

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

Report on the Invitation Run

With a total of 26 locos running over the three days of the Invitation Run and fine, mild weather everybody had a great time. The Saturday evening meal was well attended and from the comments received it seems that both the venue and the cooks did a good job.

Work Activities

The Wednesday work crews time in September was taken up with preparations for the Invitation Run and repairs to both locos 81 and Santa Fe were carried out. 81 having a diff mount bracket welded up and Santa Fe having repairs on the electrical system. Further lengths of the 3.5 rail have been lifted and cleaned up ready for straightening.

Meetings

Members attending the monthly meeting were entertained with a railway video. 24 members attended.

Mid Month Running Day

Several members ran locos and approx 150 passengers were carried after lunch.

End of Month Running Day

Another wet cold and windy day - we had 8 parties booked in for the day with only 3 turning up and by 1pm it was decided to call it quits for the day. A big thanks to all those members that turned up and braved the cold.

Monthly Meeting 15 October

Featuring Luke Roberts talking about his recent trip overseas and his work

Also - how to build a 12v vacuum brake system

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sunday 11th Club and mid month running day at the KMR

Tues 13th CMR Sub Committee meeting

Wed 14th Working Bee at KMR

Thurs 15th CSMEE club meeting at ARHS

Wed 21st Working Bee at KMR

Wed 21st Campbell Pre School run from 12 - 2.30pm drivers and guards required

Sun 25th Public Running Day KMR

Wed 28th Working Bee KMR

NOVEMBER

Tues 3rd CSMEE Committee meeting

Wed 4th Working Bee at KMR

Sun 8th Club and mid month running day at KMR

Tues 10th CMR Sub Committee meeting

Wed 11th Working Bee at KMR

Wed 18th Working Bee at KMR

Wed 25th Working Bee at KMR.

Sun 29nd Public Running Day at KMR

DECEMBER

Sat 12th CSMEE Christmas party at the KMR

Sun 13th Public running day at the KMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

Malcolm Southwell (t/l) 6295 8992

Len Tate 6231 2210

Ivan Treloggen 6238 2356

John Wood 6288 7209

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

John Cameron (t/l) 6297 5062

Mike Cammell 6249 7605

Phil Cobden 6253 9557

John Crocker 6251 2430

NEW SITE REPORT

Things are now hotting up. Members will have noted the Canberra Times ad from the NCA re the Development Control Plan - no adverse comments were received in response to the invitation. The plan will now go to the NCA Board for approval at the end of October.

Approval has been received to place the toilet block on the site - the seller was getting a bit agitated.

Work on the Development Application is almost complete, including a favourable consultant's report on Earless Dragons and other things that wriggle in the night.

A lease is not expected until late November but we are able to do some preparatory work such as marking out so that we will be ready to go on day 1.

BOILERS

Les Mouat boiler barrel and outer wrapper have been inspected and the barrel for Peter Coles' blowfly has been rolled.

HELP NEEDED

Rosemary is looking for some more help in the canteen on running days if you are available male or female give Rosemary a ring on 6254 7229

The Society is still in need of a small petrol engine for the 5" red loco - about 2 -3 hp - contact Dick Whitfield if you can help.

MONEY MATTERS

After good weather for the Invitation Run, the weather turned bad for our regular Running Day at the end of September. Ticket sales were very low, less than a quarter of normal. While not the end of the world, it does require us to work to our budget. Lets hope for better results in coming months. The Invitation Run was a success on all fronts, and should at least break even when all the bills are in. This has been helped by a donation from the canteen ladies towards the cost of the marquee. At present, we are still within budget, but care will be required as the year progresses.

COMMITTEE REPORT

As the September committee meeting was the first since the Annual General meeting, the president opened the meeting by welcoming Malcolm Southwell and Ward Gainey to the committee. There was one new member admitted to the club. He is Rodney Mackintosh whose interests are railways.

After the Treasurers report, correspondence and the report on the new block, discussions were centred around the Invitation Run to be held on the weekend of 18-20 September. Preparations for the run were finalised and the menu for the Saturday night meal decided.

New Business for the month entailed a request from the President for a volunteer to take over Party Bookings for the next 12 months. A suggestion that work be started on the re-profiling of wheels to suit the new standards. New brochures have been delivered to the Tourist Bureau in time for Floriade. Insurance for improvements on the new block needs to be investigated.

GET WELL SOON

Jenny Nicholson has been on the sick list over the past months so on behalf of every body, *"Jenny get well soon as we miss your smiling face in the canteen."*

EQUIPMENT SAFETY OFFICER

Chris Grallelis has again been appointed the KMR equipment safety officer so come January he will be around to check your public passenger carrying rolling stock etc



"Who made these rissoles?"