

# Mortdale Matters

March 2010



**Australian Model Railway Association  
New South Wales Branch Inc. News**



# Around the Clubrooms

On the Cover: 1434 powers through Panania on East Hills Line with a freight in January 2010.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli

On the back Cover: An abstract photo of SSR T363 and T381 on a work train at Padstow in late 2009.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



LEFT - Two steam engines having a rest on AMRA's N scale Layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



RIGHT - 8222 having a rest on AMRA's HO scale layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



ABOVE - Auscision models B65 and SSR B61 with an empty ballast train awaiting departure from the branch to the main line on AMRA's HO scale layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli

BELOW: B.N.S.F G4 waiting in siding near new (unnamed as yet) town on new inner 'O' Gauge.

PHOTO BY Arthur Hall



# Welcome to the March 2010 Mortdale Matters

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I am the new editor of this publication and I am very excited to be the editor and put this together. There is a number of events occurring in the next couple of months such as the members auction in March and the 24 hour run in April. The Australian Model Railway Association NSW branch 2010 open weekend which will be occurring this year in May. This allows more work as well as time to get the news out. Tell your friends and family about the open weekend and ask them along, this will be a great weekend where different trains of all types will be seen. Hope to see you there.

Happy Modelling

*Mark Dalli*

Mortdale Matters Editor



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You can subscribe to *Mortdale Matters* by contacting our publicity officer, Philip Lee. Philip can be contacted either in person or by seeing a Duty Officer at the clubrooms, or by e-mail: [pjlee@iinet.net.au](mailto:pjlee@iinet.net.au). The preferred method of distribution for *Mortdale Matters* is via email. The file size for *Mortdale Matters* is usually around 2 to 3Mb. *Mortdale Matters* is also available via post or care of the clubrooms for those without a suitable internet connection. There is also a limited number of copies at the clubrooms for those not on our mailing list. *Mortdale Matters* is also available to download on our website: [www.amransw.asn.au](http://www.amransw.asn.au)

## Submitting to Mortdale Matters

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, its easy for something to slip through the cracks. If you've got any news that you'd like to submit to *Mortdale Matters* please leave a copy of your submission in the Secretary's pigeonhole in the office.

*Mortdale Matters* especially needs photos. Prototype photos will also be included with each issue but the focus will always be on Branch activities and events. Any prototype will be considered. Photos can be emailed to me at the above address or you can leave a disk or CD in the Journal pigeonhole in the office. Image size does not need to be larger than 1024 x 768.

I must emphasise that ALL submissions must be original material, i.e. photos that you've taken yourself or articles that you've written yourself.

Material is published in *Mortdale Matters* at the committee's discretion.

The deadline for submitting material for the March 2010 is 15th April 2010.

# N Scale Layout Report

## N Scale Layout Report

All Peco Point motors have now been replaced by tortoise motors in Watson's Flat, one has been replaced in Coopers Creek with another three motors to be replaced. The old computer cupboard under Watson's Flat has been dismantled to give better access to the underside of the layout to allow for easier point motor installation, this area needs to be painted. We are looking at purchasing more Tortoise point motors for the layout to replace Peco motors as they fail, etc. The groin at the right hand end of the multi-span bridge has been constructed and some fisherman figures have been purchased to add to the scene.

*David Bennett*

N Scale Layout Coordinator



LEFT: Two Weston Pacific locos with a grain train on AMRA's N scale layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli

RIGHT: A steam train is at rest on AMRA's N scale layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli





# 0 Scale Layout Report

It's been some time since anything has been said about the 'O' Gauge. So over the next several issues, we'll endeavour to inform the Club members of the goings on in the 'O' Gauge. "THE PREMIER GAUGE".

Neil and Lance have been working hard on the scenery detail around Pageton and the inside track, while Gordon has been busy installing signalling, with the assistance of Arthur & Colin. Colin is also working with Neil on buildings and roadwork.

Also thanks to the many hours of work by Bruce setting up our tool and spare parts cabinets, with a comprehensive location listing. Bruce built some new cabinets for us and then painted them all in 'Simpson Sand' to match the other painting work around the layout.

Don Stone has been absent and unable to attend the Club in recent times. I decided to ask Norm Davies to become part of the 'O' Gauge sub-committee, which he agreed to, as Norm is always involved in running the main outer 'O' Gauge and makes sure everything there is functioning satisfactory. He reports any problems to the appropriate person.

Many thanks to all the 'O' Gauge operators, all the more the merrier. More news and pictures to come.

*Maurie*

'O' Gauge xxxxx

RIGHT: New signalling installation by Gordon Wallace at the South Yard. N.Y.C GP9 and B.N.S.P ES44AC with U.P DASH 8 Freighters waiting orders, on the new 'O' Gauge.

PHOTO BY Arthur Hall.

PHOTO Scanned and cropped BY Mark Dalli



LEFT: 'O' Gauge scene of Pageton, showing new construction with church and mountain in background.

PHOTO BY Arthur Hall.

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# PIZZA DISCUSSIONS™

## (HO FIXED LAYOUT STONEY CREEK)

### 11/03/2010

### 3527 hours of operation

What a great time for Stoney Creek over the last few months. A lot of the hard work over the last few years is starting to pay off with interest. Up to now Stoney creek has been a layout that we have run trains on and a lot of back ground work has gone on for the long term success of the layout. We have pulled in many many cables and made as many terminations.

#### **Now the pay off!!!**

There is a network of cables that are waiting to be connected up to their systems, NOW I'm talking permanent systems for operator control. Even though operator control is some time off yet many parts of the layout will start to come on line in their "operator control" modes.

Make NO mistake there will be some reduction of operation as the engineering team fine-tunes the system, but hopefully this will be short lived.

The work on Deawy is progressing well. Graham has made the Dewey relay panel a prime example of what will come. On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 a small group brought roads 1 – 4 in the down yard on line for use on the open weekend. By the time this goes to print the up yard and turn back will have the same treatment.



A goods train travelling along in Fayenton on the up loop

PHOTO: Glenn Percival





A work train sitting in one of the 4 temporary roads in De-awy

PHOTO: Mark Dalli

Fayenton: - platform #1 has been brought into operation.

CTC Fayenton branch: - The time is NOW to get in a learn how to operate this prototype panel. The operation of this panel is the basic of how Stoney Creek WILL operate in the future. Easy to learn and fun to operate is what I'm hearing, get in and have a go, ask Graham to show you.

Many projects are running in parallel. Come and talk to me or other members of the layout committee if you want to know more.

*Denis Gilmore*

Stoney Creek layout supervisor



3298 at Read stations on AMRA's HO layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



ABOVE: 4305 is the first loco to run in the 4 temporary set up roads in Deawy yard on AMRA's Stoney Creek layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



ABOVE: A NSWGR goods train approaches the Fayenton Up Loop signal, on AMRA's Stoney Creek layout.

PHOTO: Glenn Percival



ABOVE: NR32 in Pacific National livery with a light loco at Deawy Junction with a clear run on to Down Main, on AMRA's Stoney Creek layout.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



# AMRA NSW Branch Inc. PROGRAMME - March to May 2010

## MARCH

Wed	3rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	5th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		10am until 10pm
Sat	6th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	7th	<b>Thirlmere Festival of Steam – AMRA "U"- Drive Layout</b>		<b>9:30am to 5pm</b>
Wed	10th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	12th	<b>Feature Night – TBA...</b> if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	13th	Layout Operation & <b>Monthly Forum</b> (see Notes)		10am until late
		<b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter</b>		- 2pm
Wed	17th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	19th	Layout Operation – <b>Electric Traction</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	20th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes) – (SCLM)		10am until late
Sun	21st	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	24th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	26th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	27th	<b>Members Auction</b>	Lodgements until midday, Viewing strictly 12-1pm,	<b>Hammer 1pm.</b>
Wed	31st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm

## APRIL

Fri	2nd	<b>CLOSED</b> – Good Friday		<b>Closed</b>
Sat	3rd	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Mon	5th	<b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see notes)		10am until 5pm
Wed	7th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	9th	Layout Operation / <b>24 Hour Running</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7pm until ...
Sat	10th	Layout Operation / <b>24 Hour Running</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> – cont from Friday night (see Notes)		
		<b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter</b>	Breakfast available	until late Saturday
				- 2pm
Wed	14th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	16th	Layout Operation – <b>Australian Diesel</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	17th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	18th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	21st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	23rd	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	24th	Pre-Open Weekend – Working Bee	No Facility Fee	10am until late
Mon	26th	<b>ANZAC Day - Public Holiday</b> Layout Operation (see Notes)		<b>12noon</b> until 7pm
Wed	28th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	30th	Open Day – Preparation	No Facility Fee	7:30pm until 10pm

## MAY

Sat	1st	* * <b>OPEN WEEKEND</b> * *		10am until 4pm, visitor entry by gold coin donation
Sun	2nd	* * <b>OPEN WEEKEND</b> * *		10am until 4pm, visitor entry by gold coin donation
Wed	5th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	7th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		10am until 10pm
Sat	8th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
		<b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter</b>		- 2pm
Wed	12th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	14th	<b>Feature Night – by Rod Fussell</b>		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	15th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> plus <b>Monthly Forum</b> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	16th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	19th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	21st	Layout Operation – <b>European</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	22nd	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	26th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	28th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	29th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late

## NOTES

WORK NIGHTS: every Monday night, please check with the appropriate layout supervisor, 7:30pm until 10pm, No Facility Fee

LAYOUT OPERATION: O and N Gauges operational, HO (fixed) as permitted during construction

STRUCTURED RUNNING: Sequenced or timetabled operation as organised for each layout

GENERAL ACTIVITIES: the facilities may be used as permitted e.g. layout construction, some running, modelling, library, etc

Members Facility Fee unless otherwise indicated: Adults \$5, Juniors/Seniors (70+) \$3.

Guests are welcome unless otherwise indicated

This program may be subject to change without notice where necessary. Updated programmes available from the Clubrooms, or from [www.amransw.asn.au](http://www.amransw.asn.au)

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## A detailed model of a steam locomotive pulling several passenger cars across a metal truss bridge. The locomotive is dark with a red stripe. The bridge has a complex lattice of steel beams. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green hills and a blue sky.



*Sat 1st & Sun 2nd May 2010 -- 10am until 4pm  
visitor entry by gold coin donation*



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## Raffle Layout Report

*David Bennett*

## Raffle Layout Coordinator

## Mortdale Building Report

*David Bennett*

## Mortdale Building Manager



# 12 Inch to the Foot Scale



RTM's 3642 and 42211 work the last passenger train from Thirlmere to Central for the 2010 Thirlmere festival of steam at Panania.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



NR25 and DL38 on the Indian Pacific. This service was diverted through the Southern Highlands due to track work on the Blue Mountains line, photo taken at Panania station.

PHOTO: Mark Dalli



