

Mortdale



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Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc. News

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From the editors: Hello and welcome to the September 2011 edition of Mortdale Matters.

As always our clubrooms have been overly busy, with work on the O scale Exhibition layout, HO and N scale layouts, the Raffle layout, improvements and general work around the club, the AMRA NSW Open Day and not to mention the 49th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition (Australia's premier model railway exhibition).

First, the O scale exhibition layout will not be attending the Sydney Model Railway Exhibition due to lack of space and the layout's progress. The layout is coming along well, wiring is almost complete and a trial on scenery has begun. The layout is being tested and modifications are being made to trackwork.

The AMRA NSW Open Day is fast approaching; there has been a significant amount of work since the last Open Day such as the N scale extension and layout over all, O scale exhibition layout, HO scale operations, and clubroom technology. This event is a great day to showcase our association. So start telling your friends and family about this event. The Open Day will be held on Sunday the 23rd of October 2011.

The 49th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition is almost here; a big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time for the event. If you haven't already volunteered you still can! Just send in your application form ASAP to the clubrooms or via email to Steve Edwards at rosterclerk@amransw.asn.au. As a volunteer you will receive: free admission to the exhibition over the three days, a catered lunch when you roster on for at least 6 hours on that day, free tea and coffee during rostered breaks and a splendid opportunity to help your club and promote railway modelling at large. This year's Exhibition has over 70 layouts and trade stands. There will be some new layouts, including Sydney Model Railway Society's "Mungo Scott's" Layout.

We need to spread the news to all; friends, family and anyone who might be interested or wants a day out. You can also put up exhibition pamphlets on your local notice board. Just ask the duty officer at the clubrooms for some pamphlets.

The Open Modelling Competition is on during the Exhibition, and the Branch encourages everyone to submit a piece of work in the competition. There are some great prizes to be won with \$100 pool in each category. Application forms are available from the clubrooms. We hope to set eyes on your work! See page 12.

Hope to see you around the clubrooms and at the Exhibition.

Keep safe and happy modelling

Mark Dalli and Thomas Durber

AMRA NSW Mortdale Matters editors

On the cover: A Canadian National RDC-4 on the N scale layout branch line.

PHOTO by David Lane

On the back cover: CountryLink's XPT (2010) and Railmotor Society's 721/621 Railmotor travel side by side through Mindaribba (North coast line) during the 2011 Maitland Steam Festival.

PHOTO by Geoff Lanham

Submitting to Mortdale Matters

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, it's easy for something to slip through the cracks. *Mortdale Matters* especially needs photos! Prototype photos will also be included with each issue but the main focus will always be on Branch activities and events. Any prototype photos or information will be considered. If you have a photo send it in, even if you don't think it will be published in the next issue just try, you'll be surprised. Just leave a disk/CD in the Journal pigeonhole in the office or send me an email at mdalli.mmatters@gmail.com with the photo and a brief description of the photo. The 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 have written yourself.

Material is published in *Mortdale Matters* at the committee's discretion. The deadline for submitting material for the November 2011 issue is strictly 10th October 2011.

Subscribing to Mortdale Matters

Mortdale Matters is an e - newsletter. That simply means that it is electronic news. To subscribe to this e-newsletter please send an email to our publicity officer Phil pjlee@iinet.net.au to let him know that you would like this sent to you. The file is sent via email and is around 2 - 3 MB and anyone can get this sent to them. A reminder that *Mortdale Matters* is not put up on the internet until sometime after email copies go out. If you do not have capable internet or email you can pick up a hard copy at the clubrooms. If you cannot pick up a copy at the clubrooms, or do not have email, contact Philip Lee to have *Mortdale Matters* posted to you.

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Around the Clubrooms



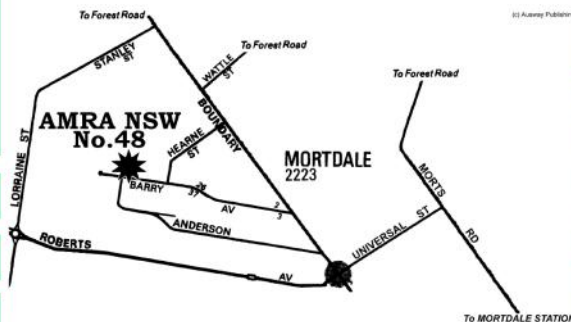
5712, a member of the NSWGR D57 class, stands on the O scale layout
PHOTO by Graham Tindale

Open Day



Australian Model Railway Association - NSW Branch

- 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale -
- Sunday 23rd of October 2011 -
- 10am until 4pm -
- visitor entry by gold coin donation -



N Scale (1:160) - HO Scale (1:87) - O Scale (1:43)
"U-Drive" HO Layout - Sausage sizzle - Retail Outlets

For more information please call (02)9153-5901 or visit www.amransw.asn.au

AMRA NSW Branch Inc. PROGRAMME SEP/NOV 2011

SEPTEMBER

Fri	2nd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	3rd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	4th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	7th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	9th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	10th	Layout Operation (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	14th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	16th	Layout Operation – United Kingdom / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	17th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</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	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	24th	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		10am until late
Wed	28th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	30th	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	Pre-registered Lunch	from 8am until late

OCTOBER

Sat	1st	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
		Awards - afterward from approx		6pm until late
Sun	2nd	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
Mon	3rd	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 4pm
		Pack up and return to clubroom after		4pm until finish
Wed	5th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	7th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	8th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	12th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	14th	Feature Night – <u>Slide Show by Glenn Percival...</u> if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	15th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		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 – Australian Diesel / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	22nd	Open Day – Preparation / <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	23rd	* * OPEN DAY * *	<u>10am until 4pm, visitor entry by gold coin donation</u>	
Wed	26th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	28th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	29th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late

NOVEMBER

Wed	2nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	4th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	5th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	9th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	11th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	12th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	16th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	18th	Layout Operation – American Diesel / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	19th	General Activities (see Notes) & Monthly Forum	No Facility Fee	10am until late
		BRANCH AGM (members only)		2pm
Sun	20th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	23rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	25th	FEDERAL AGM (members only)	No Facility Fee	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	26th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 6pm
		Branch Christmas Function at Clubrooms	Register at clubrooms required	6pm until late
Wed	30th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm

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 \$6, 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

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N Scale Layout

The first of the new local controllers will soon be installed on the Leafton control panel. Neil Watson and Richard Sinton have made some repairs to the remote controllers. Kevin Higginson has been busy making trees and Ash Garrard is continuing with the revamp of the track plan in the Dine-On area. Work will soon start on the new control panel for this area to replace the existing one. The computer has been repaired and placed back in service after a hard disk failure.

David Bennett

N Scale Layout Coordinator



The new section for the N scale layout now has track laid as well as a backdrop put in place. This is now in full operation.



Another new addition for the N scale layout with a still in progress timber shed. Scenery work has also been a work in progress.



Wow, how real does this look! All the work is paying off; this section is located off the branch line on the N scale layout.

BNSF's 5942 stands on the N scale layout



ALL PHOTOS ON PAGE 6 AND 7 BY MARK DALLI

THE AUSTRALIAN MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION



NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH INCORPORATED. Y0830338 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Incorporated Y0830338 will be held at the NSW Branch Clubrooms, 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale on Saturday 19th November 2011 commencing at 2 pm.

Business to be undertaken:

- Receive Apologies
- Confirm Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting
- Receive Reports from the Branch Committee of Management including to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2011.
- Election of Officers of the Committee of Management.
- Any General Business

Geoff Lanham

Secretary

AMRA NSW Branch Inc

Australian Model Railway Association (NSW) Inc presents

The 49th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition

October Long Weekend

Photo by M Wilcockson



1ST, 2ND & 3RD OCTOBER 2011

SAT & SUN 9AM - 5PM MON 9AM - 4PM

WHITLAM LEISURE CENTRE
MEMORIAL AVENUE, LIVERPOOL

Adults	\$ 12.00	Seniors	\$ 9.00
Children	\$ 6.00	Family	\$ 30.00
Multiday Pass	\$ 24.00	(2 Adults & 2 Children)	

- More than 70 layouts and trade stands
- Parking by gold coin donation to Liverpool SES
- Layouts in N, HO, O & G scales and narrow gauge
- Rides on Thomas the Tank Engine



Exhibition Details at:

www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com
or exhibamransw@optusnet.com.au

H0 Scale Layout

5427 hours of operation

Signals

The first batch of signals is on its way to Stoney Creek. Many will say it's been a long time coming and they may well be right, but up to this point we had no way of operating them in the correct manner. At the last layout committee meeting we worked out a way of connecting the signals to the existing signal connection boards. Sounds a long way around, but the signals have been constructed in a different way to that original intended.

Cabling

I'm sure there will be many more cables to be run but as far as the main running line is concerned, 95% of the cables have been run.



Rod Fussell's NSWGR 38 class stops at Read platform 2 to unload passengers.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli

Deawy

The wiring for Deawy entry/exit for this yard continued on the last work day. As we know this part of the layout operation will not be used for some time to come but it's vital that these functions are completed and tested so we have another tick in the box of work that we don't have to come back to.

Another 3 tracks have been brought into operation at Deawy as well as a controller to allow limited marshalling of trains, over the 7 holding sidings.

Read

As reported previously, there was some debate over what to do about a turn back at Read.

Answer. Platform 5 will be moved back toward the wall by one running line and a new centre track will go in between the now 4 and 5 platforms. This will allow passenger trains to be turned back at Read and also give an overtaking option.

Fayenton Branch

Work has started to allow trains to run between Sutton and Fayenton (platform 4-5) using the "black" controller. This will allow trains to be run on the entire length of the light branch on the one controller as well trains being able to use the "white" controller.

Just think how busy the branch (s) can be as 4 trains can be moving.....

1. coming off the up main
2. going onto the down main
3. "black" controller operation
4. "white" controller operation

Denis Gilmore

Stoney Creek Layout Coordinator

Mortdale Building Report

Bruce Harris has installed the new metal shelving in the strongroom and modified the shelving under the rear stairs. Bruce has also moved some of the library overflow into the store room. Two new power points have been installed by Mic Wade in the exhibition room to allow the removal of an extension lead hanging out of the ceiling.

David Bennett

Mortdale Building Manager

Raffle Layout

All timber work has been completed with the plywood installed. The track has been laid, the brick walls to the cutting have had brick paper applied and the layout has been painted with Simpson Sand. Wiring of the layout has begun and point motor installation is proceeding.

David Bennett

Raffle Layout Coordinator

Electrical work is taking place on the raffle layout by David Bennet.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



The 49th SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION



1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2011

Whitlam Leisure Centre,
Memorial Avenue, Woodward Park, Liverpool.

**The
Australian Model Railway Association
NSW Branch Inc.**

invites entries in our

OPEN MODELLING COMPETITION

Six categories each with a \$100 prize pool
School Students Encouragement Award
AMRA President's Cup for Best of Show

Entries close onsite, 6pm Friday 30th September

To request an application kit:
PO Box 277, Mortdale NSW 2223
visit www.amransw.asn.au
or ring (02)9153-5901 and leave a message

12 inch to the foot scale (The Real Thing)



PN's NR30 leads 3PS6 through north Tallong during 2009. NR30 was the last NR class to wear the indigenous paint scheme.

PHOTO by Mitch Morgan



Powerhouse's 3265 and RTM's 2705 finish running around their train at Buxton, photo taken at the 2011 Thirlmere festival of steam.

PHOTO by Thomas Durber



Geoff Lanham

Photo of the issue goes to Geoff Lanham