

# The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers July 2010

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## What's been Going On

### Work Activities

The Wednesday work crew has been hard at it again this month. The canteen has been secured with the installation of a steel mesh door which can be padlocked. The hatch over the window which opens up on onto the steaming bay has also been locked and bolted.

The KMR grounds have experienced its first case of vandalism for some time. The act of vandalism occurred in mid June when the small window to the canteen storeroom was broken along with a window in the ticket box. The Wednesday crew has been sharing their time between the KMR and the CMR, with the containers now being delivered to the CMR site. Several items have been transferred into these containers from the KMR including the 240v generator, tools, ladders, etc.

The club has also taken delivery of 10 ton of steel to be used in the construction of the 5" and 7 1/4" tracks.

With Malkara coming up at the end of the month the raised track has been checked and loaded back on to the trailer.

### Monthly Meeting

Attendance at the June Member's meeting was up on the April meeting with 23 members braving the cool weather and turning out for the night. There were 2 apologies received and no visitors on the night.

The meeting was opened by the president who gave a brief overview of the progress at the new site as well as what work has been performed at KMR.

Bits and Pieces has been improving with each meeting with various items of interest being displayed.

Len Tate bought along a jig he has made to fabricate pipe elbows.

Graeme Coronel bought along a centre finder Lindsay Drabsch showed the completed track for his caterpillar along with one idler wheel.

Peter Hateley bought a copy of the Black Book

he obtained from M & G along with an Iscar catalogue.

Thanks to all those who contributed items for display at the meeting.

Chris Peters was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in June. Because Chris was not present to collect, the door prize will jackpot at the next monthly meeting.

For those members chasing back issues of Model Engineer and Engineering in Miniature, I have been informed that they are available at the bookshop in Curtin Shops.

### Monthly Running Days

As the end of month running day for May was postponed due to bad weather, it was decided to hold the running day on the second Sunday in June. This was to coincide with the Club's Mid Month running day. All parties booked for the end of month running day in May were given the opportunity to attend on the second Sunday. Of those parties booked only one turned up on the day. The day was slow to start but picked up around lunch time and then saw a steady flow of people over the afternoon. Total ticket sales for the day was \$957.00. John Cameron attended the Club running day with his 5" 422 Class. This allowed for photo of three 422 class locomotives. A HO scale 422 class held by Bob Hesse, John Cameron on this 5" 422 class and Bob Hesse on his 7 1/4" 422 class



The end of month running day for June saw no parties booked. The day turned out to be quite

pleasant for a winter's day in Canberra. Ticket sales for the day were \$1003.00 which was not too bad considering.

## COMING EVENTS

### Monthly meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be a presentation by Kevin Olds on the Signalling and Point Control to be adopted at CMR.

## JULY

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

## AUGUST 2010

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
FRI 6 <sup>th</sup>	Setup Malkara
SAT 7 <sup>th</sup>	Malkara
SUN 8 <sup>th</sup>	Malkara
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Club Muster Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Public Running Day at the KMR

## BOILER MATTERS

There were no boiler matters for the month of June.

## KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

### July Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

Ian Smith	0412 152213
Reg Smith	6241 3181

Malcolm Southwell 0409 170858 (Team Leader)  
Ivan Treloggen 6238 2356

### August Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

Graeme Coronel	6286 3602
Les Fearnley	6297 9376
David Foote	6292 3778 (Team Leader)
Colin Fuller	6251 1779

**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.**

### August Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

## MONEY MATTERS

June ticket sales were not as bad as previous months but are still down on budgeted figures. The mid month run producing \$957.00 while the end of month run produced \$1003.00 in ticket sales.

Final results for June were not good with a loss of \$1036.49 for the month which can be attributed to the AHRS rent being deducted this month and the increased cost of the insurance policy covering KMR and CMR. The yearly result was a profit of \$1,752.91. This is \$1,363 less than budgeted for the year.

The first of the grant monies (approx \$64,000.00) has been acquitted and a letter has been sent to ACT Tourism. Expenditure of this money includes the toilet block, containers, track steel and electronic components for signalling and control.

The Club has now received the second instalment (\$95,000.00)

Low level of ticket sales continues to be a concern. By keeping the expenses at the KMR under control has meant a favourable outcome at the end of the financial year.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee meeting held in July saw discussions mainly concentrated on the Points and Signals paper presented to the meeting by Greg Peters. The paper and its recommendations will be presented to the members for their information at the next members meeting.

## 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.**

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**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. Fees remain at \$70.00 for an Individual, \$90.00 for Family (2 Members) + \$20.00 each additional member.**

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### **Malkara 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Have you prepared anything for display at Malkara, if not now is the time to do so. Please don't leave it up to just a few of the members. After all, you are all members and this is your societies chance to show the public what we are all about so please pitch in and help - any queries give David Foote a ring on 6292 3778**

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### **Annual General Meeting**

**The 2010 AGM will be held at the ARHS Meeting Rooms, Geijera Place, Kingston on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 commencing at 8.00 PM.**

**Committee nomination form and proxy voting form have been included with this newsletter.**

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### **FOR SALE**

Half a sheet of 4mm copper  
Contact Russell Gear on 02 98747760

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### **FOR SALE**

The canteen has a TEFAL 4 L/1.2Kg Pro-Fry Clean Oil System Deep Fryer for sale. If you are interested, please contact the Canteen Ladies on the Public running days.

## **NEW SITE**

Work is progressing on the new site - we have had a bob cat on site preparing the areas for the containers, station, canteen, etc however with the recent rain this has not gone entirely to plan. Some of the fencing has been put up around the trees we have to protect and we have erected barrier tape to direct traffic on the site. The cladding for the rear of the toilet block has been purchased and stored in one of the containers. Peter Hateley has taken charge of the upgrading of the building and I am sure he will be looking for assistance from members in the near future. Plans are now in hand for the water supply and whilst this project is going to be a little bit more complex than first thought (ACT government conditions) a start should be made in the near future. Saturdays working bee got off to a slow start in the early morning fog but once members started to roll up things started to move with people clearing the rest of the trees in the driveway whilst others did some urgently needed road repairs, marking out of sites for trees in the picnic area and accurately marking out the site for the station building ready for the contractors to come in and erect the large car port that will become our main station. A big thank you to all those who turned up and worked so well, however it has been decided that in the future in the winter months anyway we will put back the starting times for the working bees to a 9.30am or 10am start



Photo's from the last working Bee.



**Working hard at the track**



**Graffiti artist busted**



**Len & Reg**



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