

The Whistle Blower

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Wednesday working bee activities

Due to cold and rainy weather over the past month things have been a bit quiet for the Wednesday work crew, however Len Tate has been hard at work repainting the raised track riding cars for the coming Malkara weekend. The rest of the crew have been keeping the site looking tidy and stoking the fire for morning tea. A big thanks to Chris Grallelis who is giving up his flexi day every second Monday to mow the grass around the site

Boilers

Inspected Les Fearnley's fire box and tube assembly

Monthly Meeting

26 members attended the June monthly meeting and following a summary from the President on the last month's activities and bits and pieces, a talk was given on the different types of lubricators used on steam engines aided by a video presentation and showing those present, several types of lubricators owned by members.

The new members draw feature that was to be introduced at the June meeting, however it was decided to start it as from the August Annual General Meeting starting with a \$40 order on Fisher Discounts and jack potting by \$10 per month until won. There are two stipulations (1) you have to be present at the meeting and (2) you have to be a financial member. 'Badge numbers' will be provided as part of the AALS membership cards which are being handed out when subscriptions are paid.

Membership

Annual membership fees (unchanged from this year) will be due from 1st July but please remember that to vote at the Annual General Meeting in August you must be financial and please - to help Kevin on the night, it would help if all subs were paid by a week prior to this meeting.

The Committee has decided to hold a 'Members only Muster' on Sunday 23rd August when members will be encouraged to bring along completed and incomplete projects. Members who have boilers which are out of ticket are encouraged to contact one of the Boiler Inspectors for a re-test - a sympathetic hearing is guaranteed

A sausage sizzle & goodies will be served for lunch.

Club running day

7 members braved the cold to run their locos and a good turn up of members attended during the day.

The afternoon's public passenger hauling saw the clubs bank account increase by \$350.00

Monthly Running Day

This running day was a bit quiet with only 3 parties booked in for the day, however everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and the takings for the day totaled \$1040.00



Activities in the steaming bay at the last club running day

Committee meeting held 02/06/09

It was moved and carried that we place a holding deposit on a toilet block to be used on the new site. This unit was too good a deal to miss. It was also decided that due to the poor response by members for a change to the club running day date that it be left at the second Sunday each month for the foreseeable future. Bills for payment totaled \$1032.00, the major items being

\$255.75 AALS Capitation Fee
\$200.00 Ilnet Domain Name
\$316.00 ACTEWAGL Electricity

Coming Events

Dates for July

Wednesday 1st working bee at track
Tuesday 7th committee meeting
Wednesday 8th working bee at track
Sunday 12th club running day and mid month running day
Tuesday 14th new site sub committee meeting
Wednesday 15th working bee at track
Thursday 16th monthly club meeting
Wednesday 22nd working bee at track
Sunday 26th public running day
Wednesday 29th working bee at track

Dates for August

August 1 & 2 Malkara Exhibition is on
Tuesday 4th committee meeting
Wednesday 5th working bee at track
Sunday 9th club running day
Tuesday 11th new site sub committee meeting
Wednesday 12th working bee at track
Wednesday 19th working bee at track
Thursday 20th Annual General Meeting
Sunday 23rd Club Muster Day
Wednesday 26th working bee at track
Sunday 30th public running day

Don't forget Malkara weekend
Don't forget muster day
Don't forget the Annual General Meeting.

Don't forget Sept 18th, 19th & 20th INVITATION RUN

New Site

A letter was sent to all members advising of the general meeting and detailing the various types of work which will have to be carried out by members, you were asked to reply to the survey by post not later than the 14th of July so far the secretary has received 28 replies so he is expecting the other replies in the next day or so, A lot of work has been done on the Development Application and progress is being achieved in negotiations toward a lease albeit small steps at a time

Mowing and cleanup Roster

Saturday July 25th

Les MOUAT	6231 5388
Tim O'CONNOR	6259 5767
Kevin OLDS	6254 7129

Saturday August 29th

Mick RICHARDSON	6254 1996
Geoffrey ROSS	6281 1785
Jonathon SHEEHY	6299 1878
Ian SMITH	6241 5563

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Members are reminded that every time they go to the KMR site they should sign the member's attendance book which is located in the canteen on top of the small freezer. Failure to sign the book makes any insurance claim, should you have an accident - null and void. The same applies if you do not inform the secretary when you transport your models to another club event and have an accident on the way.

MALKARA

Malkara is again being held on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of August and as usual help will be needed to erect the portable track and set up the display tables in the class room. This year the club is giving a trophy and a prize for the best piece of rolling stock displayed and one for the best non railway model engineering item displayed. So you have got just under 3 weeks to finish of that item for display.



Lachlan Foote towing home a dead steamer