

# 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 is still centered on the two main activities over the month. These have been the building of the bridge abutments for the 5' bridges and maximizing the use of the bobcat while we still have it.

The bridge abutments for the 5" are nearly completed and work has commenced on the two abutments for the 7 ¼" bridge.

During the month Woden Contractors arrived to build the car park and access road. The grader has been kept busy and so far the access road has been completed. Several other tasks have also been done with the steaming bay leveled, the pit for the turntable dug and sections of the 5' and 7 ¼' tracks have been leveled.



Turntable area



Steaming bay



Road into block



Crossing the watershed



5" track bed

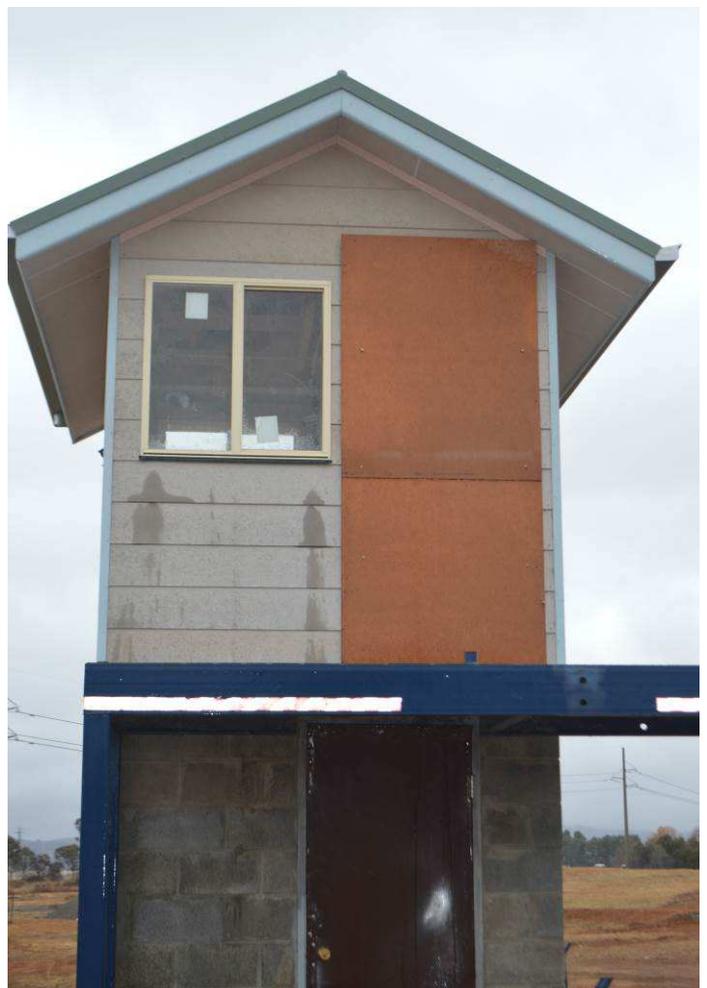


7 ¼" track bed going up the hill.

The tractor purchased by Darryl and loaned to CMR has been a godsend. Darryl has successfully swapped a bucket he had for one that fits the tractor. The tractor has been busy shifting dirt.

Other events for the month included the completion of the external cladding of the signal box. Work on the signal box is now waiting on the fitting of the doors. It is hoped that the doors will be fitted within the next week.

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



Signal Box

## MONTHLY MEETING

The cooler weather for the May Member's meeting saw the turnout for the meeting decrease somewhat.. There were 12 members who braved the cold and attended. There were 3 apologies for the night and we had one visitor.

The meeting was opened by the Vice 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, Paul Gugger and David Foote. A big thanks to all those who participated in bringing along Bits and Pieces.

The advertised entertainment for the night was a DVD on the workings of the San Francisco tram system. Finally we got to see the video as it has been advertised for the last couple of months.

The door prize was won by Peter Mottram.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Monthly meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

To be advertised.

## MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

May saw the start of the colder weather and a sign of things to come over the next couple of months. The mid month run on Mothers day saw an average turnout compared with previous years. There was one party booked for the day and the rest of the day catered for walk in traffic.

Thanks to those members who were able to assist on the day.

The end of month run was a different matter, The morning started out cold and foggy with the forecast for sunny conditions later in the day. There were 7 parties booked in for the day so everything pointed to a successful day. Unfortunately the fog did not clear until the middle of the afternoon when the sun finally made an appearance. Overall the day was still a success with Bunyip and two of the club's diesels running.

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

### June 29<sup>th</sup> 2013

Kevin Olds	6254 7129 (Team Leader)
Les Mouat	6241 5358
John Nicolson	6247 7182
Mick Richardson	6254 1996

### July 27<sup>th</sup> 2013

Greg Peters	0412 179899 (Team Leader)
Geoff Ross	6281 1785
Wayne Salisbury	62924669
Lloyd Sawyer	6254 7958

**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

Although the weather has turned colder, our two running days continue to do well. This month we had two big expenses with the purchase of char and boiler treatment. However, we

continue to track ahead of budget and should finish the year in good order and may even be able to set aside additional funds for our move to Symonston.

Looking back over the accounts, its hard to believe that it was for the 2007/08 financial year that we increased fees by \$20 per year, with that amount to be put aside for the move. In addition, we started setting aside part of the takings from our Running Days as well. Since then we have set aside a total of \$77,750 of which \$40,850 has been spent, mostly in the last two years. This is in addition to the \$250,000 grant we received from the ACT Government.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

The June committee meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May saw all Committee members present with the exception of David Foote and Geoff Ross.

Upcoming party bookings for June stand at 1 party/25 people for the 9<sup>th</sup> June and 3 parties/125 people for the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

There was one application for membership received in May. The new application went before the committee in June and was accepted. The new member is Geoff Peatling from Rosetta in Tasmania. He is interested in railways, stationary steam engines and workshop machinery. He is currently involved in building a Bunyip.

At the May committee meeting, a motion was passed by the committee to formally move the Members Running Day from the second Sunday to the first Sunday of the month.

### Marymead Fundraiser event

Further to the Marymead fundraising day held at KMR on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The club had a visit from Coral Henderson and Jeff Griffith on the end of month running day in May. The purpose of their visit was to present CSMEE with an appreciation award to show their appreciation for the day.

They have also booked the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for their next fundraiser day.



Coral Henderson presenting award to President Peter Hateley

The award can be viewed in the canteen at KMR.

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A mother was working in the kitchen, listening to her five-year-old son playing with his new electronic set in the living room.

She heard the train stop and her son saying 'All of you B\*\*\*\*\*ds who want to get off, get off now, 'cos we're in a hurry!' And all of you B\*\*\*\*\*ds who are getting on, get on now, 'cos we're going down the tracks'.

The horrified mother went in and told her son, 'We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and stay there for TWO HOURS.

When you come out, You may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language.'

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom and resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say, 'All passengers who are disembarking the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you.

We thank you for travelling with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one.

She hears the boy continue,

'For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today.'

As the mother began to smile,  
the child added .....

'For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the fat controller in the kitchen.

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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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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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

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.**

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Photos from the Marymead fundraiser.



