

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work at CMR has been progressing steadily over the last month or as John put it "in leaps and bounds".

Work during the month has been centered on the completion of the 5" abutments and the preparation of the area by Woden Contractors.

The bridge abutments for the 5" are now complete and work has commenced on the 7 1/4" abutments.

During the month Woden Contractors continued to work on the car park and access road. They also were able to perform several other tasks one of which was the spreading of the roadbase for the 7 1/4" track.



Grader working on road into block



Final pour for 5" abutments

Photos courtesy of Ian Hahn.

The tractor is still doing well. It has certainly earned its keep during the month.

Other events for the month included the fitting of the doors to the signal box. Work will now commence to the fit out of the signal box interior.



Signal box with doors fitted.

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 cooler weather is having an effect on the attendance to the monthly Member's meetings however June saw an average of 15 turn out to attend. There were two apologies received and one visitor on the night.

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

Bits and pieces for the night were provided by the following people, John Oliver with the drain cocks for his 36 class, Les Mouat with the exhaust arrangement for his loco and Geoff Ross with the rail bender he and Ian Smith have been fabricating. I would like to extend a big thanks to all those who participated in bringing along Bits and Pieces.

There was no entertainment for the month. However it is hoped that the video system will be installed and operational by the July members meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 18th July 2013

To be advertised.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

Both running days in June saw fine but cooler weather for both running days.

The mid month run had 1 parties booked for the day and the end of month run saw 3 parties booked.

Both days saw good walk in traffic however sales of all day tickets were down on the end of month run compared to other end of month runs.

The mid month running day was covered by Bunyip with the club diesels on standby while the end of month run saw Bunyip and both club diesels being used.

As always the all day rides are continuing to be popular and the \$30.00 non-refundable deposit seems to be working.

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

July 27th 2013

Greg Peters	0412 179899 (Team Leader)
Geoff Ross	6281 1785
Wayne Salisbury	62924669
Mick Richardson	6254 1996

August 24th 2013

Ian Smith	0412 152213 (Team Leader)
Reg Smith	6241 3181
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170 858
Mark White	0434 660738

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 full of rubbish as this will cause the floor to rust out.

BOILER MATTERS

There was no boiler matters reported this month.

MONEY MATTERS

We have managed to finish the year on a good note and after putting aside an additional \$4,000 for our move to Symonston, we have a surplus for the year of a little over \$500.00. In total from our subscriptions and the KMR we have set aside \$24,500 for the move, while Bob Hesse, with his bucket collection on running days, has raised \$1,768 for landscaping at the new site. Without the support of members at the two Running Days each month, we would not be able to keep the funds flowing for the new site.

The results for the year are still subject to audit confirmation. The books and account will be with the auditor by the time you read this and

their report should be ready for the AGM in August.

Don't forget that fees for 2013/14 are now due

COMMITTEE REPORT

The July committee meeting held on Monday 1st July saw 5 Committee members present. Apologies were received from Peter Hateley, Bob Hesse, Geoff Ross and David Foote.

Upcoming party bookings for July stands at 2 parties for the 14th July and 5 parties for the 28th July.

There was one application for family membership received in June. The new application went before the committee in July and was accepted. The new member is Michael Murray and son Mackenzie Murray from Gordon in the ACT. Interests are Railways, Clocks, Stationary Steam Engines, Traction engines and Workshop Machinery.

The membership is mainly for his son who has just turned 12.

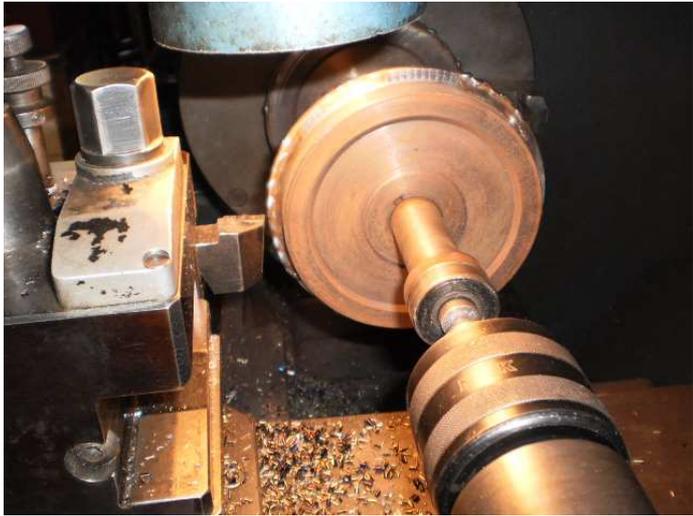
New business for the month was the confirmation of the purchase of another water tank for the Workshop which was approved by an out of session of the committee in June.

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During June work started on refurbishing Santa Fe. The bogies have been removed and the axles and wheels dropped out ready for repair and machining. During the course of removing the bogies a few problems were found and those will be fixed as well. The cab of the loco will also be extended and a door fitted to allow ease of entry.

The wheels were given to Ian Smith and Geoff Ross for repair. The flanges on the wheels needed building up and re-machining due to wear. This has now been done and the wheels are ready to be fitted back into the bogie frames.

With the modifications to the cab area underway it is hoped to have the new and improved Santa Fe soon running again.



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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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 after that.

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Malkara 3rd and 4th August

Don't forget Malkara is coming up at the beginning of August. It is now time to get out your projects completed or not or models, dust them off and enter then for the exhibition.

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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.

We will need volunteer's for the following duties over the weekend:

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The Club members and especially the guards would like to pass on their thanks to Phyl Oliver for the excellent blankets she has knitted and supplied to the club. They have become an integral part of these cold running days.

- Ticket sellers for Saturday and Sunday
- Volunteers to help with the running of the raised level track on both days.
- Volunteers to help with the manning of the indoor display on both days

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- Don't forget that exhibits will be judged and awards given for the two categories:
- Best item of rolling stock
- Best non railway model engineering

PLEASE SPARE A FEW HOURS TO HELP.

Please contact Peter Hateley for the outside display and Ian Smith and Greg Peters for the inside display

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