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The Southern Highlands express at the platform at Goulburn with 3808 about to depart, as the fireman ponders the important task of shovelling much coal from the tender into the hungry fire to maintain the steam pressure which will drive the train forward, towards its Central Station arrival appointment in Sydney, more than one hundred miles distant.

Photograph by Red Lynch Steamed Hauled Trains in Australia

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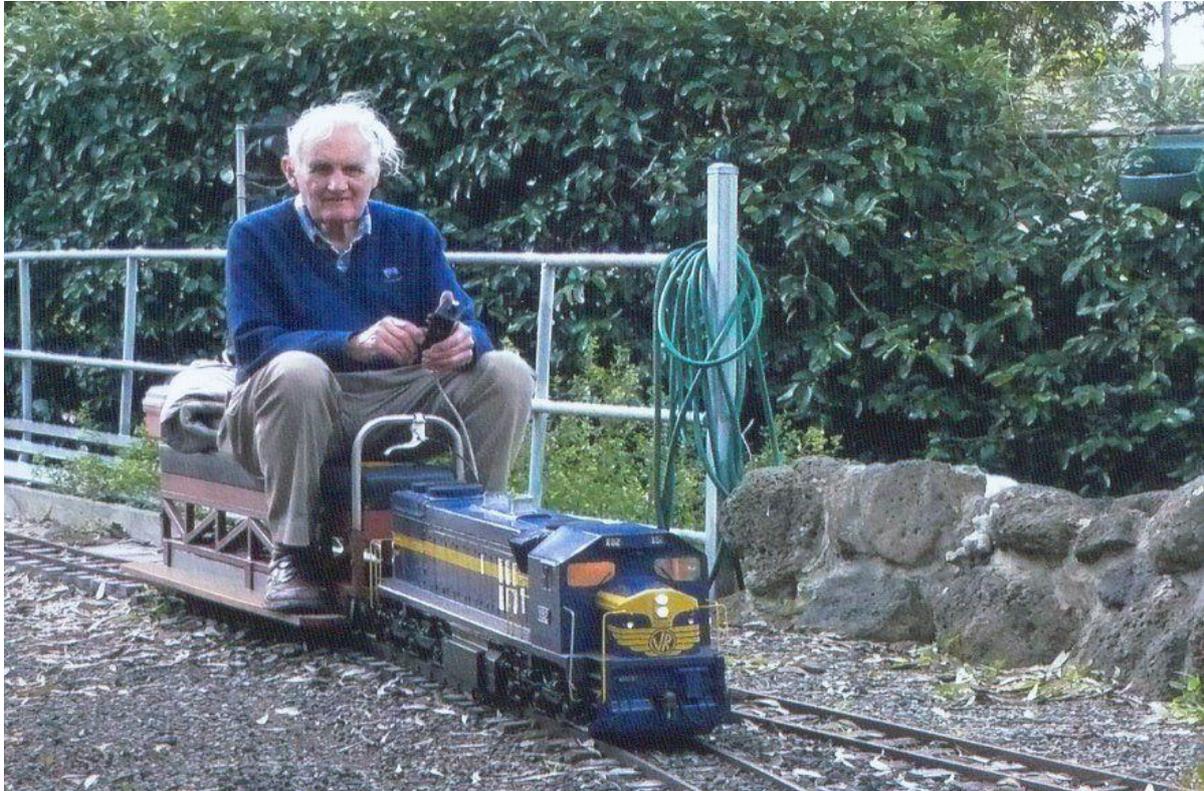
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Presidents Report



We have just had our 46th Annual General Meeting which has resulted in some new faces on the committee.

Firstly, I would like to thank the members for electing me as your president. Our past president, Andrew Manser has had to resign due to work commitments, and as he has been located in Queensland for some time, it makes it difficult for him to carry out the duties of the position. I would like to thank Andrew for the work he has done in the past, and am grateful that he has agreed to continue to produce Callboard.

We welcome Murray Hill and one of our new members, Ben Smith, to the committee, and we look forward to their contribution in the future.

Happy modeling,

Warwick Brisbane
President

What's Happening

FROM THE SECRETARY

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was held on 21st October at the AMRA club rooms, Glen Iris. Fourteen members were present, and it was good to see Ronis Digby accompanying Tony.

The main items discussed were:

Exhibition layout. It was decided to apply for Sandown in 2012, but more members are needed to man the exhibit. It is our major tool for recruiting members, and we need more than the faithful three or four of us in attendance to the three days. It is to be held on 10th to 12th March, so please set aside half a day NOW!!

Saturday running. Saturday running was commenced to give members who can't come along through the week an opportunity to run some trains on a Saturday. However, it is not working too well, as most attendees are the regular Friday night crew.

It was decided to discontinue Saturday running, and have more running nights on Tuesdays to provide an opportunity for members who can't come along on Friday to come and run some trains.

The new running nights are:

Tuesday – running on the first, third and fifth Tuesday.

Friday – all Fridays except the fifth (which remains a work-night).

Training. The draft training manual is substantially complete, and it was presented to the meeting. Members are encouraged to review the draft, and provide comments to me or any committee member.

Timetables. Timetable 4 has been developed by me to run the layout as a railway, moving goods from and to specific locations. It has been run a few times, and has been well received. Time is allowed for shunting without interruption from passenger trains, and trains are required to run on the branches, so if you haven't experienced it yet, come along!

Ken Elder Trophy. The trophy was presented to Richard Stephens in recognition of his work organising industries and safe working location names, and sourcing historical data on prototypical VR freight movements. Congratulations Richard!

Elections to the Committee. The positions up for election this year were:

Elections by normal rotation:

Secretary – David Patrick was re-elected unopposed.

Committee members –Hughie Reeves and Murray Hill were elected unopposed

Elections were also required to fill casual vacancies for the president and one committee member. Warwick explained that due to interstate work commitments, Andrew Manser had to resign the presidency. Warwick thanked Andrew for his leadership, during which time the exhibition layout was conceived and constructed.

President. One nomination was received from Warwick Brisbane, and he was declared elected unopposed for one year.

Committee member. One nomination was received from Ben Smith, and he was declared elected unopposed for one year.

Bill Fock

Warwick Brisbane paid tribute to Bill Fock who passed away in July. Bill had been a long time member, and he became electrical engineer following Allan Dowel's retirement. He had a great capacity for tracking down, diagnosing and fixing faults. He had a great memory of information he had experienced over the years. It was a great pleasure for Warwick to be Bill's friend, and a great shock when he passed so quickly.

Visitors

We hosted a visit on 18th October by members of Melb. N Track, an N scale club which is currently without clubrooms. About 12 of their members came along, and they were impressed with what they saw. Thanks to our members who came and demonstrated our expertise.

Year-end functions

Our traditional year-end dinner will be held at Sofia's on Tuesday 13th December, and our break up running night with upper will be on 20th December.

Please see the programme in this Callboard for details of these functions, and to see when the clubrooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

David Patrick
Secretary

The Real World

By David Patrick

This is a brief update on recent happenings on the 12" to the foot railway. You will be able to catch up with the locos mentioned if you spend enough time trackside!

NR CLASS LOCOMOTIVE REPAINTS

The first article of this series (in the February – April 2010 *Callboard*) discussed Pacific National's NR class locomotives. Things never remain constant with locomotives, and this is especially so when there are 119 locos in a class (NR 33 has been scrapped).

As foreshadowed in the first article, Great Southern Rail is moving ahead with revised liveries for the Indian Pacific and Ghan services, and the introduction of a new livery for The Overland. Two locos for each service should be painted by the end of the year.

The first to be done is NR18 in the new Indian Pacific livery. The dark blue of NR's 25 to 28 has been replaced by shades of yellow, much as NR's 84 and 85 were painted for the Southern Spirit services.

I was lucky to catch NR18 twice on my recent trip to Sydney for AMRA's exhibition. It is seen here at Werrington in Western Sydney with 7SA8 Indian Pacific on 1st October 2011:



Other NR happenings:

- NR's 53 to 60, which were painted for National Rail special services all now wear standard PN "Stars" livery.
- The number of locos in the original National Rail livery of Charcoal and Marigold is rapidly decreasing as the paint-shops churn out more "Stars".
- NR's 35 and 51 which were in shops for accident repairs following a derailment in January 2009 were returned to service.

Austrains will be releasing NR18 in the new livery soon.

HORSHAM CONTAINERS

QUBE Logistics (which owns POTA – P&O Trans Australia) is running a container train to Horsham five days per week using ex NSW 80 class locos 8030 and 8037, and ex Goldsworthy Mining loco GML10. The train leaves Melbourne early in the morning, and arrives back after dark.

GML10 is very similar to the Victorian N class locos. It was built in 1990 for Goldsworthy, and was sold to Comalco for use at Weipa in 1994. It was sold again in 2009 and shipped to Newcastle, where it eventually came under QUBE's ownership.

It recently received a rebuild at CFCLA's Goulburn workshops, details of which can be found in the July 2011 issue of *Motive Power* magazine.



Locomotives 8030 and GML10 with 9719V Horsham container train at Lovely Banks, Geelong, on 22nd September 2011.

Ed's Bits



If you have an article, picture, or item of interest for the Call Board please email it to me at andrewjmanser@bigpond.com or pass it onto the secretary.

For all the latest happenings and up to date information please refer to our Web site.

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Whilst travelling from Townsville to Melbourne I stopped at Toowoomba and stumbled over a railway preservation society. So I took a few shots that I hope you all enjoy.



The public entry to the DownsSteam Tourist Railway Museum.



Robey Portable Steam Engine Built in Lincoln England 1910



C16 4-8-0 Locomotive 106 Pride of Toowoomba Built 1915 Toowoomba.



Pride of Toowoomba Coal Tender

The Pride of Toowoomba is currently under restoration at DownsSteam site and is estimated to be completed by 2014. The society is made up of volunteers who have achieved an amazing amount in the short time they have been formed. They have just recently installed a turntable and are in the process of building a large shed to be used as the locomotive storage-service area and carriage shed.

For further details about DownsSteam please visit their web site or stay tuned as I will have further pictures and information in the next Callboard.

The web address for DownsSteam Tourist Railway is www.downssteam.com

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

Keep On Steaming

Ed.

MELBOURNE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011 JANUARY 2012

Tuesday

Friday

November 2011

1	Clubrooms closed
8	Work night Committee meeting
15	Timetable running
22	Work night
29	Timetable running

November 2011

4	Timetable running	MJ
11	Timetable 3.1 running Theme – Bring your own and run it	WB
18	Timetable running	HR
25	Timetable running	BS
		MH

December 2011

6	Timetable running
13	Dinner at Sofia's – Timetable running
20	Social evening – running, Xmas breakup, supper. Theme – red & green locos
27	Clubrooms closed

December 2011

2	Timetable running Theme - American	DP
9	Timetable running	MJ
16	Timetable 3 running Theme – Branch Line Trains	WB
23	Clubrooms closed	HR
30	Clubrooms closed	

January 2012

3	Timetable running
10	Work night Committee meeting
17	Timetable running Theme - British
24	Work night

January 2012

6	Timetable running Theme – 1950's Australia	BS
13	Timetable running	MH
20	Timetable running	DP
27	Timetable running Theme Victorian	MJ