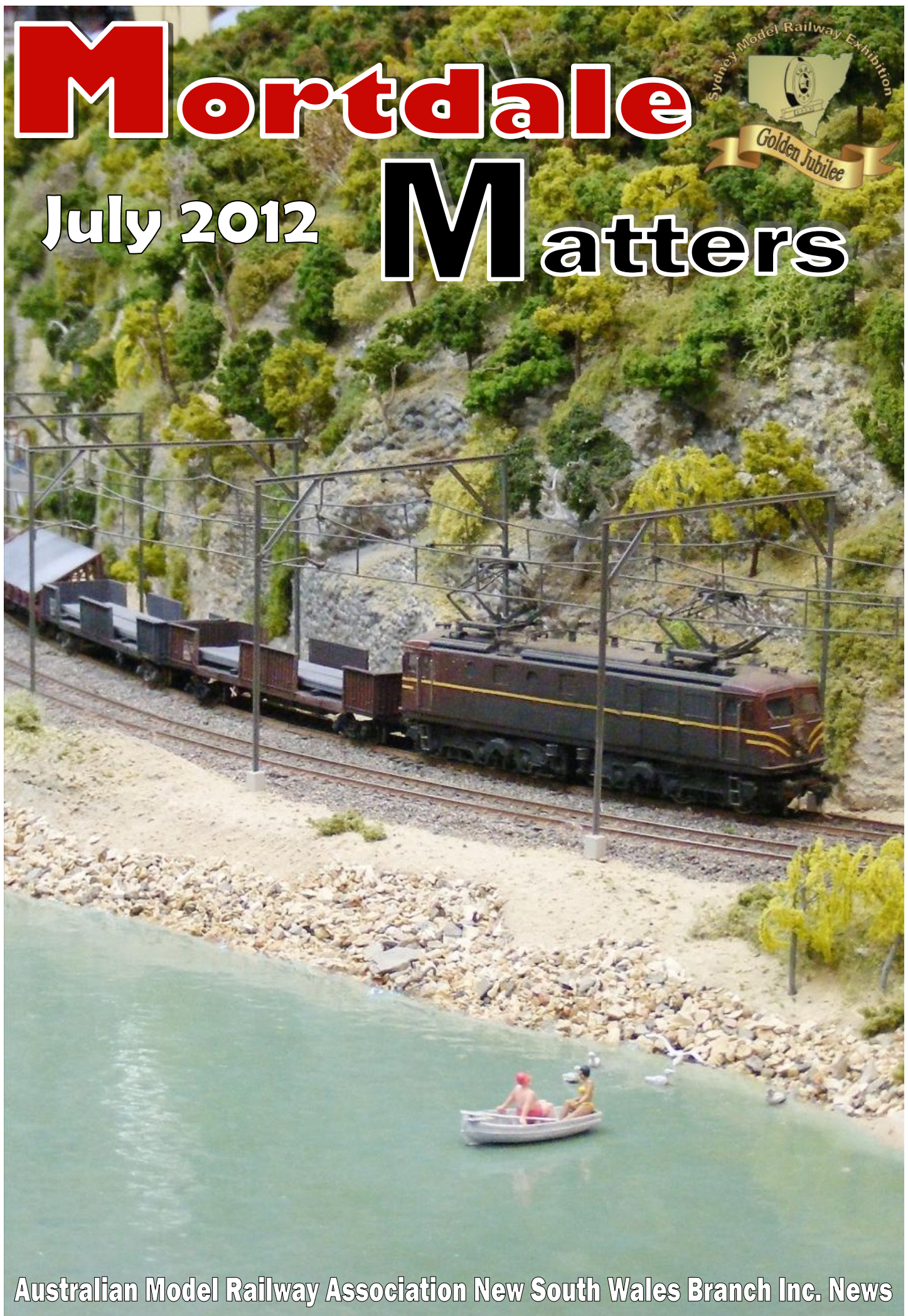


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From the editor: Welcome to the July 2012 edition of Mortdale Matters.

As said in the last edition "It's only a matter of time until our 50th Anniversary Exhibition strikes us". We still have a huge amount of work to be done before the exhibition, one of them that has been stressed in the past MMatters is spreading the news about the exhibition, the more people that know about it the greater the success the days will be. Let your family, friends even "Facebook" friends know about the exhibition including date, time and location. We now have a "Facebook" page which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/SydneyModelRailwayExhibition>, hit LIKE to be kept informed of any new news.

More on the Exhibition, we will be selling 50th Anniversary Sydney Model Railway Exhibition wagons both in HO and O scales. There will be 500 Austrains fuel tankers been produced, that are especially numbered and certificated and 50 O scale wagons that are also especially numbered and certificated will also be produced by Dave Allan

This year we hope to bring a whopping 90+ layouts and trade stands to the exhibition.

That's all of this edition, till next time.

Keep safe and happy modelling

Mark Dalli

AMRA NSW Mortdale Matters editor

Cover: A NSWGR 46 class pulls a mixed freight through Geoff Small's layout "Mullet Creek".

PHOTO by (Curacy) John Thoroughgood

Back cover: 3M32 ARTC ballast at Matong Grain silos on the Junee to Hay branch.

PHOTO by Mitchell Morgan



A "U-Boat" (single deck interurban) passes workers constructing a house on Epping Model Railway Club's Layout "Brunswick Park".

PHOTO by
Maikha Ly

The deadline for submitting material for the September issue is strictly 15th August 2012

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! The main focus will always be on Branch activities and events, however 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.

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 at 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 2.5 - 3.5 MB and anyone can get this sent to them. A reminder also that *Mortdale Matters* is not put up on the internet until some time 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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50th Anniversary Sydney Model Railway Exhibition

2012 October Long Weekend



**SAT 29 TH & SUN 30 TH SEPTEMBER 9AM–5PM
MON 1ST OCTOBER 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 layouts and trade stands than ever before
- Parking by gold coin donation to Lions Club Liverpool
- Thomas the Tank Engine rides available
- FREE buses from Liverpool Station

Proudly presented by the Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch Inc:
www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com

AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme Juy/Sep 2012

JULY

Wed	4th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	6th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	7th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	8th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	11th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	13th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	14th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Sun	15th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day - Layout Construction</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Wed	18th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	20th	Layout Operation – European / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	21st	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	25th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	27th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	28th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late

AUGUST

Wed	1st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	4th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	8th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	10th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	11th	Layout Operation (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Sun	12th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	15th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	17th	Layout Operation – Australian Steam / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	18th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
Sun	19th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Wed	22nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	24th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	25th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	26th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	29th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	31st	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat	1st	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
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
Sun	9th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	12th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	14th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	15th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
Sun	16th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day - Layout Construction</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Fri	21st	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	22nd	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		10am until late
Sun	23rd	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Fri	28th	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	from 8am until late
Sat	29th	SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 5pm
		Awards - afterward from approx		6pm until late
Sun	30th	SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 5pm

OCTOBER

Mon	1st	SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 4pm
		Pack up and return to clubroom after		4pm until finish

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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In and Out of the Clubrooms...



One of NSW's Bicentennial locomotives - 8040 sits on the HO layout.
PHOTO by Mark Dalli



"Waterfall" by Illawarra Model Railway Association at the 48th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition.
PHOTO by Mark Dalli

"Tin Soldier"

ARTHUR.

Many of you have asked about where our tin soldier came from. All is revealed in the article below. The article has been reproduced in laminated form and now appears on Arthur's waist.

The photo (below) shows him standing next to club member Robin Yates, who was responsible for his creation.

When you have a chance, slip along and say g'day. Arthur loves meeting people and wants to get to know as many club members as possible. It can get a bit lonely standing around in the exhibition layout room with only a library and a couple of layouts to keep you company.



Hi; I'm Arthur. I am modelled to depict a military man on the First Fleet which sailed into Sydney harbour in 1788. My name was borrowed from Arthur Phillip, the first Governor of New South Wales. I am about 20 years old (circa 1990). I was made of fibreglass by Robin Yates, an AMRA member (no.7539) and stood guard over his extensive museum collection of "Britain" model soldiers (20,000 pieces) for many years; he never lost one so I must have done a good job.

Some of you older ones may recall that my brothers were to be seen outside of Sydney model shops last century, i.e. "Fantastic Hobbies" in Angel Arcade and "The Tin Soldier" in York Street.

On being retired from my museum position, I was repainted from my original red jacket, white pants, to look more like a train guard. I was given my flag and the AMRA initials on my hat and presented to AMRA by Robin. What a fine looking chap I am now.

My first duty there was to invite the public into an Open Day in April 2012. I think I am going to like my new vocation. I am particularly friendly to the young train enthusiasts.

I am very proud that my maker - Robin - was also responsible for the 14 hand high White Horses you see outside of Watty's stores. Many of these were made. They were modelled on a pony named "Chester", who himself has been immortalised by a taxidermist and can be seen at a store in Blacktown.

It's been lovely chatting with you. Hope to see you around.

Bruce Harris, May 2012.
Image by Bruce Harris

O Scale Layout



New additions to the O scale layout.
PHOTOS by Mark Dalli

Mortdale Building Report

Thanks to Richard Sinton and Alan Cross, all of the LED tubes have now been installed along with the seven LED downlights so we can now apply for the Government grant to pay for half of the cost of the installation. This should give us a saving of about \$ 1200.00 per annum on our electricity bills, so they should pay for themselves in less than four years.

David Bennett
Mortdale Building Manager

N Scale Layout

The replacement program for the Cobalt point motors to Tortoise point motors in the Leefton area is complete. Kevin Higginson is working on the landform scenery in the Leefton area with a brick road overbridge having been built and the hills are being plastered and coloured. Ash Garrard is busy painting the side of the rails a rust colour before ballasting can continue.

David Bennett

N Scale Layout Coordinator



Works taking place on the N scale extension.



A US "Western Maryland" loco sits on the N scale layout.

PHOTOS by Mark Dalli

H0 Scale Layout

6555 hours of operation

Read Through Road

Track work on the East junction end is complete. Some points have been installed on the other end of READ and the main line tracks are in the process of being slewed to a new alignment. Some wiring has been done to control the through track.

CCTV

All of the installed CCTV cameras are working well now, but there have been a few camera failures and the last of our spare cameras have been used. A replacement camera is being trialled and there is still one more camera to install at Sutton.

DEAWY

Down local panel for DEAWY has left the offsite workshop and has been installed at DEAWY. Work has commenced to connect this panel to the layout.

Art work is on display for DEAWY Up local panel, have a look and see if there is anything that has been missed.

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An Australian National EL class stops at DEAWY with an Intermodal freight.
PHOTO by Mark Dalli

Control Centre

The through road has been added to READ 4B and 5B tiles, and an extra 3 position switch installed for the control of the through road. Point indication is planned but has not started yet.

Control Centre Operations

Don't be scared to ask and receive training in what I consider to be THE most interesting non train running positions on Stoney Creek.

SIGNALS

The signal at the bottom of the Fayenton Branch has been replaced with the correct signal for that location. This signal is a 3 over 3 with a little yellow below (3/3/y). The main signal will take the train onto the main line and the little yellow will allow the train to run to the catch points and on to READ.

SCENERY

Alan Cross is heading up the scenery group for Stoney Creek. The first and most notable task this group is taking on is the painting of the base board with a base colour, it is amazing how much better the layout looks without the bare boards look.

HOURS OF OPERATION

On the 21st of May 2007 an "hour run" meter was installed on Stoney Creek. On the 21st of May 2012 the reading was 6464. That is 3.54 hours of operation per day (every day of the year) up just 0.04 hours from last year (2.4 min) this doesn't sound like much (876min) but its 14.61 hours of running.

Denis Gilmore

HO Layout coordinator

Open Day



Australian Model Railway Association - NSW Branch

N Scale - HO Scale - O Scale - BBQ - Retail Outlets - "U-Drive" layout

- 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale -
- **Saturday 20th October 2012** -
- 10am until 4pm -
- Visitor entry by gold coin donation -



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

More from the Exhibition...



A NSWGR 97 class runs along "Eskbank" by David Low. "Eskbank" is based in the area of Lithgow NSW at the western foot of the Blue Mountains.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



The never produced NSWGR 37 class sits on Epping Model Railway Club's layout "Brisbane Water."

PHOTO by Mark Dalli

More from the Exhibition...



A 43 class stops at the station on the New South Wales N Scale Group's layout - "South Creek" based on Sydney outer-western suburb of St Marys.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



NR84 pulls the Southern Spirit through Geoff Small's layout "Mullet Creek" located near Hawkesbury River.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



**An abstract view taken from a "Red Rattler" at "Trainworks" - Thirlmere.
PHOTO by Mark Dalli**

1:1 Scale - The Real Thing



Centennial Coal's new locomotive run by SSR, the CEY class, power up at Thirroul with LS01 empty coal to Lithgow.

PHOTO by Thomas Durber



A mixed bag of 48s at Parkes NSW.

PHOTO by Mitchell Morgan

Photo of the issue goes to Mitchell Morgan

Mitchell Morgan

