

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On 2012/2013

Well another year has passed with the Annual General meeting being held on the 15th August. The night was attended with 24 members present and apologies from 9 more.

The meeting commenced with the acceptance of the minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting. This was followed by the Presidents report on 2012/2013 and the Treasurers report for 2012/2013.

Once the formalities were dealt with, all positions were declared vacant and the procedure for electing office bearers and committee for 2012/2013 commenced.

The nominations for the election are as follows.

President	Peter Hateley
Vice President	Bob Hesse
Secretary	Greg Peters
Treasurer	Kevin Olds
Committee	Ian Smith
	David Foote
	Geoff Ross
	Vacant
	Vacant

All nominees were elected unopposed.

The Position of Public Officer was filled by Kevin Olds while the position of Safety Officer was filled by Ian Smith, Greg Peters will remain the Whistleblower editor until a volunteer is found to take it over.

We still require two volunteers to fill two committee positions so if you feel you would like to contribute to the running of the club and can give some of your time, please consider becoming a committee member by filling one of the vacant positions. If you are willing to have a go, please contact the Secretary or one of the other member of the committee.

There was one item for general business raised from the floor.

Peter Hateley moved that Ian Smith be nominated for Life Membership for recognition of all the work he has performed in the past both for the Club and for members of the Club.

Seconded by Greg Peters. The nomination was then put to a vote and carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the Annual General meeting was closed at 20:50

Presidents Report 2012/2013

Gentlemen I have pleasure in submitting my report as president on the society progress over the last 12 months.

First of all I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the members of the Society, especially the outgoing committee and the Boiler Inspectors, for their support and excellent work during the last 12 months.

Work has progressed steadily at Symonston during the past 12 months. The major achievements have been the construction two bridges for the 5" gauge track including the abutments, the grading and laying of road base for the driveway in and onto the site, initial earthworks in defining the main lines for both tracks, initial leveling of the loading bays/steaming bay area and digging out of the turntable pit. The workshop is now being used to hold committee and general meetings. Thanks to our Secretary, Greg Peters there is now considerable substantial shelving installed which will house our substantial collection of written material. The Signal Box is nearing completion which will enable installation of signaling and security equipment. Other major tasks being undertaken are the construction of the abutments for the 7¼" track and preparation of crossings to enable construction of the inner loops to commence.

The really disappointing events that have occurred over the last year are the ongoing numerous break-ins and thefts at CMR, occurrences which continue to delay progress. The effort by the committee to claim insurance

also takes considerable time and effort further delaying work.

As I commented last year, we still do not have a firm date which we will need to vacate the Kingston site. We are not destitute however we will need to be frugal and contain expenditure to continue development at Symonston.

The K.M.R over the past year has continued to operate twice a month and public patronage has continued to be strong and we had been very fortunate with very little disruptions due to bad weather.

Work and maintenance at the K.M.R. has to go on regardless of requirements at the C.M.R. site and my thanks go to the small group of willing members who continue to keep the site operating and tidy by mowing lawns, spraying weeds, doing track work, painting, cleaning, keeping our stock of locos and rolling stock operating. I would like to thank all those who attend each running day to ensure the visiting public and party attendees are well looked after to ensure their enjoyment during their visit.

We have also participated in other successful events during the year of which Malkara is by far the best for our continued financial situation. Regarding Malkara, I would like to congratulate the winners of the two categories, Chris Grallelis in the Rolling Stock (railway) category for his well-made Kraus and Geoffrey Ross who displayed a metal bender designed to bend track material in preparation for track building. This was in effect the Kraus's first serious operational outing and apart from a couple of minor technical issues ran well all weekend. I would also like to thank Luke Roberts for providing use of his Blowfly, which again gave outstanding service over the whole weekend. All these events help to inform the public of our existence and situation.

I would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to the following members who have consistently worked in the following endeavors: John Oliver and the "team" working on our new site at Symonston; Darryl Webb – for his purchase of and ongoing loan of the second tractor/frontend loader; Rosemary, Chis, Val, Rosemary Crocker, Julie and others for their great work in the canteen keeping the members and the public feed and watered and Marina for manning the ticket box. Please do

not feel ignored if you haven't been named as I know it has been a real team effort.

In closing I would make a comment that this club is here for you our members and I would encourage any member to participate in club activities and encourage the recruitment of new members which will ensure the success of our club.

Again I wish to thank you all for your support, help and encouragement over the past year and wish the incoming executive and committee members all the best for the coming 12 months

Peter Hateley
President
2012/2013

8 August 2013

What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work again was held up at CMR by the wet weather we have experienced during the month.

The continuing wet conditions prevented the completion of the 7 ¼" abutments for most of the month. The last couple of weeks in the month saw the return of drier weather. This has allowed the 7 ¼" abutments to be completed along with the vehicular crossing over the 7 ¼" track at the toilet block.

The two concrete water tanks have been installed and connected to the water supply.

Inquiries are being made with Woden Contractors to the cost of getting the grader back for a day to complete the steaming bay area and other work as required. We are still waiting on Woden Contractors to provide us with a quote for the work.

The tractor is still doing well. It has certainly earned its keep during the month.

During the month, the club received approximately 20 loads of fill, most of which has been dumped in front of the 7 ¼" containers and at each of the 7 ¼" abutments. John has started to spread the fill at the abutments so that it will have a chance to settle before track is laid.

Ivan Treloggen and John Cameron have been welding track and starting to stockpile 7 ¼" track. Once the base for the track has been prepared, these sections of track will be laid.

The signal box will have the internal cladding completed within the next few weeks.

Work at CMR will slow down over this month as there is some major work to be done at KMR to get it ready for the Invitation Run to be held on the weekend 21st – 22nd of this month.

Mowing will become a problem at both sites during the next couple of months. This is due to the weather warming up and with the recent rains, the grass will grow fairly quickly. We will need to keep on top of it so it does not become a problem.

MONTHLY MEETING

The normal monthly meeting followed the completion of the AGM.

Bits and pieces followed by refreshments took up the rest of the night with entertainment being postponed until a working video system could be set up.

Due to the fate of Fisher Discounts, a new supplier will need to be found for the items for the raffle. To date it is uncertain what will be offered at the September raffle.

I would like to extend a big thanks to all those who participated in bringing along Bits and Pieces.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 19th September 2013

Postponed video supplied by Ian Hahn.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The August mid month and end of month runs had to be postponed due to bad weather. There was 1 party booked for the day

The end of month run saw good walk in traffic however sales of all tickets were down on the end of month run compared to other end of month runs.

The end of month run saw Bunyip and both club diesels being used.

As always the all day rides are continuing to be popular and the \$30.00 non-refundable deposit seems to be working.

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

October 26th 2013

Peter Hateley	6254 7229
	Team Leader
Ian Bussell	02 6492 7293
John Cameron	6297 5062
Wally Cameron	6297 5062

November 23rd 2013

Bob Hesse	6288 2025
	Team leader
Mike Cammell	6249 7605
John Crocker	6251 2430
Michael Dickinson	6294 1217

A working bee to cleanup for the Invitation Run will be held on Saturday 15th September. Please come along and give a couple of hours of your time to help with the cleanup.

The mowing roster at KMR remains a problem with many of the available members who are able to perform the task decreasing every month. If your name appears on the roster for the clean-up at KMR, please make an effort to attend. It only takes a couple of hours and if there are enough members who participate then it is possibly once a year

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 the other members on the roster.

From now on all grass clippings, leaves, branches etc are to be placed in the box

trailer at the back gate. The trailer is to be taken to the recycling centre at the Mugga lane tip at the end of the clean-up. Under no circumstances is the trailer to be left full of rubbish as this will cause the floor to rust out.

BOILER MATTERS

There were no reported boiler matters this month.

MONEY MATTERS

The weather for the Malkara weekend was good and with a good flow of customers we took just over \$4,500 for the weekend, with \$1,200 being donated to Malkara P&C.

Our mid-month run returned a good result but the end of the month was only fair, despite the good weather we have been experiencing. Expenses for the month were largely as budgeted, although the rates for the KMR have risen by about \$600 since last year, to over \$2,700. The bill for the CMR is expected next month. Overall however, we have started the year on the right foot and are slightly ahead of budget at this point, largely due to the result from Malkara.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The first meeting of the newly formed committee was held on the 1st September. The meeting was attended by all members of the committee. The meeting was opened by the President who welcomed new members to the committee.

Discussions on the night were centered on the concerns about the Roll Over Protection for the second tractor and how the rules apply to ACT, the upcoming Spin program and the Invitation Run. New business was the approval in principle to the proposal for an alarm system at CMR, the tabling of an email concerning Working with vulnerable people and Country Link phone number. The Safety Officer raised the issue with the bogies under the Clubs cars which require repair.

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Don't forget Club running day on the first 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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If you haven't paid your 2013/2014 membership fees, please ensure that you do so immediately. Until you have you are an un-financial member of the club and as a result are not covered by club insurances.

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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. The secretary can be contacted by email at csmee@grapevine.com.au.

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Invitation Run

The annual Invitation run will be held at KMR on the weekend of the 20th, 21st and 22nd of September.

We have several interstate visitors coming this year so lets all pull together and make the weekend an enjoyable and successful one.

We will need volunteers for various things over the weekend so if you have some spare time, please let me know so I can arrange a roster.

Various tasks are as follows

Security Friday night and Saturday night
Bed making in the sleeper car.
Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings
Generally keeping the area clean and tidy.
Cooking Friday night and probably Saturday night.

Plus a myriad of other things which I cannot think of at the moment.

There will be a BBQ on the Friday night and a BBQ style dinner on the Saturday night. To this end we require numbers for catering so if you are going to attend can you please let me know by return email or at the next members meeting.

We also need volunteers to provide cakes/nibbles etc that can be used for morning & Afternoon teas of Saturday and Sunday. Anyone able to help please let me know.

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Pictures from the recent Malkara Exhibition



