



Right On Track

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One of the new bombardier trams at Mosley Square, Glenelg

Management Committee

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Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 3rd April 2006

Swapmeet

Sunday 19th March
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Strathmont Centre, Gilles Plains
 Seller Enquiries (08) 8264 8259
 (08) 8396 2998

Entry \$2

Mount Compass Display

Sunday 9th April
10:00 – 4:00
Mount Compass Oval
 We will be doing a display with CTC for the Mount Compass School, see the noticeboard

Southern Craft Fair

Sunday 30th April
 We will be doing a display, see the noticeboard for attendance sheet.

Adelaide Exhibition

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

Ballarat Exhibition

11th – 13th June
Times to be advised
Eastwood Leisure Centre Ballarat
 Do you wish to go? Fill out the attendance form for this and Stawell on the noticeboard.

Stawell Exhibition

8th – 9th July 2006
9:00 – 6:00 Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 Sunday
SES Hall – Sloane St Stawell Vic
 Flier on the noticeboard
 We already have been invited to again be a part of this great weekend and intend to go. Fill out the attendance form for this and Ballarat on the noticeboard

Swapmeet

30th July
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
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 and more information.
 Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers

Portland Exhibition

Late October / Early November
 Portland Victoria

Cancelled

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

Rail ~~Road~~ ^ Test

The radio advertised free rides on the new tram at 9:30am on the 5th of January. We arrived at Glenelg nice and early expecting a crowd – wrong. The usual commuters boarded the old trams and eventually the Bombardier pulled up in front of the Ramada – it looked sleek and very modern next to the old “W” class. We were invited to board the Bombardier after giving a gold coin donation to the McGuinness/McDermott foundation – an excellent idea. There was no rush for a seat – only 15 donating commuters and 6 donation collectors – very disappointing.

The seating was modern with central lighting the full length of the articulated tram (3 sections), thus being around the same length as two coupled old trams. There were three double automatic doors on both sides which gave good access in and out, however the fold out ramp for prams and gophers was operated manually.

Leaving Moseley Square the tram departed smoothly but on Jetty Road, where the line has not been replaced we swayed just like the old trams. After Jetty Road we traveled faster with a not so fast acceleration. I looked into the driver's cabin and we were traveling at 60 kph with still the occasional swaying sensation. Above the driver's compartment was a display sign showing the next stop which is also accompanied by an announcement on the PA of the approaching stop.



The Number one ticket holder gets this seat (Ed)



The seats are molded with a cloth covering – no padding at all – a bit uncomfortable on the behind, but with only 25 – 30 minutes traveling time to Victoria Square it shouldn't be too bad. This was a closed tram on a training run to Victoria Square and return – so by the time we got back to Moseley Square it was a case of *numb bum*.... We hope the air-conditioning will eventually make for better commuter effort.

New platforms at the stops with low floors on the tram allow for much easier on – off access, although the validating machines in my opinion are facing the wrong way.

Generally a good ride and the regular commuters should enjoy their new Bombardiers.

David and Judith.



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

Dear Sir,

I took this photo of the area just north of Setup as it looked newsworthy, such a major rail accident could not go without a mention in your fine publication. Obviously I was the first on the scene as there were no emergency crew in attendance and the wagons had not yet sunk into the mud. I tried to render assistance to the crew but they could not be found, poor souls.

(Name withheld by request)

Thank you for you letter, this serious incident has not gone unnoticed by the Committee and an investigation is now underway.

The perpetrators have broken many rules:

- Leaving the scene of an accident.
- Dumping of hazardous materials in a waterway.
- Damage to company property.

Ed



Kids,

These wagons, while old and not of much value, are provided free for your use. They are not for abuse as it then spoils it for others, there is also the more serious issue of damage to the scenery, luckily there is not much here to damage but next time it may be something that has taken many hours to construct. Learn the lesson, use it properly and put it away when you have finished or LOSE IT

For and on behalf of NMRI Committee

For sale

7 x Bachmann Spectrum passenger cars in Union Pacific	\$30 each or \$200 for all
2 x Proto 2000 PA 1 & PB 2 in Union Pacific	\$220 or \$120 each
2 x Athearn PA's painted in Northern Pacific PA 1 & PB 2 with Lima motors	\$40 or \$25 each
Athearn passenger cars in Amtrak	\$12 each
1 x Bachmann Spectrum 4-8-2 steam locomotive in Union Pacific	\$180
1 x Bachmann Spectrum 2-8-0 steam locomotive in Union Pacific	\$180
1 x Northern Models CK class with Athearn	\$140
1 x Athearn diesel GP 40 in Conrail	\$65
1 x Athearn diesel GP 50 in Burlington Northern	\$65
1 x Dual Gauge Product CK class body with brass parts	\$60
1 x Dual Gauge Product T class Body with brass parts	\$60
Shoe box full of Lima motors & more	\$ mix prices

Phone Michael (08) 82701002

On the Notice Board

Attendance lists:

Rock and Roll night
Saturday 1st April

Display – Mount Compass
Sunday 9th April

Display – Southern Craft Fair
Sunday 30th April

Exhibition – Ballarat
June 10th – 12th

Exhibition – Stawell
July 8th – 9th

Exhibition – Ours at Mitsubishi
October 7th – 8th

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

Cut and Shut

Paradigm is going through a few scenery changes to extend and improve the rock face at the village end and the area over the tunnel. There are a few electrical and track items that also require some attention and these will receive their dues.

Working Bee

Yes, that is the working bee that I forgot to mention in this newsletter last month. The lining of the wall under the mezzanine floor is now finished off and the gutters cleaned. Thank you to all that helped and sorry for the lack of prior notice.

Card Table Swap

Another ripper of a turn out with 26 tables of railway items to trade, this is about the limit of available space in the clubrooms. There was an equal response from the public with a large crowd of buyers and right from the start it was a case of being very friendly or not getting to see what was on offer. Most traders reported good sales.

Website

I have moved this newsletter to a new server to try to help those who were having problems downloading it; you can still get to it via the website as the links now go to the new location. I believe the problem was caused by the system that the host uses. I may also try to run the site in frames (does not work on the current server) from this new location.

New prices

Due to the increased cost of all chocolate bars, they are now \$1.20 each

Special Diet Coke cans are now 70c each, only while stocks last.

Note, all other drinks are still \$1

Exhibition

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.

Replies are coming in from traders and layout owners, around 30% are via our Online Application.

Welcome

We welcome two new members this month Nathan Crossley and welcome back to another ex-member, Ian Bay.

Rock and Roll

There will be a variety night of Rock and Roll at McLaren Vale on Saturday 1st April \$10 per person BYO nibbles and drinks. Proceeds from the night will support the Bash car #37. Add your name to the list on the noticeboard to book a place if you are interested.

Movies

Terowie's Days of Rail and Screen Easter 2006 Reel to reel movie weekend celebrating Terowie's history of steam rail, Hollywood's first Australian, J.P. McGowan and the Traditional Country Picture Show
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