

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

Work Activities

It is good to see more members turning up on Wednesday mornings to help with the maintenance at the KMR and preparing items for the new site.

Further work is being carried out on the crossing gate after it again failed at the last public running day. A considerable amount of time has been spent in keeping the grass under control, especially since the rain.

Chris Grallelis has been hard at work finishing the painting of the canteen much to the delight of the ladies.

Monthly Meeting

Attendance at the March Member's meeting was on par with other Monthly meetings with 25 members turning out for the night. Given the topic of the meeting I would have thought that attendance may have been up. There were 3 apologies received and no visitors attended.

The main topic which was presented by Kevin Olds was a presentation on the New Block in regards to the work required to be performed to now complete the tasks ahead.

At the time of the meeting the lease was close to being signed and the committee needed an indication from the general membership as to who would be available to complete allocated tasks.

Bits and Pieces again has picked up however more is still required for the meetings so bring along any items of interest you may have. It also provides members a forum to display their projects in their various phases of construction.

Response from the members was very good with volunteers received for all areas where work is required.

The door prize was won by Mark Hogan. As Mark was not present to collect, the door prize will jackpot at the next monthly meeting.

Monthly Running Days

The mid month running day held on Sunday 14th March saw a good turnout on members and their

locomotives and rolling stock. The public run was also well attended..



The end of month running day held on Sunday 28th March started off fine with no sign of the bad weather which has haunted us for so long. There were 8 parties booked and with the sun out and shining. The morning started slow but soon picked up.

Bunyip and Santa Fe were the main trains for the day with AN1 and 81 acting as backups. Bob's 44 class was still having traction problems and was not running.

The day petered off around 1400 with just a handful of people turning up.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 15th April 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be a report on the 2010 convention by Les Mouat.

BOILERS

Boiler Matters

A very busy month for boiler builders. Peter Cole has made a start on the boiler for his blowfly and will shortly be ready to submit his boiler plates and barrel for its first inspection

Les Mouat is progressing slowly with his blowfly boiler however things could speed up in the near future

Preliminary plans have been submitted by Sydney member Russell Gear for a copper boiler to be fitted to a 3 inch Foden steam truck he is building. Chris Grallelis has submitted the plate work for inspection for the boiler on his Kraus loco.

At the last members running day our newest member, Eric Hines had the boiler on his 3 1/2 gauge Juliet loco boiler tested and passed for a further three years.

APRIL

Tue 6th CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 7th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 11th Club Running Day and afternoon public run
Tue 13th CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 14th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 15th CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Wed 21st Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 24th Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 25th Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 28th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

MAY

Tue 4th CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 5th Working bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 9th Club running day and afternoon public run
Tue 11th CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 12th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 16th Club Muster Day
Wed 19th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 20th C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Wed 26th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 29th Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 30th Public Running Day at the KMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

April Saturday 24th 2010

Bob Hesse	6288 2025
Mick Richardson	6254 1996
Geoff Ross	6281 1785
Lloyd Sawyer	6254 7958 (Team Leader)

May Saturday 29th 2010

Ian Smith	0412 152213
Reg Smith	6241 3181
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170858 (Team Leader)
Ivan Trellogen	6238 2356

Please contact the Team Leader if you are unable to attend.

NEW SITE

By the time you read this edition of the Whistle Blower we will have at last signed the lease on the new block with most of the conditions in the development application being met, work should start within the next few weeks.

At the March member's meeting a presentation was given by Kevin Olds. This was to give the members present a comprehensive idea of what is involved in the work to be carried out at the site and it was encouraging to see the response of those present when asked if they were prepared to put in the effort needed to complete the move .

The Committee will be calling on those members in the near future to undertake tasks associated with the new site once work gets under way. (watch this space)

Lease on the new block was signed on 25th March 2010.

MONEY MATTERS

March ticket sales were an improvement on the previous month with the mid month run producing \$306.50 while the end of month run produced \$1430.50 in ticket sales.

Final results for March are still not good but overall the Club is still ahead. Low level of ticket sales continues to be a concern. By keeping the expenses at the KMR under control we should still have a favourable outcome at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

March saw two Committee meetings held during the Month. The second meeting was a special meeting called to deal with the surprise resignation of the Vice President. This was resolved with the President convincing the Vice President to take leave of absence until the Annual General meeting in August. A report on the April committee meeting will be included in the next Whistle Blower.

NOTICES

Don't forget Club and Mid month running days on the second Sunday of each month. All welcome. Please come along and join in.

Don't forget the C.S.M.E.E. Club muster to be held on the 16th May 2010. Bring along your projects (completed or otherwise) and locomotives (completed or otherwise) and have a run either on the raised or ground level tracks. There are approximately 40 locos on the Club registry and the Committee would like to see them all.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

Please Note Membership fees are due by the Annual General Meeting in August. Remember you must be financial to be able to vote. Avoid the rush and get in early.