

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work has progressed steadily throughout the month.

The committee at the February committee meeting agreed to the idea of hiring a contractor to come in and do some of the earthworks required to complete the steaming bay and to commence the 5" and 7 ¼" tracks.

Towards the end of February the club had an offer of a bobcat for approximately 4 to 6 weeks for a lot less cost. The committee agreed and the bobcat was delivered on the 8th March.

The emergency gate entry has been completed with the placement of a culvert across the entry/exit.



Laying the culvert



Les Mouat taking delivery of the bobcat.



The finished driveway

Since the arrival of the bobcat approximately 20 hours work has been performed. Some of the tasks completed has been the leveling of the dirt in front of the 7 ¼" containers.

Work has been progressing on the steaming bay both by the bobcat and the tractor. The tractor has been ripping the area while the bobcat is moving dirt and stock piling it.



Front of the 7 ¼" containers



Steaming Bay



Steaming Bay

All work to install the three phase cable and other electrical work is now completed and a final inspection of the electrical works has been organized for Wednesday 11th April. We already have the plumbing final so once we get the electrical final the building certifier can get the D.A signed off as completed.

We are waiting to hear from the door installers as to when they can attend and fit the two remaining doors.

Work on the signal box is progressing with the remaining window fitted and the eaves completed. The front and rear walls are now complete leaving the end wall facing the 5" track and the wall facing the 7 ¼" track to have the door fitted and cladding completed.

The 5" track bridges have been installed and are waiting on the abutments to be completed. Once the abutments are completed then the preparation of the roadbed can commence.

Work is continuing on track layout. The 7 ¼" loop from the station has been marked out. Work can now start on the preparation of the base for the track

The mowing roster at KMR remains a problem with many of the available members who are able to perform the task decreasing every month. If your name appears on the roster for the clean-up at KMR, please make an effort to attend. It only takes a couple of hours and if there are enough members who participate then it is possibly once a year

MONTHLY MEETING

The March Member's meeting saw a below nother average turnout for the meeting. There were 12 members in attendance with one visitor and 4 apologies for the night.

The meeting was opened by the Secretary in the absence of the President who gave a summary of the progress at CMR and the problems being experienced at KMR.

Bits and pieces for the night was an eccentric rod for a 5" Anne locomotive.

The advertised entertainment for the night was to be a DVD on the workings of the San Francisco tram system. Hoverer due to unforeseen circumstances it was not able to be shown.

To fill in an overview of the work yet to be completed was shown to the members present with discussions on what was proposed.

The DVD will be rescheduled to April.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 18th April 2013

There will be a DVD of the San Francisco tram system.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

March mid-month and end of month running days turned out to be fine and sunny. Both days were fairly well patronized.

We were also up against the Easter long weekend for the end of month run however with the activities at the ARHS on the weekend and the advertising on radio saw an increase in the walk in traffic which made the day quite busy at times.

There were 3 parties booked in for the mid-month run and 5 parties booked in for the end of month run. Once again the running days saw partied which held booking not turn up. To alleviate this, a \$30.00 non-refundable deposit will be introduced on the 1st May.

Bunyip handled most of the traffic on both days with the Club's Diesel locomotives backing up when necessary.

Events Calendar 2012

Attached to the Whistleblower is a printable calendar for those of you, like me who cannot remember what is going on from one week to the next.

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

April 27th 2013

Peter Hateley	6254 7229 (Team Leader)
Eric Hines	6258 0329
Patrick Kennedy	4829 0396
Dennis Maurer	

May 25th 2013

Matt McGregor	0425 312837 (Team Leader)
John Jervis	6281 0028
Ian Kummerow	6236 8600
Edwin Lowery	6298 39929

If you cannot attend your designated place in the clean up roster, please find another member to take your place. Do not leave it up to the other members on the roster.

From now on all grass clippings, leaves, branches etc are to be placed in the box trailer at the back gate. The trailer is to be taken to the recycling centre at the Mugga lane tip at the end of the clean-up. Under no circumstances is the trailer to be left fill of rubbish as this will cause the floor to rust out.

BOILER MATTERS

A boiler test was performed on the Hunslet of Peter Smith from Newcastle. The boiler passed testing and has been certified for another four years.

MONEY MATTERS

Good weather and support from the public over the Easter Weekend saw our income from the KMR return to more normal levels.

While not the bumper results we were seeing at the end of 2012, the result was in line with our

budget expectations and saw us track closely to budget overall for the month.

For the financial year we are still ahead of budget and a good result is expected at the end of June.

A large proportion of the grant we received to improve security at the CMR has now been spent, despite only recently receiving the actual money.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The March committee meeting held on Monday 4th February saw all members present with the exception of M McGregor.

Party bookings for March stand at 3 parties/65 people for the 10th March and 4 parties/110 people for the 31st March.

There were no new applications for membership this month.

In March the committee raised the question on the availability and number of 5" riding cars. There was a motion passed some years ago to limit to passenger hauling to 7 ¼". At the April this decision was rescinded. This allows 5" to haul passengers on public running days provided they do not hold up the 7 ¼" passenger trains.

The Training day held on the 17th March turned out to be a failure mainly due to the poor turn out of members on the day. To stop this problem occurring again the committee passed a motion at the April meeting to hold a series of training sessions before public running on those days of public running and at the Club running day. These sessions will be schedules when members indicate they require training. A testing session will then be held to certify the member. More detail about the proposal will be circulated by email.

At the committee meeting in March a motion was passed to re-introduce a planning sub-committee for the continued planning and construction of the remaining work required at CMR.

The sub-committee will be made up of members from the committee and members from the general membership.

An email was sent out and 6 responses were received. These six nominations were accepted by the committee at the April meeting.

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

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Club badges are now available from the Canteen on running days or by requesting then through the secretary by email or letter. Cost is \$5.00 each

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The club has received a generous donation of an Akai 7" digital photo frame. The photo frame will be raffled off at time yet to be decided by the committee. Tickets will be available at the members meeting in February. The price for tickets is yet to be decided.

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The Timber and Working With Wood Show will be held at EPIC, Canberra between 30 August and 1 September 2013.

Mark your diaries now and, if you would like a reduced price entry (\$10.00 down from \$16.00) Mick

Richardson has 10 discount cards available on request on a first come first served basis.

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