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Special Eight Page Exhibition Issue

Below: Kangaroo and Cockatoo Railway by Vern Cracknel won the trophy for best display as voted by peers at our exhibition.



Management Committee

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**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 4th December 2006**

Reynella Fair

**Sunday 12th November
All day**

A busy and full day of sausage sizzling, Please return your sold raffle books, if you have not sold them then please dip into your pockets and buy yourself a chance in the draw. The club makes a good cut out of these so put on your best selling face.

We also help with the road closures and the gate if we have spare people.

Xmas

**16th December
6:30 pm
Lonsdale Hotel**

See the notice board for more details.
See Judith for bookings and deposits.

Raven Products Xmas

**Friday 22nd December
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Raven factory Lonsdale**

We will be cooking egg, bacon and sausage sandwiches for thirty people so it will be a short but busy day.

Helpers list on the notice board

Card Table Swap

**Friday 16th February 2007
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
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.

Only one person entry per table.

Public entry \$2

Train Free Day

**Date & time to be advised
Old Noarlunga**

We are having a BBQ at Old Noarlunga. The club will supply some sausages, onions and sauces etc. If you want something else then bring it along. Please bring your own salads or make arrangements with others to share.

Casting Workshop

Date & time to be advised

Following on from their wonderful time at our exhibition, Adelaide Moulding & Casting Supplies have offered to come to the clubrooms and put on a 'how to workshop'

The plan is to hold this sometime early in 2007 on one of our normal meeting days. Details will be noted here and on the notice board so keep looking

June Long Weekend

**9th – 11th June 2007
9:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat & Sun
9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday
Greyhound Park**

Swapmeet

**Sunday 30th July 2007
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Reynella Neighbourhood centre**

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 entry per table.

Oh Wow!

Probably the only way to describe our weekend is as above. Two years ago we put on a great exhibition, this time it was so close to perfection that it will be hard to improve upon for 2008 but of course we will find a way. We had some last minute changes to the plan and ended with twenty one layouts and six displays, backed up by fourteen traders and six sponsors.

Six of the layouts and one display came from interstate; five of these were new to South Australia. Three of the local layouts were new to the exhibition scene, having only been finished shortly before the weekend. Two of the owners of these new layouts have stated that they are only interested in exhibiting at our exhibition, another feather in our cap. As there were more layouts and displays this time, we used more of the available space but there was still plenty of room to move about, an item noted many times on the overwhelming feedback that we are getting.



Above: Friday setup, Mollie's Crossing. John, take note of the 12" to the foot Coke cans!

On the Friday many helpers cleared the tables and chairs from the venue, hung power cables, marked out the floor, filled fridges, put up signs, helped exhibitors and traders carry equipment and setup their displays, setup the BBQ, cooked and sold egg and bacon sandwiches and sausage sizzles.

Below: Phoenix Electric with Yesterday's Air force in the background



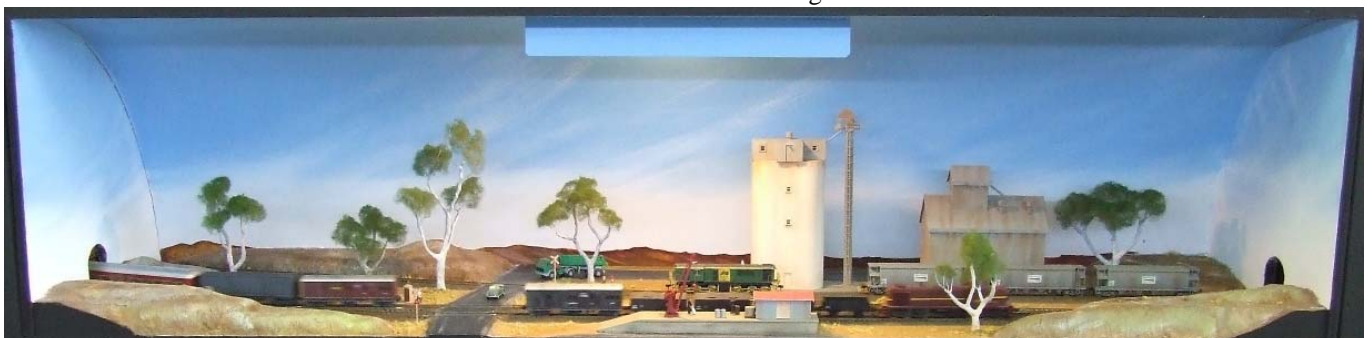
Model Mania sponsored us with a door prize of a starter set and Graham's Corner supplied a Thomas the Tank set which we raffled. Austrains supplied two NR locomotives that were sold at the swindle via the silent auction. New this time was a trophy for the best display as voted by peers, Evright Trophies and Engraving supplied this at a special sponsor price. Mitsubishi loaned us some radios and helped with some internal advertising. Wormz Design helped us with some new custom programming that was used for the online applications and at the exhibition 'Lockdown' was used for the door entry prize and public voting and feedback. There were one or two teething problems with these new programs but overall they worked very well and with a little tweaking will be a permanent part of our exhibitions. We thank them all for their support.

Below: front to back Mid-West Railroad, DECCA, Ready To Run and Graeme's Garden Railway



The entrance prices were kept the same as last time \$2 / \$5 / \$12 (Kids / Adults / Families) Sausage Sizzle and Canteen prices were also unchanged so that everyone could afford to have a good time. With constantly rising prices all around us, this was actually equivalent to a price reduction. The exhibition was promoted on local radio and television stations on their community listings. Several websites, including ours had a listing and on Railpage™ www.railpage.com.au/forums there is a posting 'Exhibition Adelaide' that with a little help from yours truly has now gone to popular status. The venue is permanently listed on Google Earth, as are our clubrooms. Extra roadside signs and an advert in the newspaper were also used to promote the event.

Below: A scene from Partington





Above: Needs no explanation! Below: Winners queuing for prizes at the swindle.



Our Saturday meal and swindle was a huge success with plenty of prizes and a continuous flow of winners. As part of the proceedings Vern Cracknel was awarded a trophy for 'Best Layout' as voted by peers.



For those that do not have internet access here is an unsolicited revue that appeared soon after the weekend on Railpage™

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I am a long time thread watcher but had not signed up with RP until now. I have been involved with exhibitions in Sydney but found myself in Adelaide on business this week and over the weekend I decided that while I was here I might as well check this NMRI exhibition out. It was beyond excellent! If you were in Adelaide and did not go, then you really missed something!

I cannot recall an exhibition with more smiling faces, from club staff, exhibitors, traders and punters not a single frown or tired face in the venue. The venue was top shelf, most layouts did not even need their own lighting, plenty of space to move, yet the place seemed packed.

I went to the Adelaide exhibition a few years ago that was toward the middle of the year, you have certainly improved on everything you had there!

All the pricing was very 1970's 2/5/12 entry being almost unheard of especially for a show of this size. The whole day, including entry and lunch cost me under \$15, and it would have been less but I got a little greedy with the scones and cream, coffee and sausages! Exhibitions seem to suffer from over priced, poor quality food with little variety. No \$3.50 cups of chips here... Only tasty sausages with or without onion \$1.50, pies, pasties, sausage rolls \$2, scones, lamingtons, cake and drink cans \$1.

Are you lads sure that you do not want to hold another exhibition next year? There are a few people around who need to get dragged along to see how things need to be done. I fear that if we have to wait two years for them to learn it might be too late.

There are many more photographs on our website and also at <http://eastwood-modeltrains.fotopic.net/>
Thanks to all the helpers, we could not have done it without you. **I can't wait for 2008**

Paradigm Update

One of the latest changes to Paradigm; we are upgrading the harbour area. A new seabed and retaining wall have been installed, in the photo the pier is set up to check for alignment and to cut the supports. Being conscious of the water restrictions in SA we are waiting for a permit from the council to fill the area.



Open Day

We held an open day in conjunction with the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre with a slide show and a couple of members at the Centre to entice the public over to the clubrooms. There was a very positive response and we even gained a new member from the day. Thank you to all that participated.



Above: Some of the visitors at our open day. *Below:* Peter Lynch had his live steam running.



Helper's List

In an attempt to keep everything fair there will now be a roster system for helping at swapmeets. I will post a list on the notice board soon, tick the boxes as appropriate and then all will take it in turn to help.

Note that helpers are expected to do just that, HELP; it is not a free ticket to get the bargains before the public enters.

Open Day

We had an open day at the clubrooms run in conjunction with the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre with lots of trains running and some scratch building to show the public what the world of model railways has to offer and maybe impress some potential new members.

AGM

Our AGM was on Saturday 4th November 2:30 pm at the clubrooms.

The members must be happy with the direction of the club as the only nominations were for the current Committee members so all positions were declared filled without the need for a vote.

Reynella Fair

Sunday November 12th will be a busy and full day of sausage sizzling; we expect to sell over 80 kilos so it is a good fundraiser for your club. We usually help with the parade and the gate if there are enough helpers.

Social Day

We are having a BBQ at Old Noarlunga, date to be announced. The club will supply some sausages, onions, sauces etc. If you want something else then bring it along. Please bring your own salads or arrange with others to share.

The idea is to have a day without anything to do with trains so that the better half can join in and enjoy it.

Let Peter Lynch know your thoughts so that we can get this organized.

New Members

Welcome to two new junior members this month, Dominic Berry and Samuel Wallage. These were both winners in the colouring competition at our exhibition and have claimed their prize. As both Samuel's father and brother were also interested in joining up, we converted his, at a small cost, to a family membership.

Also, welcome to Melugn Jones who joined after visiting us on our open day.

Internet Access

As mentioned at the AGM those who wish may bring along their dial-up internet access setup details and we will load them on the club computer to provide this service to all members. Note that club business will always take precedence over casual use.

Clean Up

John has been busy making a tool board and hanging all the tools, please put them back after your use... or risk the wrath of John! Any person caught leaving a mess will win the job of cleaning up.

While we are having a bitch-session please do not put your train boxes on the layouts as it damages the scenery. John has made trolleys to hold your boxes safely off the floor, please use them.

Strathalbyn Exhibition

Andrew is investigating the possibility of running another small exhibition in Strathalbyn probably 28th - 29th October 2007.

Wanted

Someone out there to write articles, comments, ideas, reviews etc. for inclusion in this newsletter. I am sure that I am not the only one that can do this and it would be nice to have a different point of view for a change. While it would be easier if things were submitted electronically, I do not mind typing out a hand written article.