

The Whistle Blower

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WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE LAST MONTH

Filled in the sides of CSMEE passenger trucks in preparation for painting.
Painted fencing around the track either side of the station.
Tidied the green work container, fitting new shelving and Re-arrange the equipment.
Repairs to crossing gate sign at rear of the site.
Re-filled the char bin at Shellshear siding.
Repaired the watering facility at Shellshear siding.
Carried out further work on AN1.
General clean up of site
Repairs to the public crossing gate electrical system

BOILERS

Graeme Coronel - hydro test of stationary boiler.
Luke Roberts - approval of Blowfly boiler plans.
Les Fearnley - inspection and approval of plate work 7 1/4 loco boilers.
John Oliver - steam test and issue of certificate - NSW Class 12 boiler
Carried out hydro test on Len Tates boiler
Issued a boiler certificate to Peter Smith for his gauge one loco.

MONTHLY MEETING

Twenty-six members attended the March meeting. Lindsay Drabsch demonstrated a technique for truing up the jaws of a three-jaw chuck. Any member who missed this and would like a demo should contact Dick 62816133. The April meeting will include some very interesting bits and pieces and a couple of videos.

CLUB RUNNING DAY

Four members' locos were running. After 12 noon some 180 passengers were carried - a considerable increase on past mid month running days.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAY

The March end of month running day was as usual busy with nine parties and a large number of "off the street" visitors, the ladies in the canteen were kept busy. It is proposed to have a morning tea for all members before the start of each running day - 10 o'clock on the dot for tea and bikkies around by the canteen.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 8th April - Working bee at the KMR
Sunday 12th April - Club running day – Public running from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 15th - Working bee at the KMR
Thursday 16th April - Club meeting at the ARHS meeting rooms Kingston.

Wednesday 22nd April - Working bee at the KMR
Sunday 26th April - Public running day at the KMR commencing at 10:30am to 3:30 pm
Wednesday 6th May- Working bee at the KMR
Sunday 10th May - Club running day – Public running from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 13th May- Working bee at the KMR
Wednesday 20th May- Working bee at the KMR
Thursday 21st May Club meeting at the ARHS club rooms Kingston
Wednesday 27th May - Working bee at the KMR
Sunday 31st May - Public running day at the KMR commencing at 10:30am to 3:30 pm

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

It has been suggested by several members that the clubs-running day be changed to either the first or third weekend of the month on either a Saturday or Sunday with would be no public running please let the committee know your preference.

MONEY MATTERS

Accounts totaling \$871 were approved for payment at the March Committee meeting, including \$324 for electricity and \$289 for couplers for carriages.

Income from the two March running days was \$2337.00 and while this is a good result we will need more to cover both rents when the new block comes on line.

NEW SITE

The ACT Cabinet, on 16 March, approved of the direct sale of a lease to the CSMEE and on 20 March we met with Land Development Agency to get things rolling. This approval is simply for a direct sale rather than going to auction - we still have to negotiate for the block at Symonston. LDA agreed to obtain an indicative valuation of the lease a.s.a.p. so that we will know if the rental is likely to be within our reach. If the proposed rent is acceptable and we decide to proceed then we may have a firm offer from LDA by the end of June. In the meantime we have to obtain members' acceptance of a final design and prepare a Development Application. There is considerable work involved in the DA and we are waiting on news of the rent before preparing a final version. Members should be aware that LDA operates on a commercial basis and have to establish that the rental and the cost of making the land available present a viable proposition before they will proceed. The high cost of connecting electricity and water will be included in the cost and may force the CSMEE to consider alternative ways of providing these services

PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

We now have fridge magnets to pass out to families who have attended the KMR (especially for the first time) at

the exit interviews so that they will have something to remind them of our open days. These are not cheap and are not being used as a general handout - we have cards of the same design for this purpose.

Several members organized a display of locos at St Jude's school in Holder on the fourth Sunday of March and were able to attract considerable interest passing out cards and pamphlets.

LYNEHAM EXHIBITION

The club again mounted a display at the Model Railway Exhibition held at Lyneham and again much interest was shown by the public in our activities

SENIORS WEEK

The members held a run on the Wednesday of Senior's Week giving free rides and a sausage sizzle throughout the day. Len Tate displayed a small boiler and engine and created considerable interest. It would be good to have a display at running days to show the public that we have broad range of interests.

CLUB TOOLS & MATERIALS

Lloyd Sawyer continues to sell the clubs stock of cutters and material, these are available at club meetings or by contacting Lloyd at home - telephone 6254 7958

DONATIONS

Wild Digital - ongoing maintenance of the web site.
John Jervis - pipe suitable for uprights on the new-elevated track.

CLASSIFIEDS

Graeme Coronel (62863602) wants to acquire a small rotary table and a pressure gauge suitable for a small vertical boiler.

MOWING ROSTER

Saturday 25th April

Ward Gainey	8241 2334(team leader)
•Chris Grallelis	6231 5981
•Ryan Grallelis	6231 5981
•Paul Gugger	6281 1849

Saturday 30th May

Peter Hateley	6254 7229 (team leader)
Bob hesse	6288 2025
Mark Hogan	6231 3249
John Jervis	6281 0028

Team leaders should remind team members prior to the day

INSURANCE

Members are reminded that insurance cover for attendance at events at other clubs and activities - not part of the regular CSMEE program (including special

activities approved by the Committee) is subject to each member involved notifying the Secretary beforehand. Greg can be contacted on 0412179889 or by email at csmee@grapevine.com.au.

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposed amendments to the AALS Constitution and Code of Practice were discussed and the CSMEE's position forwarded for consideration at the Easter Convention.

On receipt of positive feedback on the new format of the Whistle Blower it was decided that a draft will be considered at each Committee meeting with the final to be sent out by the following Thursday.

The invitation run for 2009 is to be held on 19 to 21 September.

A sub-committee was appointed to investigate and advise on signals and points for the new site (Greg Peters, Kevin Olds and David Foote). The intention is to gather information about the various systems in use so that we may consider the best system available..

Arrangements for the Lyneham Exhibition were finalized.

The Committee discussed at length the question of what can be done to make members more aware of what is being achieved through Model Engineering. One of the ideas discussed was a competition to be held amongst members of their models that will be exhibited at Malkara. The next Committee meeting in April tasked the Committee to come up with some ideas. The list of KMR working bee tasks was reviewed.

STOP PRESS

It was decided at the April Committee meeting to award two trophies at the coming Malkara exhibition. One for the best item of scale railway rolling stock from G scale up to and including 71/4 scale to have been completed in the previous 12 months and one for the best Model Engineering article other than a railway theme i.e. tools, jigs, small engines, hot air engines, stationary boilers etc.



C.S.M.E.E. Display at Lyneham