

# The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers May 2012

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## What's been Going On

### CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work has progressed steadily during the month of April. The weather still poses a problem to progress but overall during the month it has not caused too much of a problem. The main thrust for the month has been to get the workshop up to scratch.

Work on the workshop is almost complete with the kitchen in the end of the tools container almost complete. The main area of the workshop has now been fully clad and power and lighting completed. The doorway into the kitchen has been cut and a stud wall erected between the tools area and the kitchen. It is hoped that the kitchen will be up and running for the first members meeting this month.

On the down side, we have had another break-in. This time the toilet was broken into and one cistern and two bowls were removed. The security light on the toilet block was also removed.



Cistern removed



Bowl removed



Damage to door

We have received a quote for the construction of the basic road works and drainage works. The quote is very reasonable and the end result will be a very good foundation to a more permanent road when funds are available.

One of the conditions of the quote is that there will be a requirement for a working bee of club members to assist with the fine trimming around sheds and obstacles.

The club has received a donation of a street sweeper from Abletts Transport. The donation is a very generous one and is appreciated by the club.



Street sweeper

Mowing is still a problem and takes up time which can be used more productively elsewhere. So if you have some time and can come and sit on a ride-on mower, please contact John Oliver on 0406 206 113 or the Secretary on 0412 179 899 or by email if you would like to help out.

While the main thrust of the Wednesday work party is at CMR there is still work to be performed at the KMR site. Thanks to Graeme Belcher for keeping the grass mown however there are always small jobs to be done at the KMR site.

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

The April Member's meeting was going to be the first to be held in the new rooms at Symonston. However this was not to be as a storm on the Thursday afternoon soon made the site too wet to enter.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Monthly meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Meeting will be held at Symonston.

Entertainment to be advised.

### **MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS**

Both mid month and end of month running days started out fine with the promise of a great day ahead. Both days were slow to start however the day soon picked up. Also both days saw patrons stay longer than usual which is encouraging. The end of month running day saw all locomotives in use at some stage with no problems.

### **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**

#### **May Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Mick Richardson	6254 1996
Luke Roberts	62612126
Ian Smith	0412 152213 (Team Leader)
Reg Smith	6241 3181

#### **June Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Geoff Ross	6254 1996 (Team Leader)
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170858
Ivan Treloggen	6238 2356
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 your committee.**

### **BOILER MATTERS**

There have been no boiler matters reported for the month.

## MONEY MATTERS

With the Treasurer away from the 13<sup>th</sup> April until 5<sup>th</sup> June there is no money matters report for this month.

However I can report that the club had another good month with the income for the month of approximately \$3,500.00

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The April committee meeting saw the meeting held in the new workshop. Discussions centred on the good running days for March and the introduction of all day tickets for the end of month run. Party bookings for April are down on previous months but there is plenty of time for them to pick up. There is a private party booked in for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The committee approved an application for membership from Mr Patrick Kennedy from Goulburn.

A competition for members to come up with a name for the new Signal Box is now on. So put on your thinking caps because there will be a prize of two bottles of wine for the best entry.

The competition will close at the general meeting in May. Send in your entry by email ([csmee@grapevine.com.au](mailto:csmee@grapevine.com.au)), letter or come along to the Members meeting in May.

The club has received several donations which the committee would like to acknowledge.

Major donation for the month was the street sweeper from Abletts Transpost.

The committee would also like to thank all members those donations of time and equipment is much appreciated.

## **Members Play Day**

From all reports the play day at the beginning of each month remains popular. Each month see a good attendance of members and their locomotives.

## **Easter Steam spectacular**

The Easter Steam Spectacular which was due to be held at the Canberra railway station on Easter Saturday was postponed due to unseen circumstances by the ARHS, The Steam

Spectacular will be held at a date to be advertised later in the year.

In place of the Steam Spectacular, the ARHS opened the museum on the Sunday. The club was asked to provide a train to provide rides on the day. The pickup point was at Shellshear and Bob provided his train for the day. The day did not have many patrons however we did make a small amount for the day.

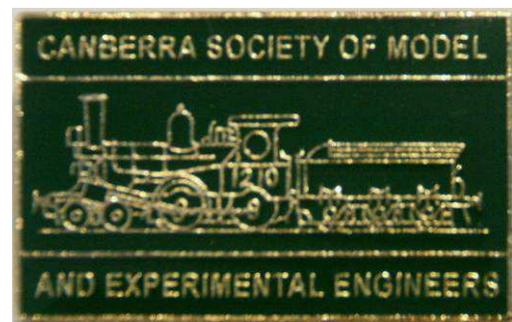
## NOTICES

**If you have photos and/or articles you would like put into the Whistleblower please send them to the secretary at the following email address [csmee@grapevine.com.au](mailto:csmee@grapevine.com.au)**

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**Don't forget Members Fun Day on the first Sunday of each month and the Mid month running day on the second 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<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 them 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 previous play days.**

