



Right On Track

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This newsletter is now available as a download from our website (address above) saving the club postage and printing, most pictures are in colour. Notification is sent by email when it is available for download

Below:

Just one of the many photos that have recently been uploaded to our website www.nmri.web100.com featured is the workshop built by Barnes Constructions who specialise in both the new and very old. The photo was taken and sent in by one of those 'foamers' standing on the end of the bridge that crosses the tracks just before Rome Station



Management Committee

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**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 7th February 2006**

Warrnambool Exhibition

**14th – 15th January
Warrnambool Vic**

By the time you read this, we will be busy showing Paradigm to the Victorians and checking other layouts for possible inclusion in our exhibition in October this year.

Late Night Run

**28th January
NMRI Clubrooms**

Due to popular demand, we will be having another of these fun social nights, come along and show off your Christmas acquisitions. As usual, the night will end when the last key holder goes home.

This will also probably be your last chance to run on Paradigm before we do a major upgrade of both scenery and electronics ready for display in June and July.

Card Table Swap

**Friday 17th February
7:30am – 9:00pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Strictly one person free entry per table

Adelaide Exhibition

**11th – 13th June 2006
9:30 – 5:00 Sat / Sun 9:30 – 4:00 Monday
Greyhound Park**

I have sent in the application form, we can expect an answer later this month.

Stawell Exhibition

**?? July 2006
Stawell Vic**

We already have been invited to again be a part of this great weekend and intend to go.

Swapmeet

**30th July 2006
9:00am – 12:00pm
Reynella Neighbourhood Centre**

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$20 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$15 if paid in advance.

Maximum two people free entry per table

Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers

Our Exhibition

**7th – 8th October 2006
9.30am-5:00pm Saturday
9.30am-4:00pm Sunday
Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre
1284 South Road, Tonsley Park**

See the notice board at the clubrooms for a helpers list.

Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers

Card Table Swap

**Friday 3rd November
7:30am – 9:00pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Strictly one person free entry per table

Exhibition Update

To help those who have not experienced one of our exhibitions and to remind the old hats, here is a bit of a run down of the system we use to make our event “the best exhibition”. We divide the workforce into teams, each with a Team Leader who is responsible to ensure that there are enough helpers and supplies to get the job done. Below are the basic job descriptions.

Coordinator this is me, I send out invites to exhibitors and traders. Organise the guide, the exhibitor and complimentary passes. Help the Team Leaders to do their job efficiently and chase any problems that may arise. I rotate helpers so that everyone has a break to go smell the flowers, look at the trains, or whatever else they may need to do. I am also a general dogsbody and runabout.

Advertising Team organises banners, fliers, etc. advertising and promotion through websites, newspapers, radio, TV, shops etc.

Door Team issues Exhibitor Passes, collects entrance money / complimentary passes, counts customers through the door, hand out guides and other door give away items, explain and promote the Door Prize, Colouring Competition, Sausage Sizzle etc.

Sausage Sizzle Team cooks sausages, sells sausages and cold drinks. On Friday afternoon, we will also be selling egg and bacon sandwiches for exhibitors. Saturday morning, we will require two teams as we also do our normal sizzle at Neds.

Canteen Team sells cake, chocolates, tea and coffee, cold drinks, pies, pasties etc. Keeps the Exhibitors Lounge supplied with tea, coffee etc.

Colouring Competition Team organises outline drawings, pins to hang pictures, colour pencils, prizes etc. hands out small instant prizes, ensures that name and contact info is on the back so that we can contact the winners.

Security Team while we have not had any issues in the past we still need to keep a discrete eye on things to ensure everyone is safe and property is respected, bins are emptied and the whole venue is presentable. Only pass holders go in the Exhibitor’s Lounge.

Treasury provides floats for Door, Sausage Sizzle and Canteen, collect and count income, pays all outgoings.

Exhibitors Dinner Team sells tickets for meal, organises and orders the food to suit the number of attendees. Collects the food and serves to all. Clean up used area.

Swindle Team organises the prizes, tickets and silent auction. Sets up the area and prizes on the night, sells tickets and hands out prizes, runs silent auction. Clean up used area.

Venue Team plans the setup, organises power and cables, marks out the venue so that everyone can setup in their designated spot

Many of these teams have leaders already; sometimes one person is responsible for more than one job. If you wish to have a go then come forward and say so, the jobs are not difficult and there is a lot of experience in our group and records of what was done in previous years to fall back on, we all have one goal; a successful exhibition. Some of these teams do most of their work before the exhibition ie the Venue Team; others like the Door Team have very little to do before but lots over the opening times. I would like to stress here that the Team Leader does not have to do all the work, merely ensure that it is done.

General Helpers

This is everybody else; there is a list on the notice board, tick the boxes to show your availability and preferred jobs. The number of helpers allocated to each team at any time will vary according to demand and therefore I ask that all members are flexible and come prepared to change jobs as the need arises, this makes it easier to rotate everyone so that we all get a break. At places like the door where money changes hands, for security reasons it is better that adults handle this aspect of the job, the juniors can still help by handing out programs, counting etc. We will improve the exhibitor facilities this year by supplying morning tea and a better lunch and so make more use of the 'Roundhouse' (Exhibitor Lounge)

On the Friday afternoon we need many helpers, jobs required are

- To clear the tables and chairs from the venue
- To help with marking out the setup
- To setup BBQ and cook and sell egg and bacon sandwiches and sausage sizzles
- To unload supplies / fill fridges
- To hang power cables
- To help exhibitors and traders carry equipment and setup their displays
- Put up signs
- Whatever else crops up

Throughout the weekend, as well as those already stated there will be other jobs to do including

- Restocking the sausage sizzle
- Servicing the Exhibitors Lounge
- Cleaning tables
- Emptying rubbish bins
- Providing assistance as necessary to the paying public

On Sunday afternoon, we need many helpers for the clean up to

- Take down signs
- Pack up the BBQ
- Empty fridges
- Help exhibitors and traders carry equipment
- Take down the power cables
- Replace the tables and chairs

Last time there was a good response from members and their families, which helped us to put on an excellent exhibition. With what we have learnt over the years and your help we can do even better and move our exhibition in to the number one spot

Have Your Say

Do you have something to get off your chest? If you would like to have some input or get across a point then as long as it is related to the club / railways and not too controversial this is the place. Send a letter or email to the Editor

No input this month, everything must be hunky dory!

A couple more photos of the permanent layout that are new to the collection on the website



Above: Streetscape of Railway Terrace, which runs alongside Rome station

Below: David's Derelict, this is near the loco yard.



On the Notice Board

Attendance lists:

Exhibition – Ours at Mitsubishi
October 7th – 8th 2006

If you are interested in attending / helping, fill in the relevant details to help with the organising.

Another first for NMRI!

40% of applicants have so far successfully used our Online Application program and several others have told me they will also use it to apply. The program has gone through some minor updates to improve one or two areas that needed fine-tuning, this is an easy process over the internet.

Exhibition

There is a box at the clubrooms for donations of swindle prizes, which, thanks to the efforts of a few members already has quite a few items in it. What we are looking for is anything that can be given away as a prize, unwanted Christmas / birthday presents. These items do not have to be from yourself they could also be from businesses that might like to sponsor us; we can repay them with a mention in the exhibition guide. Come on dig in deep.

A helpers list and jobs to do chart are on the notice board so add your name to be a part of the best model railway exhibition. If you have any ideas that you would like to see incorporated now is the time to put them forward.

End of Year Social Evening

We went to Café Primo at Morphett Vale on Saturday 10th December, about 40 people, both members and their families partook of the festivities and from the smiling faces, all had a good time. The club shouted a round of drinks for all in attendance. Many photos were taken; I have copies of most and am now open to bribes to keep them out of this newsletter and off our website.

Website

I have uploaded many more photos from the archives, mostly from our 2004 exhibition, construction of Paradigm and the permanent layout, to our site www.nmri.web1000.com there are still a lot more that need titles and uploading, I will get to these shortly. There will also be some from Warrnambool soon after we get back. In the meantime, those with access to the net can reminisce.

Photos

The club has bought a digital camera this is to record our participation in exhibitions etc and so that we can get some good photos of our layouts for promotion on the net. Each time we go to an event a responsible adult member will be in charge of its use and safe return, which means that members will be allowed to use it with permission but it must be returned directly to the person in charge, this is to prevent it getting lost. Please remember this is not a toy; treat it with respect.

Vale

Sydney Horner Died on 28th December 2005
Sydney had been a member for many years and while not so active recently will be missed by the membership.

Events by Other Clubs

Port Elliot Train Show

January 2006

Friday 13th 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday 14th 9:30am – 5:00pm
Sunday 15th 9:30am – 4:00pm

Port Elliot Institute on the Strand

Info ph: 08 8555 1116 or 08 8555 2335

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