

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

Work Activities

Attendance at the Wednesday Working Bee's over the last month has been good however as the work on CMR ramps up, more volunteers for the Wednesdays would be appreciated.

Work at KMR presently has been limited to the essential maintenance of equipment to maintain safe operation and to maintaining the general cleanliness of the site.

Work is also being carried out at KMR for installation at CMR. These tasks include the completion of the security screens for the toilet block and form work for the container foundations.

The pair of gates for the entrance to the block have also been completed. Fencing and light poles have been delivered to CMR.

Steel piping is being stockpiled at KMR for the raised track at CMR.

Monthly Meeting

Attendance at the April Member's meeting was down on the March meeting with 20 members turning out for the night. There were 6 apologies received and no visitors attended.

The topic for the meeting was a report from the recent convention held at Warner in Queensland at Easter. Mr Les Mouat presented the meeting with the report and followed up with a slide show from the convention.

Thanks to Les for his effort in presentation.

Bits and Pieces have been improving with each meeting with various items of interest being displayed. Thanks to all those who contributed items for display the 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.

Brendon Hill was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in April. As Brendon was not present to collect, the door prize will jackpot at the next monthly meeting.

Monthly Running Days

The mid month running day held on Sunday 17th March saw another good turnout on members and their locomotives and rolling stock. The public run was also well attended with three parties booked for the day.

The end of month running day held on Sunday 25th April started off fine with no sign of the bad weather which has haunted us for so long. There were 5 parties booked and with the sun out and shining. The morning started slow but soon picked up. Bunyip was the main train for the day with Santa Fe, AN1 and 81 being used when the need arose. The day petered off around 1400 with just a handful of people turning up. As the day clashed with Anzac Day, attendance was down on what would have been expected.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 20th May 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be a video. Topic to be advised..

MAY

Tue 4 th	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 5 th	Working bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 9 th	Club running day and afternoon public run
Tue 11 th	CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 12 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 16th	Club Muster Day
Wed 19 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 20 th	C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Wed 26 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 29th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 30 th	Public Running Day at the KMR

JUNE

Tue 1 st	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 2 nd	Working bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 8 th	CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 9 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 13 th	Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 16 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 17 th	CSME Monthly Meeting
Wed 23 rd	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 26th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 27 th	Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 30 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

BOILER MATTERS

A further inspection has taken place on Krause boiler being built by Chris Grallelis. The fire box and tube assembly have been completed and passed.

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

May Saturday 29th 2010

Ian Smith	0412 152213
Reg Smith	6241 3181
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170858 (Team Leader)
Ivan Trellogen	6238 2356

June Saturday 29th 2010

Lloyd Sawyer	6254 7958 (Team Leader)
John Cameron	6297 5062
Mike Cammell	6249 7605
Phil Cobden	6353 9557

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.

NEW SITE

Work is continuing on the CMR site in preparation to commencement of construction.

The amended landscape plan has been prepared and submitted.

Dick and John have been taking level on the block and most tracks are 1:90 to 1:120. The back straight on the 71/4 track is roughly 1:80 to 1:100. Waiting on the Engineer to sign off on the plans before construction can commence.

The insurance company has approved the use of Lexon glass in the toilet block and will cover the cost of this glass in the claim.



A working bee was held at the CMR block on Saturday 1st May. The purpose of the working bee was to install the security screens to the toilet

block, Install the double gates to the block and to clean up along the fence line and remove the thorn bushes. All work was completed and the morning gave members a chance to wander the block and see for themselves to amount of work required. The committee wished to thank all those who turned up on the day.

The Committee will be calling on members in the near future to undertake tasks associated with the new site once work gets under way. (watch this space)

MONEY MATTERS

April ticket sales were slightly down on March with the mid month run producing \$455.00 while the end of month run produced \$994.00 in ticket sales. Final results for April are still not good but overall the Club is still ahead. Low level of ticket sales continues to be a concern. By keeping the expenses at the KMR under control we should still have a favourable outcome at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee meetings held during the Months of April and May saw discussions mainly concentrated on the CMR site. Other matters included the dates for the Invitation Run being 24/25/26th September and Malkara on 7/8th August. David Foote will organise the indoor display at Malkara so all those wishing to display, please talk to David.

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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Don't forget the C.S.M.E.E. Club muster to be held on the 16th May 2010. Bring along your projects (completed or otherwise) and locomotives (completed or otherwise) and have a run either on the raised or ground level tracks. There are approximately 40 locos on the Club registry and the Committee would like to see them all.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

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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 7th/8th August
Invitation Run 24th/25th/26th September**

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