

The Whistle Blower

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers April 2009

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WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE LAST MONTH

Wednesday 08/04/2009

Modify brake handle on loco 81.
Repaired faulty choke cable on loco 81.
Mounted fire extinguisher on loco 81.
Carried out general cleanup of KMR site.

Wednesday 15/04/2009

Assess further repairs to loco 81
Finish riding cars ready for painting.
Undercoat riding cars.

Wednesday 22/04/2009

Paint riding cars
Repaired and fitted air compressor to loco AN1.
Screw down walkway timbers on the turntable.

Wednesday 29/04/2009

Extend roof on carriage shed
Assess repairs required on portable raised track ready for Malkara.
Fit guards seats to new riding cars.
Fit bogies and couplers to riding cars

BOILERS

Les Mouat - Received plans for blowfly boiler..
Chris Grallelis - Received plans for Krause boiler..
Luke Roberts – blowfly boiler – inspection of plates.
R Whitfield – inspection of brazed fire box – vertical boiler (4 of).

MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance at the April meeting was down a little due in part to school holidays. Luke Roberts presented several intricate parts produced on a wire cutter and answered many questions about the process. Videos of several 7!4 tracks were shown.

At the May meeting we hope to show several videos on metal cutting including wire cutting as a follow up to last month's discussion.

CLUB RUNNING DAY

The second Sunday fell on Easter Sunday and there were no members running locos but passengers turned up in the afternoon and \$ 284.00 was raised.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAY

The April end of month running day was a washout. There were four party's booked for the day however none turned up due to the inclement weather. Three trains operated with the fourth train on standby. Numbers were

way down and a halt to running was called at 12:30 due to the condition of the track becoming dangerous with the wet weather. Proceeds for the day were \$171.50. Morning tea for all members was held in the Steaming Bay commencing at 10 o'clock on the dot with tea and coffee being provided by the Canteen Ladies and cakes and bikkies provided by Mrs Oliver and the Ladies from the canteen.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 5th May Committee meeting.

Wednesday 6th May- Working bee at the KMR

Sunday 10th May - Club running day – Public running from 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 13th May- Working bee at the KMR

Wednesday 20th May- Working bee at the KMR

Thursday 21st May Club meeting at the ARHS club rooms Kingston

Wednesday 27th May - Working bee at the KMR

Sunday 31st May - Public running day at the KMR commencing at 10:30am to 3:30 pm

Tuesday 2nd June Committee meeting.

Wednesday 3rd - Working bee at KMR

Wednesday 10th - Working bee at KMR

Sunday 14th - Club running day – Public running from 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 17th - Working bee at the KMR

Thursday 18th - Club meeting at the ARHS club rooms Kingston

Wednesday 24th - Working bee at the KMR

Sunday 28th - Public running day at the KMR commencing at 10:30am to 3:30 pm

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Response to "What's your opinion" has been slow with two responses being received by email to date.

The question was that it has been suggested by several members that the clubs-running day be changed to either the first or third weekend of the month on either a Saturday or Sunday with would be no public running.

Please let the Secretary or a Committee member know your preference or email to csmee@grapevine.com.au.

Based on responses the Executive will make a decision on the matter at the June Committee meeting.

MONEY MATTERS

No Accounts were approved for payment at the April Committee meeting, due to the Treasurer being away on holidays.

Income from the two April running days was \$455.50 and while this was not a good result we are still on track to meet the budget.

NEW SITE

The last Whistle Blower advised that we were waiting on advice of a valuation of the proposed lease before going any further. Although we do not have a valuation we do have an indication that the rental will be within the estimate we have been using in our submissions and therefore will be affordable subject to an increase in income.

At this time the estimate of ongoing yearly operating cost at the new site is \$38,000. The cost for the same items for 2008/9 is \$25,000 and income for that year looks like being \$33,000. It appears therefore that income will have to be lifted for a move to the new site to be viable.

Given the Government's grant and the funds we have been able to accumulate during the time it has taken to reach this point, the cost of moving is basically covered. The manpower issue does not appear so healthy.

A meeting of members to decide on a final design and to decide on proceeding with the Symonston site will be required.

PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

The new pamphlets for the Visitors Centre have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly

St Jude's

The club has received a Certificate of Appreciation from St Jude's Primary School for our participation the school fete held on 22nd March 2009.

The club would like to convey their appreciation to those members who attended St Jude's and displayed their Locomotives and rolling stock.

CLUB TOOLS & MATERIALS

Lloyd Sawyer continues to sell the clubs stock of cutters and material, these are available at club meetings or by contacting Lloyd at home - telephone 6254 7958

Lloyd will be unavailable for approximately 2 weeks from the 18th. Any orders for tooling or materials please save them until he is back on deck.

DONATIONS

\$276.00 from The Model Railway Club Lyneham Exhibition.

CLASSIFIEDS

Graeme Coronel (62863602) wants to acquire a small rotary table and a pressure gauge suitable for a small vertical boiler.

MOWING ROSTER

Saturday 30th May

Peter Hateley

6254 7229 (team leader)

Bob hesse 6288 2025
Mark Hogan 6231 3249
John Jervis 6281 0028

Saturday 27th June

Peter Mottram 6288 2988 (team leader)
Trevor Knight 6258 6288
Ian Kummerow 6236 8600
Denis McAllister 6241 8190

Team leaders should remind team members prior to the day

INSURANCE

Members are reminded that insurance cover for attendance at events at other clubs and activities - not part of the regular CSMEE program (including special activities approved by the Committee) is subject to each member involved notifying the Secretary beforehand. Greg can be contacted on 0412179889 or by email at csmee@grapevine.com.au.

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting was held with LDA to progress the application towards a lease.

As this is the first case under the new rules processes are unclear but hopefully the Society will receive an offer of a lease by the end of June.

Water and power still remain a concern because of the initial cost.

Preparations are being made for a pre development application meeting.

The Sub-Committee meeting which was to be held on the 124th was cancelled. The meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in May.

Lyneham Exhibition was a success with public interest high.

The Committee discussed the idea of holding a competition of Models being exhibited at Malkara this year. The Committee decided that there would be two categories for the competition.

One category will be for the best Scale rolling stock exhibit. This category will cover rolling stock in any gauge from G gauge and up.

The second category will be for the best Non-Railway exhibit. This category will cover stationary engines, tooling and any other non railway exhibits

STOP PRESS

The Inaugural muster of Members projects is to be held on the 4th Sunday in August. The day will be a Members only day with a barbeque lunch provided.

The day is designed for members to bring along their projects both completed and in progress.