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## Presidents Report



Welcome to our next issue of our Call Board, I hope you find it of interest.

Hello from Townsville, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year as I certainly did. Yes it is hot in Townsville but very bearable.

Yes the trains in Queensland are different, narrow gauge etc. Since being in Townsville I have met up with a group of model train enthusiast and have visited a couple of layouts. I will have pictures for the next call board for you all to see. One of the biggest problems here is that there are no model train shops, so you have buy everything over the internet, not the same as going to a shop.

At this stage I will be in Townsville until April but this may change, so I will have to wait and see what eventuates.

For all the latest happenings and up to date information please refer to our Web site at: [www.mmrs.org.au](http://www.mmrs.org.au)

If you have an article, picture, or item of interest for the Call Board please email it to me at [andrewjmanser@bigpond.com](mailto:andrewjmanser@bigpond.com)

Oh well that's enough from me until next time:

Keep On Steaming

Andrew Manser  
President

## What's happening?

### Safe working Names

Richard Stephens has spent considerable time reviewing the consistency with which we refer to our stations and sidings, and found that some sidings weren't named!

A meeting was held in October to discuss this, and to make recommendations to the Committee to standardize the names, allocate new names where necessary, and assign mnemonics to each location. The club bases the names of its safe working locations so far as possible on members' names, aligning with Victorian place names where relevant.

The Committee duly adopted the following names and mnemonics for our safe working locations:

Safe working location	Mnemonic
Brisbane Yard.	BBY
Allandale.	ALD
St Aubyn/St Aubyns. To be known as St Aubyns after Bill St Aubyn and to sound like the town of St Albans.	SAB
Robinvale.	RBV
Walgate.	WLG
Bank Box Loop.	BBL
Billgulla.	BLG
Glen Evans.	GEV
Halt at Walgate on branch line to be abolished following opening of dock at Walgate.	
Ice Siding. To be named Martins Ice Works Siding after Rod Martin.	MIW
Livestock Siding. To be named Boorayugga Cattle yard Siding.	BCS
Capon Coal.	CPC
Quarry Siding. To be named Gallstone Quarry Siding.	GQS
Altham.	ATM
Lakeside.	LKS
Timber siding to be named Rockville Timber Siding.	RTS
Elder Downs.	EDD
Bryanson/Bryansford to be named Bryansford, based on Fyansford, and named after David Bryans.	BRF

The timetables on the rollers at the stations, and the drivers' timetables, have been updated with the new mnemonics.

The meeting also suggested that the layout should become more "Victorianised", as it has no apparent prototypical "look" to it. The first step to do this will be to install Victorian prototype station name boards which are being sourced by Richard from one of the local model suppliers. Hopefully, we can then obtain buildings which will give the Victorian "feel" to the layout.

This does not mean that other prototypes are banished – we will still have our theme night running so that British, American, NSW and other Australian, and Mark's new Russian locos can be run!

The second step involves Richard obtaining some data from the ARHS about prototypical Victorian freight traffic in the 1960's and 70's so that a new timetable can be based on real movements. This is a little way off, but is under way. Bill Fock has kindly provided some freight wagons and passenger cars on long term loan, and this will certainly help achieve our goal. Have you noticed the excursion train lately?

### **Visitors**

We will be hosting a visit from the Signalling Record Society of Victoria on 18<sup>th</sup> February. This is a group for people with an interest in railway signalling and safe working systems. and having seen our display layout, they are coming to see how we operate our main layout.

We are also talking with Geoff Crow about hosting a visit by a Scout group – there are sure to be some prospective members here!

### **Sandown**

We will be taking the exhibition layout to the Sandown exhibition which is being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March. The clubrooms will not be open on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March as we will be setting the display up that afternoon.

David Patrick  
Secretary

## PRESERVATION SCENE

The preservation scene in NSW has received two major boosts recently, the first being the receipt of a brand new welded boiler for the country's best known steam loco, 3801, which is undergoing a major overhaul at the Chullora workshops in Sydney.

The boiler was constructed by Dampflokwerk Meiningen in Germany (who also built the boiler for the new A1 locomotive "Tornado" in the UK), and arrived in Sydney in late October 2010. It was test fitted to the frame so that measurements could be made for the numerous attachments (including the streamlining and running board brackets) which will need to be fitted. You can see what's happening – just Google "NSW RTM" and follow the links.

The second was the return to traffic of 4001, the first main line diesel loco of the NSW Railways. The loco was built by the Montreal Locomotive Works in Canada, based on the ALCO RSC-3 design, with modifications to fit the loading gauge, and entered service in 1951.

The highlight of its service was when it hauled, with 4002, the Royal Train during Queen Elizabeth II's tour in 1954. It was painted Royal Blue for this working, and it has been restored in this livery.

The 40's were all withdrawn by 1971, and 4001 was bought by the NSW Rail Transport Museum from the scrappers. In the late 70's, museum members collected 40 class parts, and found an engine block at the scrap yard at the Port Kembla steelworks. It sat in an open wagon for the next 26 years before restoration commenced.

Its first tour was to Bathurst with two other preserved Alco's, 4520 and 44211 on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010 on the RTM's members' special. It is seen here at Central before the trip.



Eureka Models are to release their 40 class models this year, and Royal Blue will be one of the liveries available (along with Green and Red).

By David Patrick

## Bill Flock's NZR Loco



Both of these images are of Bill's NZR Loco which you will find on Trainz.

# MELBOURNE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

## PROGRAMME FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL 2011

Tuesday

Friday

February 2011

1	<u>Work night</u>
8	<u>Work night Committee meeting</u>
15	<u>Timetable running</u>
22	<u>Work night</u>

February 2011

4	Timetable running	WB
11	Timetable running	MJ
18	Visit by SRSV	DP
Sat 26	Timetable running	TD

March 2011

1	<u>Work night</u>
8	<u>Work night Committee meeting</u>
15	<u>Timetable running</u>
22	<u>Work night</u>
29	Timetable running

March 2011

4	Timetable running	AM
11	Clubrooms closed	
18	Timetable running Theme New South Wales	WF
Sat 26	Timetable running	TD
		WB

April 2011

5	Work night
12	<u>Work night Committee meeting</u>
19	Timetable running Theme - British
26	<u>Clubrooms closed</u>

April 2011

1	Timetable running	WB
8	Timetable running	DP
15	Timetable 3 running Theme – Branch Line Trains	MJ
22	Clubrooms closed	AM
29	<u>Work night</u>	

NOTE: SATURDAY RUNNING DAYS: FOURTH FRIDAY'S RUNNING WILL BE ON THE SATURDAY AT 1.00PM