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Ron and Frosty construction skills on display

NMRI - Current Committee and Portfolios – 1st December 2014

NMRI COMMITTEE	
Alan Roberts	President
	Swapmeets & Exhibition
	New Portable Layout
Frank Crossley	Vice – President
Denis Woolard	Secretary
	Property
Judith Morley	Treasurer
Peter Lynch	Almoner
	First Aid
David Morley	Membership
	Security
Peter Saunders	Library
Jeff Kohler	Committee Member

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Vic Tilling

Geoff Doecke

DIARY DATES.....THINGS HAPPENING

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Closed Christmas Day
Open all other normal times.

Although not official an extended running on New Year's Eve is on the cards

SWAP MEET

Friday 7:30pm, 24th April, at Uniting Church Hall, 28 Hillier Road, Morphett Vale

REMINDERS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

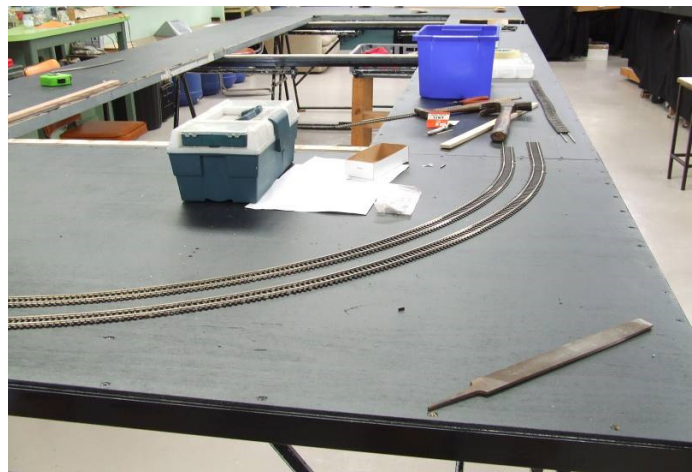
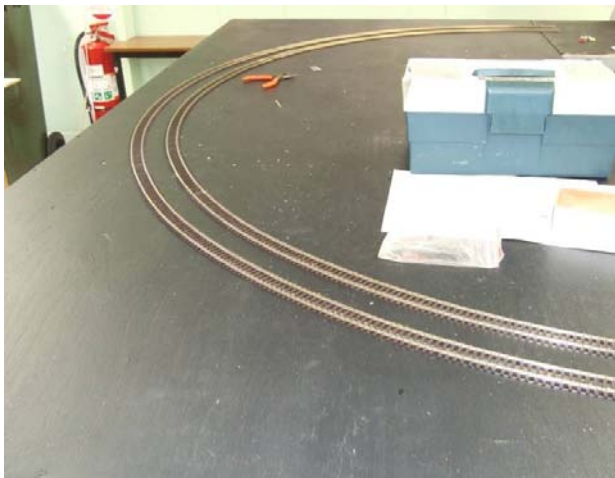
Sizzlers are reminded that our Sizzle is definitely zoned as **METRO AREA**. Therefore we don't give it a miss on a hot day unless there is a **Total Ban**, or a **Partial Ban** which includes the Metro Area.

We need more volunteers for our Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle. See Alan Roberts if you can offer some help.

LAYOUT REPORTS

John and Aaron have been very busy little cherubs on the main layout. The streets leading to Rome are now controlled by traffic lights, as are the pedestrian walks which also have lights. So J-walk at your peril.

We see the progress on the new portable layout from basic board to painted and now some track laid.





THE CUTLER CHRONICLES -Part 2

The second train ride

Our second train ride in Spain was at Rio Tinto. First we visited the museum and went through part of the original mine village. We were shown a model of where the mine was, how the mine villages developed, even down to a number of 'English' houses still preserved today, and then to look at a number of the older pieces of rolling stock kept inside.

The original mine began in one small area, but as the ore lodes ran out more and more mines were developed throughout the valley. Villages were shut down and moved to new locations and the railway extended to cope with moving ore from its source to the main centre.



The original railway was built in 1875 and was 300 km long. It was open until 1968 and at its peak there were 3000 trucks and over 40 passenger carriages. The line which runs today is just 22 km long. It winds through a scenic landscape, varying from re-grown forests to the lunar landscape left behind by mining and pollution of the rivers.

The carriages we traveled in were designed to take mine workers from Huelva to work in the mines and they are certainly not luxurious. Wooden seats and slatted floors make the trip very noisy. The route passes many deserted cottages and pieces of mining equipment, including the washing sheds, storage tanks and derelict locos.

The river bed itself is now frequently reddish brown and with traces of sulphurous yellow. Although the plants have struggled to survive in some places there has been a reforestation effort to clean the polluted landscape, and some of the cost of the tickets for the tourist train go towards this effort. It is also possible to walk into one of the mine shafts and see how the miners worked until only relatively recently.



2014 EXHIBITION

The October long weekend often brings inclement weather, but this year the gods were very kind to us.

On Saturday the crowds were good, the displays excellent, and the traders reported very good turnover. Sunday was quieter, probably due in part to a number of other competing events being held elsewhere over that same weekend.

The layouts were great, with two dioramas being crowd favorites.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 6th December at the Southern Districts club was a lively night, good food, lively atmosphere, and good company.

We all had a great time, although I did notice at times the lack of NMRI members on the dance floor. Bones getting a little brittle for dancing fella's?



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Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

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