

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work re-commenced at CMR on the 2nd January and has been progressing steadily throughout the month.

Mowing has not been the problem it has been in previous months mainly due to the dry hot conditions experienced in January. The purchase of a ride on mower has also helped tremendously. However with the rains at the end of January and some hot weather the grass will soon be troublesome again.

Work to replace the single phase cable from the boundary to the signal box is slated to be done mid-February with ACTEW to disconnect power in the morning and re-connect power late in the afternoon. There will be a need for volunteers on Wednesday 13th February to help pull in the new cable. If you can help please come along on the day.

The steel clad doors for the toilet and signal box have been ordered. There is no date for delivery as the manufacturer has only returned to work at the end of January. It is hoped that it will not be too long before they are delivered.

. The 5" track has seen work on the two bridges completed and one of the bridges erected. Work can now commence on the preparation of the track bed from the station to the bridge.



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

Work to complete the signal box will re-commence in February with an aim to complete the work by the end of February.

KMR continues to be looked after by Graeme Belcher and the mowing roster crews. However the number of active participants for the mowing roster is growing smaller every month. Down to 36 from 48. If you are not on the mowing roster and feel you can be (its only 2 hours possibly once a year) please let the Secretary know.

The next 12 months are shaping up to be challenging with several tasks scheduled. To this end I will be compiling a list of tasks for CMR. This will be published in the next couple of weeks. Please read the list when it is published and consider those tasks you could participate in.. I will be calling for volunteers to perform the tasks so if you can help please put your name down. A schedule will also be drawn up indicating timings of tasks.

Most of the work will be the construction of the 5" and 7 ¼" loops and the steaming bay. It is also hoped to have the work on the entry and car park completed during the year. The task to replace the single phase cable from the meter box to the signal box with a 3 phase cable has been scheduled for 13th February.

Once this work is completed, limited running could then take place at CMR.

MONTHLY MEETING

The January Member's meeting saw an average turnout on the night. There were 14 members in attendance with no visitors and 3 apologies for the night.

Due to the large number of absentees there was no formal part for the evening.

Bits and pieces for the night were provided by the following people:

- Paul Gugger showed lubricator parts for the Britannia.
- Chris Grallelis brought along the motion brackets for the super simplex he is building. The brackets were water jet cut by PTR Aquajet water cutting at Hume.
- Peter Hateley bought along his Wilesco steam roller and gave a demonstration of his FIR drone.

The winner of the members raffle was Georgina Gear. As Georgina was not present at the meeting the prize will jackpot at the next meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 21st February 2013

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

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The first run for 2013 saw the day hot and dry. There were 5 parties booked in for the day so prospects looked good. Bunyip and one of the club diesel locomotives were used on the day. All in all the day was successful.

However the end of month run was not so successful. There was only 1 party booked in for the day and the chance of walk in passengers was doubtful due to events over the weekend. Bunyip handled the traffic for the day with little need to run a second train. Bunyip was retired from duty around 2:00 PM when the club locomotive took over and ran until close. Although the weather remained fine, patronage was down on the day.

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 23rd 2013

John Crocker	6251 2430
Col Fuller	6251 1779
	Team Leader)
Brendon Hill	
Mark Farquhar	

March 30th 2013

David Foote	6292 3778
	(Team Leader)
Lachlan Foote	6292 3778
Chris Grallelis	6231 5981
Paul Gugger	

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.

BOILER MATTERS

Two boilers tested in December. The first is a boiler being constructed by Russell Gear from Sydney to fit a steam truck he is building. The boiler is a large unit made from 4mm copper. The second is a boiler built by Ian Bussell for a five inch speedy loco. Both boilers passed their hydro tests with flying colours.

MONEY MATTERS

Our run of solid results from our Running Days came to an end this month. While the mid-month run did well taking just over \$1,000, the end of the month was disappointing, with only one party booked and takings of only \$448. Whether it was the holiday weekend, end of the school holidays or the terrible storm the night before we will never know. Final result for January was an outcome that was \$1,600 less than budgeted. This is not a cause for concern as our overall budgeting assumes that we will have a bad month or two during the year. Our excellent results towards the end of 2012 mean

that for the year to date we are still ahead of our budget and maintaining a profitable position.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The January committee meeting saw all members present except the Treasurer who was on holidays.

Due to the Christmas break there was little progress at CMR. Work will ramp up again in January with work commencing on the two bridges for the 5" track. It is hoped that these will be in position by the end of January or early February.

There were no new applications for membership this month.

General Business consisted of discussions around a HO model railway layout to CMR, boom gate operations at KMR and repairs to, John Nicolson's Kubota tractor.

During the December break the Secretary was approached by The Canberra Times in relation to placing an ad in the upcoming Babies of 2012 publication. The committee discussed the proposal and decided to go ahead with the ad. The publication was published in The Canberra Times on 29th January. It is hoped that KMR will receive some patronage from the ad.

Bob's 422 Class Locomotive

Late last year Bob's 422 class locomotive (42204) decided to give up. On first inspection it was found that one motor on the front bogie had seized and burnt out the wiring. This effected the middle and rear axles of the bogie which are linked by a toothed belt. To allow the locomotive to be moved the belt between the rear and centre axle was cut.

Early in January the locomotive was taken to John Nicolson's workshop where the bogie in question was removed from the locomotive.

The bogie was stripped down and the motor removed. The following photos show the damage to the motor





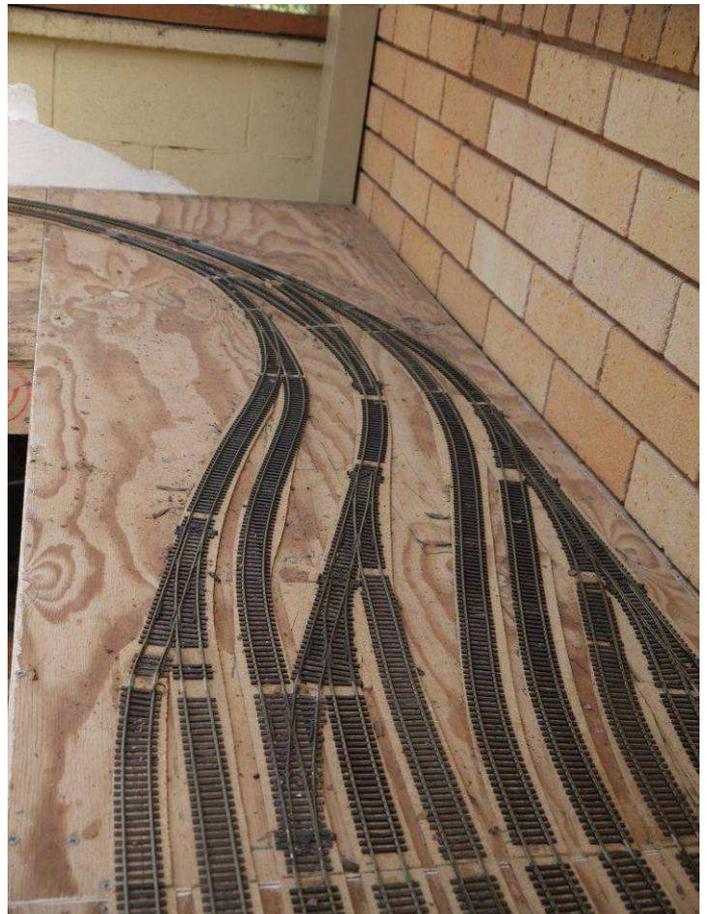
Work is now progressing on the bogie to re-configure it for different motor. Once this bogie has been rebuilt and thoroughly tested then work will commence on the second bogie.

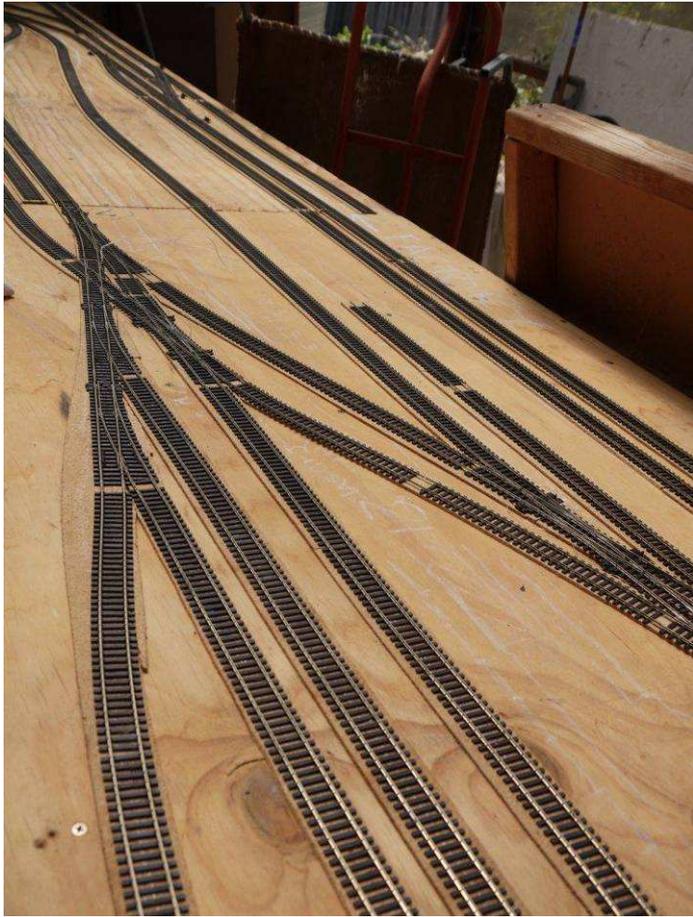
HO scale layout

At the last committee meeting Bob raised the possibility of the club having a HO scale model layout at CMR. The committee considered the proposal and agreed to it in principle. The layout will be approximately 5.1m by 2.4m in size.

The committee would like to hear from those members who would be interested in setting it up and maintaining the display. If the committee receives sufficient interest in the proposal then a decision will be made to implement the proposal.

I have included some photos from Bob as to possible layout.



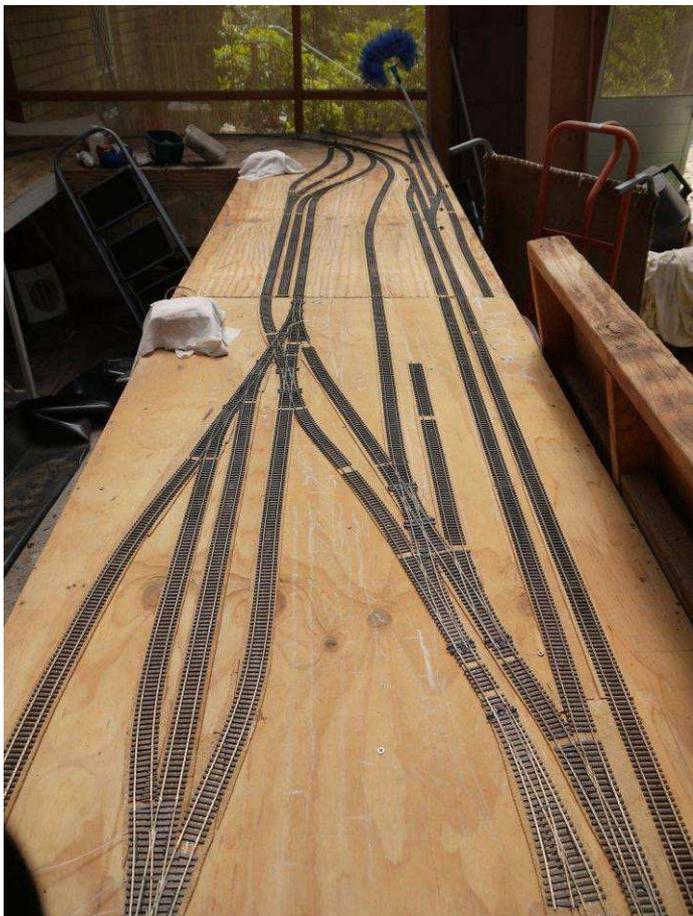


Front end bucket

After searching for over a year for a bucket to go on the front of our IHC tractor and getting a quote for eight thousand dollars from a firm in Goulburn I decided this one will do, now all we've got to do is move it while the people at the Museum of Australia aren't looking



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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.

The club has a large quantity of poly styrene foam ideal for modelling scenery. If you are interested please let Peter Hateley know.