

# The Whistle Blower -

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## What's been Going On

### CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work is progressing all be it slowly. January saw the return of ACTEW to complete the power to the block. The final two poles have been put in and the cables run. The transformer has been mounted on the pole and cabling run to the meter box on the boundary. It is still uncertain when the power will be switched on and we will be able to use it.



**Transformer and pole.**

The workshop is now to lock up stage. Lighting has been installed in readiness for the power. The club was lucky over the break to obtain a large number of 50cm x 50cm carpet tiles. These will be ideal for the floor of the workshop and hopefully there will be enough left over for the signal box. The carpet tiles were advertised through a recycling website. Thanks to Phyl Oliver for finding these and alerting John.

The tractor has had a new radiator fitted.

Work is continuing on the signal box and power reticulation.

Mowing is still a problem and takes up time which can be used more productively elsewhere. So if you have some time and can come and sit on a ride-on mower, please contact John Oliver on 0406 206113 or the

Secretary on 0412 179899 or by email if you would like to help out.

While the main thrust of the Wednesday work party is at CMR there is still work to be performed at the KMR site. The grass still needs mowing and there are always small jobs to be done at the KMR site.

### MONTHLY MEETING

The January Member's meeting saw a decrease in numbers on the previous month. There were 16 members in attendance with one visitor and 6 apologies for the night.

The formal part of the evening was dealt with quickly with the President giving a report on the progress at CMR and KMR. The President also revealed that the club has received a reply from Andrew Barr in response to our letter to the Chief Minister for a further grant to complete the work at CMR. Unfortunately the news is not good with our application for funds being rejected. The committee will discuss this matter at the next meeting and formulate a response. This was followed by bits and pieces which consisted of a method on how to make very small sockets (this one was 7/32") and a brass thermometer picked up at a swap meet. There was no formal entertainment so the night ended with tea and coffee and biscuits while the raffle was being drawn.

The Members badge draw was won by Ian Hahn who fortunately was present on the night.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Monthly meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Location and entertainment

To be advised.

## MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The mid month run started out looking like most running days of recent. It looked like we were going to be washed out again. There were 2 parties booked for the day and it was hoped that the weather would hold off. This was not the case and around 11:30 a shower came through. One of the parties had arrived and was in the process of setting up when the shower hit. The second party arrived while it was raining and declined to stay. The first party toughed it out and the weather cleared to a fine afternoon.

The end on month run saw the return of the good weather and a full list of party bookings. The day went well with a few small problems with one of the turnouts being reported.

There was one private party held and the annual Nasho's run which has made the month of January a very busy one. It has also helped to boost the earnings for the month.

### **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**

#### **February 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Graeme Coronel	6286 3602
David Foote	6292 3778 (Team Leader)
Paul Gugger	6281 1849

#### **March Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Peter Hateley	6254 7229 (Team Leader)
Mark Hogan	6231 3249
Dennis Maurer	02 4464 2395

**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 your committee.**

## **BOILER MATTERS**

There were no boiler matters reported for the month.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

A return of fine weather has seen good results at the KMR this month. Between the two running days and a private party we received just over \$2,400. In addition, we received a donation of just over \$200 from a private run undertaken by Bob Hesse for the Nashos. Again this month our major expense was an insurance payment which covers our equipment at the KMR and CMR. Overall we are still tracking well against our budget and I still expect to finish the financial year on a positive note.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

At the December meeting it was decided that there would not be a committee meeting in January and the first committee meeting for 2012 would be held on the first Monday in February.

## **CSMEE XMAS PARTY**

The postponed CSMEE Xmas party was held after the mid month running day in January. Although numbers were down on the night, everyone who attended has a good time. Overall the night was a success.

## **5" Play Day**

The first Sunday of the month has been taken over by the 5" members and their invited guests as their play day. So far from reports I have heard the day seems to be a success. Well done to those who thought it up and kicked it off however it would be appreciated if a report and photos be sent in for inclusion in the Whistleblower.

## **Safety concern.**

The Safety Officer has raised the following concern in regards to the refuelling of petrol and diesel locomotives.

All engine drivers are reminded of the correct procedure of refuelling non-steam locomotives. This is set out in the Code of Practice, Operation of Miniature Railway, Road Vehicles and Plants.

"5.8.4 Refuelling of liquid or gas fuelled locomotives shall be carried out in a non-

hazardous location, remote from the public defined by the Society.”

There is an area set up for the purpose of refuelling locomotives however locomotives should be checked and refuelled before coming out of the loco and on to the main. Under no circumstances should locomotives be refuelled at either station or on the lay-by road.

### **Donation to CLUB**

The club has received a considerable gift of equipment and hardware. This kind and considerate action will enable us to equip a workshop at our new Miniature Railway site presently under construction at Symonston.

Not only will this be of great value in building up and maintaining the Clubs facilities at the site, but at last we will be able to offer the use of workshop equipment to members who do not have their own,

We believe this will encourage more members to involve themselves in the pleasures of the many facets of model engineering.

### **NOTICES**

**If you have photos and/or articles you would like put into the Whistleblower please send them to the secretary at the following email address [csmee@grapevine.com.au](mailto:csmee@grapevine.com.au)**

**Don't forget Club/Mid month running days on the second 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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**Photos this month are from Geoff Ross and are showing the setting up before beginning the milling of his cylinders for his Victorian R Class**



