

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

WORK ACTIVITIES

The Wednesday work crew has been busy over the last month braving the cold and wet weather. The work crew and volunteers have been industrious at CMR where things have been progressing slowly.

At KMR the grass still needs mowing and there are always things to be done. However a big thank you to the person who has been mowing the grass at KMR.

The month saw the Malkara exhibition come and go. Thanks to all those who participated and helped make the weekend another success.

Due to the Club's commitment to the Malkara exhibition and subsequent activities at CMR it was decided to postpone the Club muster day on 15th August until the next Club muster day which is due to be held on the 17th October.

Please remember, if you have time to spare on a Wednesday or on weekends, you are more than welcome to come along and join the working group. There will always be something that you can do.

MONTHLY MEETING

The August meeting incorporates the Annual General meeting. Attendance for the meeting was 24 with 5 apologies for the night.

The meeting was opened at 20:05 with the call for apologies. This was followed by the reading and acceptance of the 2009 minutes. The President presented his report for the past year along with major achievements and a plan for 2010/2011. This was followed by the Treasurers report for the year 2009/2010. Once the formalities were dealt with, all positions were declared vacant and the procedure for electing office bearers and committee for 2010/2011 commenced.

The nominations for the election are as follows.

President	No Nomination
Vice President	Peter Hateley
Secretary	Greg Peters
Treasurer	Kevin Olds
Committee	David Foote John Oliver Ward Gainey Peter Cole Malcolm Southwell

All nominees were elected unopposed.

The Position of Public Officer was filled by Kevin Olds. The position of President was left vacant for the time being.

The Annual General meeting was closed at 21:00

The regular members meeting followed with Bits and Pieces followed by the nightly entertainment.

Graeme Coronel was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in August. Because Graeme was not present to collect, the door prize will jackpot at the next monthly meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 16th September 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be a video supplied by Peter Cole of the Model Submarine Regatta

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

Due to the Mid month Sunday and the Malkara exhibition being on the same day, the Mid month run was cancelled.

At last a sunny day with seven parties booked for the day and whilst we were a bit short on members a good day was had by all. A total of 770 rides were sold resulting in takings of \$1642.60 for the day. Rosemary and Christine spent the day in the canteen working hard and on all reports sold out of all their goodies adding to the total takings for the day.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Wed 1 st	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 7 th	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 8 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 12 th	Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 15 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 16 th	CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Sat 18 th	Mowing and cleanup prior to Invitation Run & running day
Wed 22 nd	Final Cleanup before Invitation Run
Fri 24 th	Invitation Run KMR
Sat 25 th	Invitation Run KMR
Sun 26 th	Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 29 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

OCTOBER 2010

Tue 5 th	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 6 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 10 th	Club running day and afternoon Public run
Wed 13 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 14 th	CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Sun 17 th	Club Muster Day
Wed 20 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 27 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Fri 29 th	Portable track to Malkara's 40 th . (Still to be decided)
Sat 30 th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 31 st	Public Running Day at the KMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

September Saturday 18th 2010

Ward Gainey	6241 2334 (team leader)
Chris Grallelis	6231 5981
Paul Gugger	6281 1849
Peter Hateley	6254 7229

October Saturday 30th 2010

Bob Hesse	6288 2025 (team leader)
Eric Hines	6258 0329
Mark Hogan	6231 3249
Ian Kummerow	6236 8600

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 were no boiler matters for the last month.

MONEY MATTERS

Following a successful effort at Malkara which saw just over \$4,000 raised, the weather was kind for our Running Day at the end of the month and we took \$1,642.50.

While not as high as we would like, it is better than we have had recently. Lets hope the good weather continues.

A budget has been drawn up for the new financial year and against that, it's a case of so far, so good. Expenditure at the new site continues in accordance with the plans for the site, although a recent break in leaves us with some unexpected expenses, but which can be accommodated within the funding we have put aside for work at the new site.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee meeting held in September is the first committee meeting to be held by the new Executive and Committee. The club has a new President in Peter Hateley who has accepted the position. The position of Vice President has been filled by Bob Hesse. Welcome to Bob for stepping up and volunteering.

Committee is as follows:

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Vice President	Bob Hesse
Secretary	Greg Peters
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	John Oliver
	Ward Gainey
	Peter Cole
	Malcolm Southwell

The rest of the meeting was taken up with discussions on the upcoming Invitation Run and the break in at the CMR. The meeting closed at 21:15.

MALKARA REPORT

The set up on Friday 6th went smoothly with the portable track and inside the completed by approximately 18:00. This was a sterling effort from all those who participated in the setup.

Saturday saw the morning start slowly but as the day warmed up, patronage soon picked up. There was keen interest in the inside exhibits and the raised track train rides proved again to be a winner with some 1,000 tickets sold.

Sunday saw more of the same with another 1,000 tickets sold on the day. Takings from the raised track for the two days topped \$4,000.00.

The Inside exhibits were judged by Ian Smith with the award for the best item of Non Railway Model Engineering going to Lindsay Drabsch for his Crawler Tracks.



The award for best item of Rolling stock going to Reg Smith for his Queensland Railmotor.

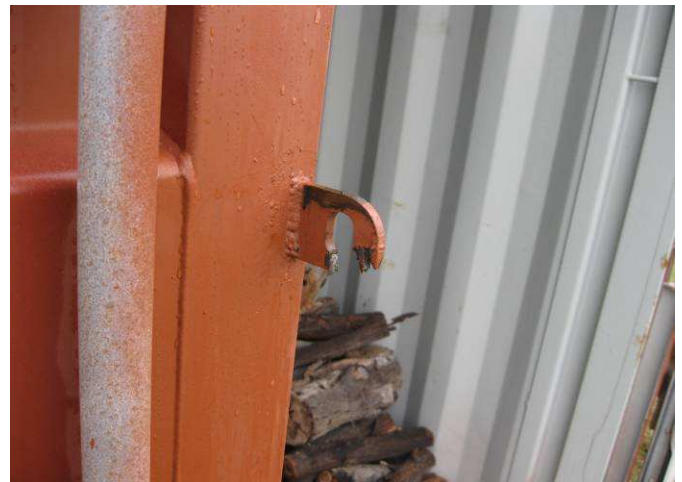


Thanks to Cliff Kirby for once again supplying his locomotive to be used on the raised track. The club locomotive Ajax was also used. Both locomotives performed admirably on both days.



CMR Break in

Unfortunately there has been another incident at CMR. This is the fourth so far and potentially the most damaging. Four containers were broken into and one set alight. This happened to be the container containing the generator. As a result the generator has been destroyed and there is damage to the container. See photo's below. The Committee has been reviewing options to prevent things like this happening in the future. If anyone has any ideas on how to combat these problems, please let us know.





INVITATION RUN

All members are reminded that the Invitation Run this year is being held in conjunction with the End of Month Running Day at the end of September.

Dates for the Invitation run:

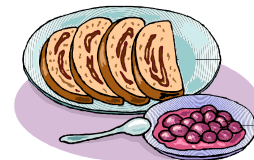
Fri 24 th	Invitation Run KMR
Sat 25 th	Invitation Run KMR
Sun 26 th	Public Running Day at the KMR

The cleanup for the Invitation Run will be held on Saturday 18th September. Please come along and give a couple of hours of your time to help with the cleanup.



Bring a plate for the Invitation Run.

The club would like to hear from those members who can provide a plate of cakes, slices or biscuits for Morning and Afternoon tea on the Saturday and Sunday of the Invitation Run.



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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Malkara 29th October

Malkara is celebrating its 40th anniversary of Friday 29th October 2010. They have approached CSMEE and have enquired whether CSMEE would operate the portable track for this event. We have not responded as yet and are seeking volunteers to set up and operate the track on the Friday night. If you can help please contact Greg Peters on 0412 179899 or Peter Hateley on 62547229 as soon as possible.