

# The Whistle Blower -

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## What's been Going On

### Report on special Pre-School run

The club held a special run for the Campbell Pre-school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The event was well attended with approximately 50 children and several adults present. Bunyip was the main locomotive used for the afternoon run with the club's diesel locomotive as a backup if required.



### Work Activities

The Wednesday work crew's time in October was again limited by the weather. Most of the Wednesdays were unsuitable for anything other than general cleanup.

Work was undertaken on the turnout at the end of the station. The problem of cars derailing when coming through from the lay-by was fixed when it was discovered that the stop for the second movable frog had broken. This was welded and the turnout was tested several times with no mishaps.

### Meetings

Members attending the monthly meeting were entertained by Luke Roberts and his talk about his overseas trip and a talk on how to install a 12v vacuum brake system. 26 members attended.

### Mid Month Running Day

Another cold and overcast Sunday however some brave souls turned up to run their locos or sit around the fire and chat. In the afternoon

things picked up with three parties braving the cold and turning up. They all seemed to have a good time until we were struck by a hail storm that put an end to the days proceedings.

### End of Month Running Day

The weather for the regular running day at the end of October turned out to be good with 10 parties booked for the day with one party cancelling at the last minute. Bunyip, Santa Fe and 81 were run during the day. Santa Fe experienced overheating problems in the afternoon and a decision was taken to not run 81 leaving Bunyip to carry the load for the rest of the afternoon. Passenger numbers again dropped off at about 13:30 with a few stragglers until 15:30.

Monthly Meeting 19 November

Featuring a talk and video on the recent Traction Engine Rally held at Jondaryan in Queensland

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Tues 3rd	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 4th	Working Bee at KMR
Sun 8th	Club and mid month running day at KMR
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	CMR Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 11th	Working Bee at KMR
Wed 18th	Working Bee at KMR
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at KMR.
Sun 29th	Public Running Day at KMR

### DECEMBER

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Working bee at KMR
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	CMR Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Working bee at KMR
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Christmas party at the KMR
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Public running day at the KMR
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at KMR
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at KMR

## KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Mark Farquhar	6292 4458
Les Fearnley	6297 9376
David Foote	6292 3778 (team leader)
Col Fuller	6251 1779

## NEW SITE REPORT

We get closer.

The toilet block has been placed on the site (see photo below) pending the commencement of a lease.



As soon as comments have been received from ACTEW and TAMS the development application can be lodged - three weeks for public comment. A draft lease, with rental, will be ready when the DA is finalized. We then have to have construction drawings approved, find a builder to take out the building permit, pay large fees and then we can start.

Several issues of OH&S have to be sorted out with the builder before we can start and each member who enters the site will have to have a 'Construction Induction Card' unless we can negotiate some form of exemption (not hopeful).

Given that we are 18 months behind in the timetable to spend the grant, it is probable that some work which we might have done ourselves will have to be done by a contract.

A brief is being prepared for the design of a scissor lift style traverser, with a maximum load of 800 kg - any comments please ?

## BOILERS

There were no boiler inspections carried out during the month.

## HELP NEEDED

Rosemary is looking for some more help in the canteen on running days if you are available male or female give Rosemary a ring on 6254 7229

The Society is still in need of a small petrol engine for the 5" red loco - about 2 -3 hp - contact Dick Whitfield if you can help.

## MONEY MATTERS

The weather for the regular running day at the end of October turned out to be good with 10 parties booked for the day with one party cancelling at the last minute. Ticket sales were up on previous running days with a total of \$1,527.80 for the day.

The toilet block was purchased and moved to the new block during the month with a major outlay for the toilet block being \$11,500.00. Other major expenditure items for the month were to Brindabella Contractors for \$744.53 and ACTEWAGL for \$265.00

## COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The meeting was a low key affair with three committee members away for this month. Reports were received on the progress of the lease for the new block and the CMR sub-committee activities. Whilst the Treasurer is away, the Treasurer's report was compiled by the Secretary. No report was received from the Signals sub-committee due to sub-committee members being absent.

The committee discussed a proposal to hold Club muster days during every month 2010 that has 5 Sundays. The proposal was agreed to and there will be a Club muster held on the following dates.

Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>

Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>

Come along and bring your projects, completed or uncompleted. There will be a sausage sizzle held at the track on the days.

**Don't forget Club and Mid month running day this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**