		150.00	0.00
Sundries		0.00	6.03
Tax Paid on Non-Mutual Income		0.00	80.30
		31,632.12	26,320.70
Less: Company Store Stock on Hand		605.90	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>31,026.22</u>	<u>26,320.70</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019		<u>(2,855.80)</u>	<u>5,019.59</u>

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President's Report.

What a start to the year, what with drought, bush fires, floods in some areas and now Covid-19, not only disrupting our way of life here in Australia but far more destructively around the world. As I was starting this article I received the email advising the cancellation of the Gateway 2020 Convention in St. Louis. This announcement was expected under the circumstances caused by the virus.

In March we had our AGM at which the Reports were received and accepted together with the Management Committee's recommended alteration to our RoA. The majority of the changes were to amend inconsistencies in terminology and duplications. On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your support in these matters. Also at that meeting two of the Officials stood down, and in both cases they had served for several years on the Committee, they are David O'Hearn as Secretary and John Gillies as the Treasurer, both of these gentlemen have given me excellent support and advise over the last couple of years.

When I became your President two years ago I have encouraged a policy of "succession planning" for all positions both on the Regional Committee which includes Divisional Superintendents and also those Officers who are appointed to carry out support roles in the running of your Association. To this end 3 new Ordinary Members were elected to the Committee, (Peter McGuire, Doug Wallace and Alan Harris) along with our new Treasurer, Geoff Chatwin. Also there has been new Divisional Superintendents approved for Div's.3,8 & the new Division 10 being Tasmania, which was split off from Victoria. I take this opportunity to express thanks to those who have done the work in Victoria and North Coast NSW, it is appreciated. I also need to thank Rod Tonkin for his work as Editor over the last 5 odd years. Our Magazine has had some changes over the period, which have all been for a better publication. The new editor who was appointed earlier this year, Merv Bagnall, will commence his duties when this edition is published.

Our Membership Officer, Erik Bennett has served in this position for the last 14 odd years and has done a very good job of keeping those records. This time of service has required a large commitment of time from Erik which has been appreciated. This year another member put up his hand and offered to take on this position. At the Committee Meeting following the AGM., when The support Officers are appointed, it was felt that we should appoint Al Harris to the position as no member should be expected to serve in a position for as long as Erik has done. Thank you again Erik for your efforts.

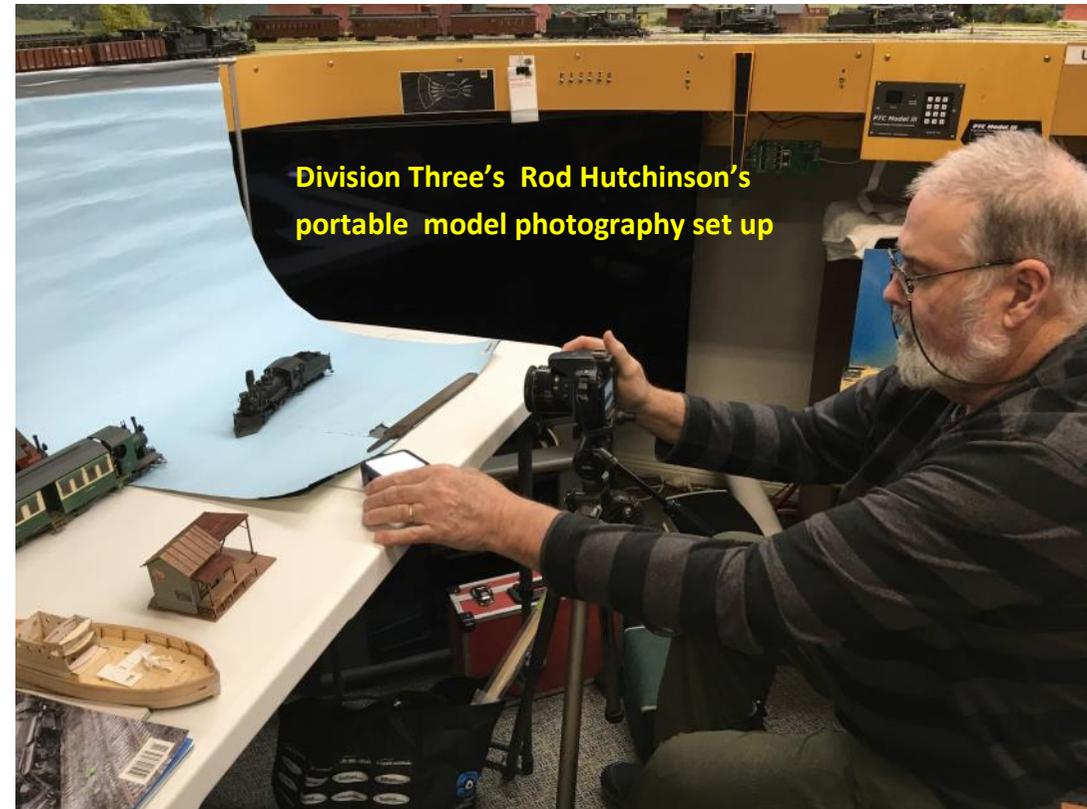
Your committee is currently working on several ideas that will be of benefit to members, both by communication with you personally or in groups through video hook-ups. It is also up to you to send items of information to your area Supers that can be on forwarded to others.

At this stage I do not think there will be a chance of holding face to face meetings either at homes or exhibitions till very late in the year or it may be next year even, as the government's will not allow socialising till either a vaccine to prevent the virus or medication to control/stop the spread of the virus.

Convention News

The NMRA Australasian Region Convention 2020 has been postponed to June 2021 as has the Rosehill Exhibition, again we will be alongside EMRC Rosehill Exhibition.

Thanks for your willingness to be involved and we look forward to having you on board next year.



Division One Highlights

Division 1 held our first NMRA event for the year on the 15th February. This was at the joinery factory that one of our members Mr Garry Paper owns. The day was an all-day event commencing at 10am and went through to 4 pm. The meeting consisted of one display of specialised wood working equipment, one clinic, the formal NMRA meeting and information session, a midday BBQ, bring and Brag (show and tell) and two more clinics to close out the program.



Some 32 members and 3 non-members were in attendance for the day plus, we had nine Division 8 members and the editor in waiting of the NMRA Mainline magazine Merv Bagnall beamed in on the live screen. As stated above this is a first for the NMRA AR and it would seem from all reports it was a first for the NMRA worldwide (I will stand corrected if anybody knows different) and there has been some positive talk on the model hobby fraternity overseas about what we have done. This idea was the brain child of Martyn Jenkins (Division 1) and Brad Anderson (Division 8) and when they approached me with the idea, I was more than happy to facilitate the trial. The results have brought about a list of improvements that will need to be done before the next LIVE event but the outcome was very positive.

As this was the first meeting of the year there was extensive chat and catch up at the front end of the day's proceedings. Old friends reuniting after the Christmas break and many a smile and laugh was heard and had.

At 10:30 we got down to the business of Garry giving a wood machining display on his CnC router and then showing off his edge banding machine. All members got an opportunity to go behind the scenes to see the mechanism of the edge banding machine. The only thing missing was all members having their screw guns and screwing some of the cupboards together.



Gary Paper's CNC outer demonstration

Craig Mackie's clinic on building freight car loads for an open top wagon. The interesting addition to this was that we were able to video this with a camera and display the working on the live screen. This was of benefit to those people who were sitting with a not so clear view of Craig's position as well as our remote members.

Craig did a great clinic and I learnt a few things I had not considered previously, so thank you Craig.

When Craig was finished the formal NMRA Division 1 meeting was held with the members present.

This was followed by a BBQ lunch. Thanks to Paul Rollason who did the cooking, please know that this is appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that this year the NMRA Division 1 is taking some of the load off hosts by providing at a reasonable price to members the BBQ lunch and drinks. Any funds raised over and above the cost of the food and drinks will go back into the Division 1 kitty to buy some much needed items going forward. We appreciate all members assistance in this area.

I would also like to thank Garry Paper on behalf of the NMRA Div 1 for hosting the day. To be a host is no small thing and the NMRA appreciate all those who nominate. Thank You Garry.



Show and tell

followed lunch with the following:

Mark Bailey discussing his latest acquisitions for his Civil war themed layout. The photos of Marks items including his beautiful brass windmill didn't turn out the best so here's a photo of Mark watching Darren Lee!!



Darren is discussing how he uses the plastic clips that bakeries use to tie the plastic bags off. He uses them to mark his wiring for identification purposes. (i.e. you clip the plastic tie over the wire and put an identification marking on it.)

Very neat Idea Darren...Again I learnt something simple and new that is a great idea.

Martyn Jenkins was next discussing his Proto Throttle and all of its workings. He had me convinced to buy one until I heard the price tag. Still if you're into that next level of operations this would be an awesome addition to any operating layout.



Lets not forget this man. You can see the passion for the European prototype written in Paul's expressions. I think he may be even clapping himself? Paul showed off an amazing European station kit he has purchased. It is a limited edition with only 1000 made. I can't wait to see it sitting on Paul's layout and I'm sure it will take pride of place!!

Well, with the show and tell completed it was back into the

clinics. Steve Ord ran his Fir tree making clinic showing off his home made tree machine. This has had some improvements



since I've last seen it. Yours truly then discussed the final finishing of the fir trees to make them stand out above the average.

Last but no way least, Garry Paper overviewed his weathering techniques, in my opinion Garry is in a class of his own when it comes to weathering. Garry uses pastels, chalks, art medium, paint and dullcoat to weather his equipment. His methods are simple and he builds the weathering layer by layer. Oh and he makes it look simple!!!!

I'll let the photos tell the story.

The day ended with Craig Mackie enjoying himself so much that he gave everybody a quick overview of his frosted weathering look on freight cars. He uses a spray can of light off white paint and from a distance gives the rolling stock a spray of white. If you are looking for that faded dusty look this is the way to go!

Thanks to Maryn Jenlins for supplying the link and the camera etc.

Thanks to all who turned up and those who travelled some distance to be there.

Thanks to the Lismore team including Al Harris and Merv Bagnall for being patient with proceedings on the live hookup, but most importantly on an Australasian if not world first for the NMRA.

Thanks to Garry Paper for allowing us to visit the joinery and hosting a great day.

Thanks to Paul Rollason for helping set up, cook and lots of other stuff.

Links:

[DvD of Division 1 Clinics day \(Short version\)](#)

Audio of meetings need improving but we had to start somewhere.



Division Two Highlights

First some words from the Super.

COVID-19.

In crisis times like the ones we are currently experiencing, it is most important, beyond anything else, that we keep our sanity and our perspective.

Covid-19 is without doubt a killer, but Australia has experienced killers before. At these times we have pulled together for the common good, gone without, experienced restrictions in personal freedoms and all the while maintained a cheerful countenance. These times create stresses that manifest themselves in toilet paper hoarding, robbing chemists of a single bottle of hand sanitiser and other inane behaviours.

We of the model railway community are blessed in that we have a hobby that will assist us to maintain our equilibrium. The cabin fever currently being experienced by so many people will be offset by the many models that we have said that one day we get around to making. When we are finally able to gather again I expect to see an overcrowded show and tell table with at least a model a month from every member!

In the meantime, be kind to your families and also to yourselves. To reiterate the words of that famous song that many of you will have heard, "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when..."

Kindest regards to each and every one of you.

Stephe:

In this issue.

From the editor March meeting Show-n-tell The last say

We are in trying times; having restrictions placed on many of our normal daily routines as travel, closures and meetings where exhibitions and conventions being cancelled.

But all is not lost as various electronic media will fill & play a part in communications to the current event unfolding for the foreseeable future. I made a proposal members submit Photograph's & a spiel of their items that would be of interest whilst we are 'layout bound' items especially those from the March postponed meeting would be ideal". It has reaped rewards in responses to allow continued communication to Div 2 Members doing projects or at least some modelling now we're layout and housebound.

The following 'show-n-tell' via emails should provide what we lost in the MARCH meeting. I'm looking forward to future issues if / as the need arises or circumstance's change.

Keep on training.

Robin.

The last say.

Appreciation goes to DIV 2 members who answered the call for the information and pictures supplied which made this issue possible now we're 'layout and housebound modelling'.

What is on your project table? keep those 'show-n-tell' articles coming for April edition of The FLIMSY.

Keep on training.

Robin.

A view of part of Ross Balderson's model of Newcastle



March Meeting

Show-n-tell

John MARTIN:

What we missed would have been an interesting slide presentation on trams, however unfortunate circumstances required a change to a NSWGR profile on steam era. John indicated that there were some 300 slides in carousels!, which we look forward to his next hosted presentation.

John provided an attachment as information where, 'At one point I was going to give a presentation on Brisbane trams, although I no longer have the slides, I do have a very interesting piece of memorabilia'.

Attached is a photo of my "Last Mail Envelope" for the last Mail carried by tram from Woolloongabba post office to the GPO in Brisbane. This was done daily at 5pm to clear the last mail to the GPO and it was only done between these two locations

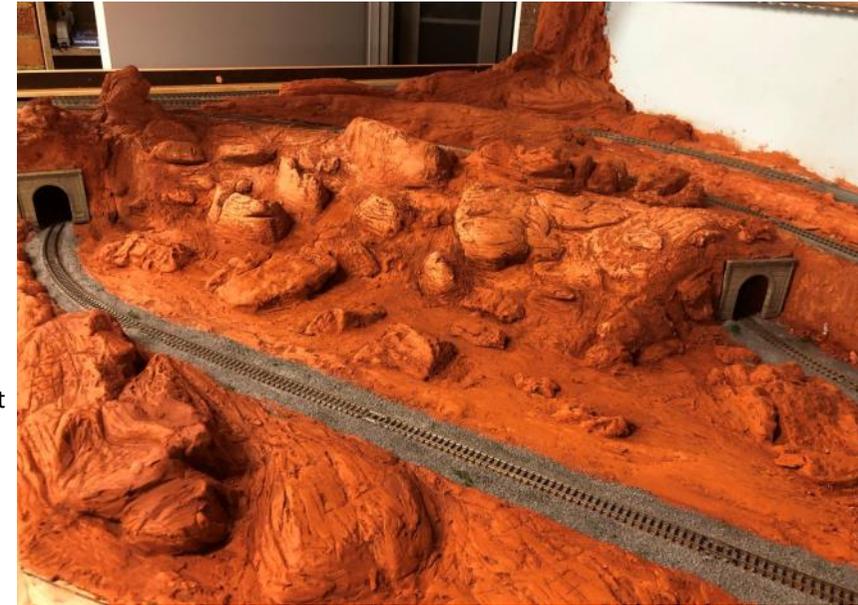


Martin and Nico PAZ:

This is a section that we are working on.

It is an N/HO scale combination and features many plaster rocks painted to look like a Utah landscape. We started this layout nine months ago and we upload updates every week on our YouTube channel,

https://www.youtube.com/user/katherinestation/featured?view_as=subscriber



Jack CHILD:

A WOMBAT 32 class enters service with the first of the outshopped carriages for the South Coast Daylight Express. Work continues at Jack's workshop on construction and painting, more to this in the next issue.



Ross BALDERSON:

The progress on Newcastle continues showing the story in 'a time gone by' to models as minute detailing.





Rob NESBITT:

Adding scenery continues on the N scale Bethungra Loop layout, being built for the Junee Broadway Museum. It should have been completed by but has taken time to assemble the trees and the builder would like to be back into his preferred HO modelling. Regular updates on the layout build have been posted on Rob's blog pages <http://buildingwagga.blogspot.com>.



David VIRGO:

I have been trying to finish off a couple of projects started before the fires. The first project is a HO scale NSWGR A5 station similar to the one at Crookwell. I have produced two examples. One for my layout has a lower profile with the back cut off to fit the platform location (this is the one with a silver roof). The second example has a complete back wall and now sees use in the loco area of my fiddle yard as the yard office (It has been moved from the temporary position across the tracks.) The stl files for the full depth version are available here:

<https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:4224600>



Ian BARNES:

Ian submitted the following article with photographs of Peter Robins who resides in Moruya NSW who has recently joined NMRA Division 2.

He has entered the model railway hobby in a not so usual way.

A few years ago Peter came by a small broken down layout and he decided to accept the challenge of rebirthing it. Using his considerable boat building skills he has rebuilt it into a very portable and very credible showpiece.

His 'Bellascalìa' railway is in Z scale, 1500 x 750 mm in size, and represents a small town somewhere in Europe. His locos and rolling stock are predominately German models made by Marklin. He built all the scenery and buildings from old kits, recut and bashed back into shape. He delights in taking a small piece of domestic refuse and shaping into a Z scale structure or feature.

Peter lives in a small cabin so Z scale suits him perfectly. But, as we well know about the model railway hobby, it hasn't been quite enough. He is now building a small N scale layout on the back of a door, forcing a rearrangement of the interior of his small abode, minus door.

Well done Peter!



Ben FEATHERSTON:

I have been working on a series of buildings that will form the backdrop to my Pacific North Western inspired city. They will sit along the backdrop immediately behind the main station, King Street Station.

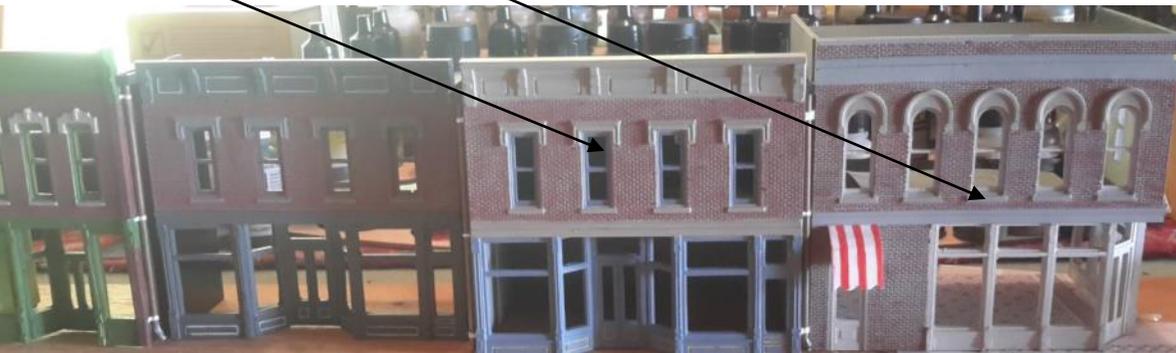
The work started with preparation of the DPM shop fronts. This involved cleaning any flash off the mouldings and priming the mouldings. Various parts were fashioned from styrene, slowly built up with Vallejo putty and sanded to form the building profiles.



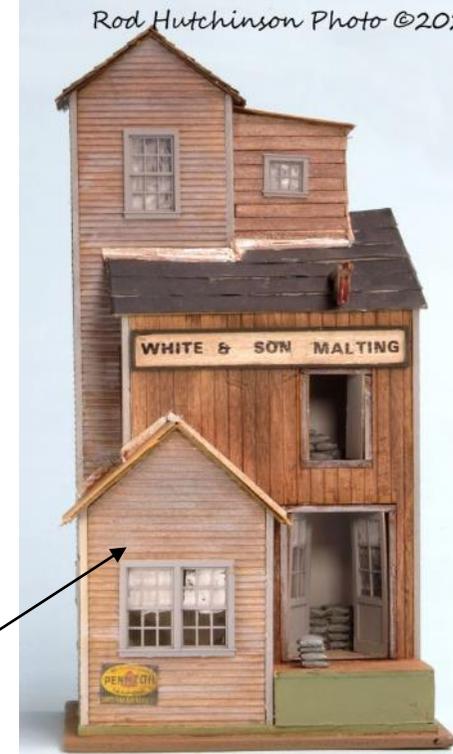
Painting has begun using a few different techniques. While a flat paint was done and then a wash, to me the results were hit and miss and a little unsatisfactory. Another method was airbrushing the building and then carefully dry brushing the tops of the bricks, while slow a much better result in my mind.



Line-up of buildings fronts in various states of assembling. These are still much unfinished so now the fun part is adding some details to each. The only kit is the store (red brick with blue windows) next to the corner café (the one with the awning)



Rod Hutchinson Photo ©2020



Paul Richie of Division Three's HO Scale structure



An overall view of Peter Robbin's Z scale layout

Division Three Highlights

NMRA Division 3 Meeting Reports for January, February and March 2020

by Rod Hutchinson

2020 January

The January 2020 meeting coincided with the Warrnambool Model Railway Exhibition. As usual with meetings coinciding with exhibitions, the NMRA Div3 meeting was held on the Saturday evening, a departure from Sunday meetings. John Droste and Andrea Lane hosted the meeting in their home at Woodford, just north of Warrnambool. A large group attended the evening barbeque with about half visitors to the town for the weekend and the other half were exhibitors at the Warrnambool Model Railway Exhibition.

John Droste is the owner of a large Proto 48 freelance layout which has dual gauge of 32mm and 19mm (Std and On3) currently under construction. John's standards are quite high and most locomotives and rolling stock come from the Glacier Park Models' stable.

Div 3 members would like to extend their thanks to Allan Ogden who retires as Superintendent and welcome on board Mark Bean as our new Superintendent.

2020 February

The February meeting was held at the home of Paul Richie and Kathy in Ballarat, about one hour's drive west of Melbourne. Paul models in S scale Denver and Rio Grand, and HO VR Standard and Narrow Gauges.

Ten members and partners attended in what became the most perfect weather day. The afternoon was spent admiring the models on display and discussing all things model railroading, gardening and plans for year of 2020.

Items were on display included:

Grant McAdam – Boat hulls cast in resin. One with timber deck used as a mould for the other in which the deck boards are cast into the resin;

Grant McAdam – Book: The Railways of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood - Vol 1;

Paul Richie – three HO buildings;

Laurie Green – O scale building;

Bob Thornton – 1:19 scale >> Loco "Dolgoch", Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway Brake Van

Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Van and a rechargeable mini rotary tool.



2020 March

The March meeting was held at the home of Bill Black located not far from the "Puffing Billy Railway Station" of Emerald. Bill is the owner of the magnificent Sn3 Animas & Lobato Southern Layout. A DCC equipped masterpiece of modelling and pure brass joy. Most of his locomotive and rolling stock comes from the Precision Scale Company stable. http://www.nmra.org.au/Layout_Tours/Black/.

Bill is a most congenial host and a visit to his layout is great opportunity to see what can be done in a huge space. However the small number of modellers attending were content to sit comfortably around the large table in the crew room. Plenty of cuppas and biscuits whiled away the afternoon.

Items on display were quite varied ranging from dioramas, scratch building, kit building, kit bashing and a demonstration of portable photographic technique.

Mario Rapinett – On30 diorama: Parkers Junction;

Paul Ritchie – HO Building: Sn3 B4F class Brooks Locomotive;

Peter Macdonald – On30 Coffee Pots: Kitson Railcars as used in South Australia;

Robert Goslin – N scale Factory;

Rod Hutchinson – On30 Scratch built Rail Tractors: Portable Photo Studio.



John Droste's modelling



Rod Hutchinson Photo ©2020



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Bod Thornton's Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Van Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway Brake Van and a rechargeable mini rotary tool.



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Bunnings Photo ©2020



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Robert Goslin's N scale factory



Mario Rapinett's On30 Back shop

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Peter MacDonald's SAR Steam railcars



Rod Hutchinson Photo ©2020



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Division Four Highlights

As we can't meet due to social distancing regulations, we've reinstated the old Division Four Newsletter "Western Lines" on a monthly basis. Attached are some of the content of the first issue of "Western Lines" since late 2014.

AD60 6032 at Canterbury in 1968



The track layout at Neil & Couls Meatworks at Rod's Reach on Wombat Gully



Dual Control
AD60++ 6039
at Gosford in
1968



North Coal No3 at Pauline's Bend on Wombat Gully



Mock up buildings at Neil & Couls meatworks at Rod's Reach on Wombat Gully

Division Six Highlights

NMRA Division 6 Meeting February 8th, 2020.



Welcome to all our members present. A large gathering of twenty five which was great. A thank you for David and Maggie for hosting the February meeting. David was presented with the Host plaque. David Teague won the raffle.

Finances- Ron Solly reported on them and no expenditure or extra income noted.

AP- Ray Brownbill reported there was no change.

Library-Michael Robinson reported that he is in the process of completing the catalogue so that he will be able to send a copy out to the members by email and that there are some new DVDs available.

Social secretary- Trevor Seddon continues to arrange a pre meeting lunch for interested members.

Business Matters.

List of all our members in Division 6 contact details was requested and has been emailed separately to our members.

Geoff Chatwin reported on the need for members to do some presentations at our meetings. If any members particularly want to learn a skill or need help with a modelling project please contact Geoff so something can be arranged.

Vern Cracknell reported to us the legal obligations should we go ahead with any workshops with young people and Marcel van Eck is still waiting to hear back from Tynedale College Strathalbyn regarding this.

Geoff Chatwin will be the person to go to if you plan to assist at our AMRE as Michael and I will be overseas from April 24th-June3rd. We still need volunteers for the weekend and need to know by May 8th to get the information to Ron Solly.

Please note that Ron Solly has swapped with Neil Tonkin for hosting a meeting. Ron will now host September 12th and Neil will host May 9th.

Neil Tonkin delivered the name badges to those members who had ordered them.

Some members reported they had not received their USA NMRA magazine. That is to be followed up. Mention of the NT layout was again brought up but no decisions will be made regarding whether we purchase it until after the AMRE weekend.

Bring and Brag:

John Prattis showed us the completed Fine scale F class HO (green) no.290 and a R Class Suburban tank no.060 and wagons he has had completed.

A modular frame and two other pieces some of the members are building was discussed and was on display also.

Marcel van Eck showed us an Atlas turntable which he had detailed plus some photos of it. Geoff Chatwin showed us a laser kit building he had built and found it was not as easy as he expected it to be.

David Orr gave us a very informative history of his layout and the new control panels he is adding to it. We then closed the meeting for a lovely afternoon tea supplied by Maggie.

David's layout is undergoing some alterations at present so no photos were taken of it.

After a very pleasant afternoon we all headed home.

Photos by Michael Robinson

Regards,

Jane Robinson
Division 6 Superintendent

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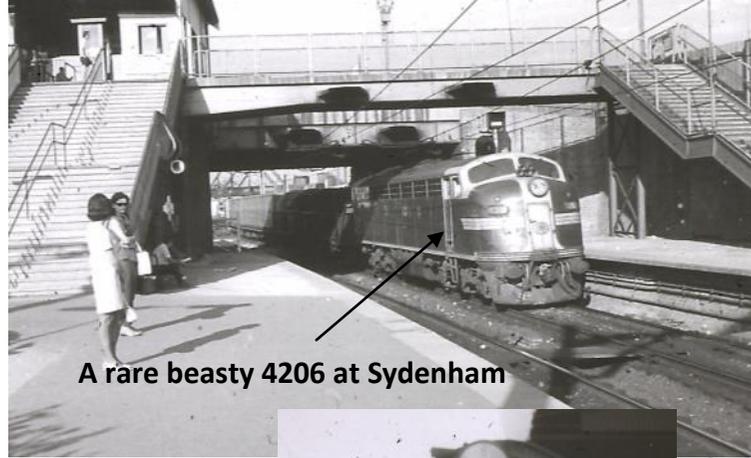


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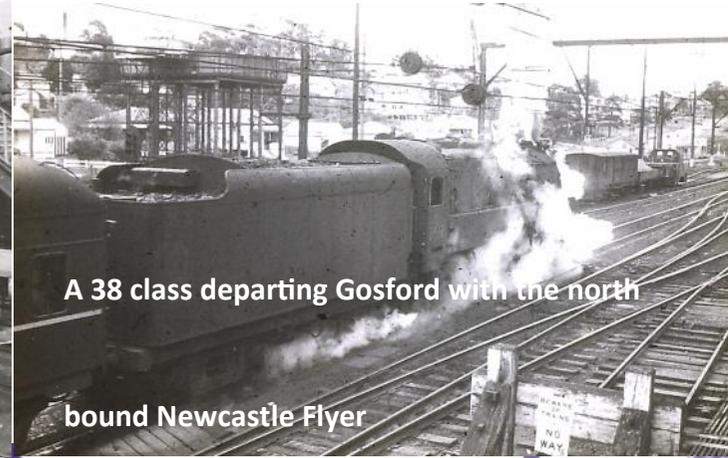
Trains around Sydney in 1968 were interesting. Steam power was waning. Some diesel locomotives were over ten years old, the 40 class were even older. The working prototypes of the double deck power car suburban electrics were being field trialled. The Moss Vale milk train was still entrusted to 38 class. The 48 class seemed the locomotive of choice on the by then all diesel Illawarra line.

Steam reigned supreme north of Gosford. North bound trains swapped their 46 class electrics for steam power at Gosford.

All photos by the editor



A rare beastly 4206 at Sydenham



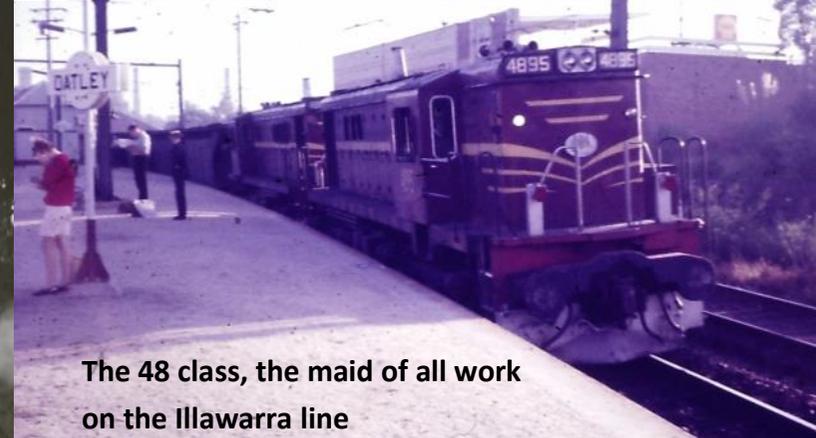
A 38 class departing Gosford with the north bound Newcastle Flyer



3820 spotting the Moss Vale milk train at Dairy Farmer's Siding at Ultimo



Prototype double deck power car at Rockdale



The 48 class, the maid of all work on the Illawarra line



A by now veteran 40 class at Marrickville



Triple headed 48 class running south through Kogarah