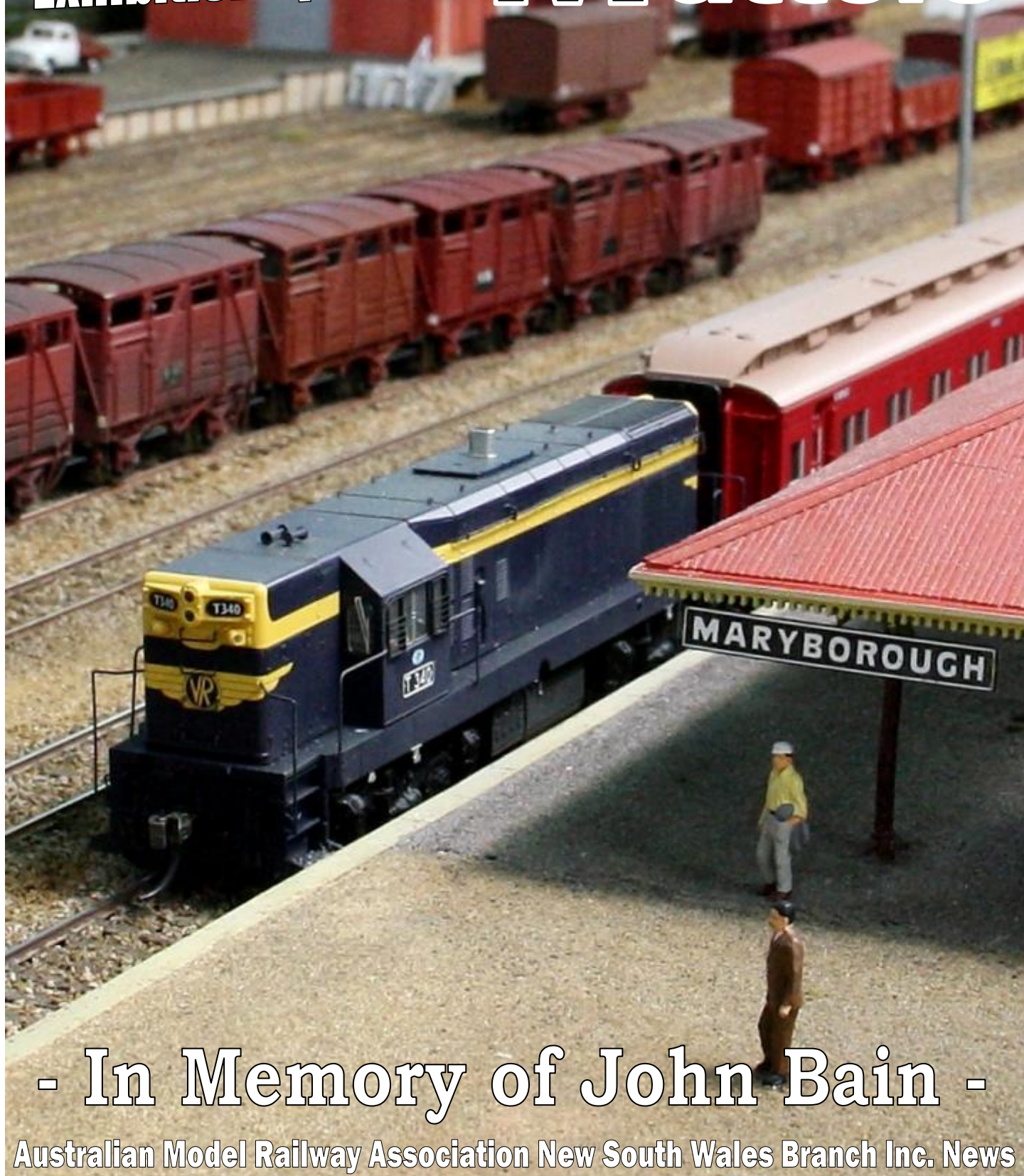


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November 2012
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- In Memory of John Bain -

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November 2012 Editorial



From the editor: Welcome to the 2012 November - Exhibition Special edition of *Mortdale Matters*.

It's not the best way to start an issue, but as you may of heard John Bain passed away unexpectedly in September. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends. John you will be missed by all. See page 6 and 7 for memorial article.

Moving on - Golden Jubilee Exhibition 2012. Wow it was the largest exhibition I have ever seen!!! It was of a very high standard and turned out to be a great show. The hard work by all the committee especially Alan Cross, and the members of AMRA NSW, paid off. We were pleased with our attendance this year and hope it will improve in years to come. For the "Exhibition Honour Roll", volunteer photos and exhibit photos see page 10 and pages 12-15.

The Open Day held on the 27th of October was quite a success with over 300 people in the door, we could not be much happier than that. Read page 11 for more news from the day. Thanks to all AMRA NSW members for helping out on this day and thanks to the committee for organising the event.

Finally as this is the last issue of the year, I would like to thank all our readers for your support, all of the committee for their assistance gathering information and their support; I would especially like to thank all of the contributors who have submitted photographs and articles this year. A special thanks to Barry and Marilyn Wilcockson and Glenn Percival for their assistance proofing *Mortdale Matters*.

Looking forward the branch Christmas party later this year!

Hope you enjoy this Exhibition Special edition of *Mortdale Matters*.

Keep safe and happy modelling

Mark Dalli

AMRA NSW Mortdale Matters editor

Cover: The very well designed Victorian Railways era diorama exhibition display, "Maryborough" on display at the 50th anniversary exhibition 2012.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



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 1mb.

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 January 2013 issue is strictly 20th December 2012

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AMRA NSW Branch Programme - Nov 2012/Jan 2013

NOVEMBER

Fri	2nd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	3rd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	7th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	9th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	10th	Layout Operation (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Sun	11th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Pre-paid	10am until 4pm
Wed	14th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	16th	FEDERAL AGM (Members Only)	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	17th	General Activities (see Notes)	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until late
		BRANCH AGM (Members Only)		2pm
Sun	18th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Wed	21st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	23rd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	24th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	25th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	28th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	30th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm

DECEMBER

Sat	1st	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until 6pm
		Branch Christmas Function at Clubrooms	Pre-register at clubrooms required	6pm 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)		10am until 4pm
Wed	12th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	14th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		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</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	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	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	23rd	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	26th	Public Holiday – Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	28th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	29th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late

JANUARY - 2013

Tue	1st	Public Holiday – Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
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	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	12th	Layout Operation (see Notes) & Monthly Forum		10am until late
Sun	13th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	16th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	18th	Layout Operation – American / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	19th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	20th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day (No Facility Fee)</i> - plus Hornby Collector Group visit		10am until finished
Wed	23rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	25th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	26th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	27th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Mon	28th	Public Holiday – Layout Operation (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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1995 - 2012 - Duty Officer Honour Roll

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Bain	John	Moar	Ross
Bennett	David	Mulligan	Ernest
Bowles	Keith	Murphy	Kevin
Brown	Alex	Percival	Glenn
Cross	Alan	Percival	James
Edwards	Steven	Poole	Bob
Fleck	Keith	Rofe	Leon
Flynn	Terry	Saint	Graham
Fussell	Rodney	Shade	Graeme
Gale	Lisa	Sinton	Richard
George	Damien	Stell	Fred
George	Danny	Stell	Ross
Gerrard	Ashley	Thompson	Bruce
Gilmore	Ben	Tonks	Alan
Gilmore	Denis	Tyson	Brian
Green	Barry	Wade	Mic
Harris	Bruce	Wallace	Gordon
Hennessy	Chris	Wambeek	Ralph
Huckstepp	Shaun	Whale	Bill
Kelly	Phil	Wilcockson	Barry
Lane	David	Wilcockson	Marilyn
Lanham	Geoff	Winston	Chris
Lee	Philip	Zimmermann	Michael
Lyons	Nathan	Zubrickas	John
Macleod	Ian		

Vale - John "Bainy" Bain

It is with great distress that I write this with the untimely passing of my friend John Bain who passed away on the morning of Sunday the 16th of September 2012. John was a very active member of AMRA NSW Branch and could be seen at the clubrooms either helping out or running his HO scale trains. I have known John since he joined AMRA in the early 90's and have considered him a mate ever since. Nothing was too hard for him to do nor did he shy away from assisting in any way he could to anyone. There is no better example than to see him volunteering his time at the NSW branch exhibitions. I don't think he ever missed one, always helping mainly the ladies auxiliary in the kitchen, but would help out pretty much everywhere. I also had the privilege of seeing John constantly at the XPT maintenance centre at Tempe, where he worked in the store room.

Similar to AMRA, he was liked by everyone at XPT centre and always helped out where he could. I always called into his office to see him to have a chat, where we talked mainly about model railways and him coming for a cab ride in the XPT down to Junee with me one day. Unfortunately he never had the opportunity.

He spoke about how he could have been an electric train driver in his younger years and would have been an XPT driver by now. But because of his eye colour deficiency this never came to fruition. That said he always mentioned that he could always find his way into the cab of an XPT due to the amount of drivers he knew at Countrylink. Mainly the Sydney Countrylink drivers but some in outer depots also. It's a testament to the type of person John was. He was always smiling and if he wasn't smiling he would be laughing to a joke we just shared or something we both found amusing in whatever it was we were chatting about. I will miss our catch ups at the XPT depot and at the AMRA clubrooms. He loved his night work so he could take his mum to various medical appointments during the day. Just goes to show John's commitment to everyone. I think deep down we were all considered his extended family, it's the way he came across. I always liked to make models for him and he took great pride in showing off my weathering efforts down at the clubrooms. I will miss making models for John, he enjoyed this great hobby so much.

For those of you who both knew and didn't know John, never take anything for granted. You never know when or where our loved ones and friends will be taken from us. With John it was so sudden and completely unexpected. I always said to John when saying goodbye at work, "alright mate have a good rest of your shift mate and I will see you next time bud". So one day Bainy we will see each other mate, it may not be for some time but we will see each other again someday.

Maybe we can all take a leaf out of John's book to look at life a little better. He certainly made the most of his time here with us. He impacted on all of us.

So Bainy if you can read this we miss you mate. Know that you will never be forgotten both at AMRA and at the XPT depot. Goodbye my friend and know my life is better for having you in it and that sentiment is shared by so many, not just me. I am proud to have had John as a mate. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends at this difficult time.

Rest in peace good friend.

See you again one day.

James Percival

AMRA member and

Countrylink Driver, Junee.

↓ Photo supplied by
Chris Andronicus



N Scale Layout

The walls behind the new backdrops at Leafton have been painted blue, like the rest of the layout. A motor repair business has been set up at Wallamudra with someone inside welding something together.

David Bennett

N Scale Layout Coordinator



↑ The motor repair business at Wallamudra

↓ The ever so changing Leafton area.

Both photos by Mark Dalli



HO Scale Layout

6977 hours of operation

Read

The through road was brought into service on the 26/9/2012. Operation of the through road is only from the Control Centre, as part of the overall realignment the crossover from the down main to the up main is configured a little differently to before. Also the manual push button at Crossover junction has been removed to make the crossover only operational from the Control Centre.

The switch that used to control Platform two has also been removed and is only controlled from the Control Centre. This control is active all the time, before it was only active when the Control Centre was cut in. My great thanks goes to P Lee and G Shade for their help in making the wiring of this project go as smooth as it did.

Control Centre

Stoney Creek is going to be an extremely interesting layout to run on in the future, now is the time to get in and learn the Control Centre functions before the learning curve gets much steeper.

Signals

A start has been made on installing some of the signal drivers on Stoney Creek. I'm never sure why but the start has been made at READ. Soon there should be "end of power sections signals" and "Yard departure signals" appearing on Stoney Creek. Treat these signals with respect as they are delicate and can be broken. I noticed one of our signals has had a knock and hence damaged the signal, treat Stoney as if it was your layout and look after it.

Denis Gilmore

HO layout Coordinator



ALCO awesomeness with four 44 class locos.

Photo by Andrew Murphy

O Scale



John, Neil, Fred, Gordon, Maurie, Lance and Roger pose for a photo with the Norm Read award for "Past and Present" at the 50th Exhibition.



Christopher and Col stop for a photograph while operating the layout Trainsville. Both photos by David Lane

Open Day October 27 - 2012

The October open day is a natural follow on from the exhibition where we invite the public to a special day at the clubrooms to see what we are all about at AMRA. The open day differs from an exhibition where we organise to have other clubs and individuals show their modelling skills and expertise, to a day where we have the opportunity to show off our own skills and facilities. Through this medium we hope to promote the hobby and maybe pick up a few new members along the way.

The Saturday morning arrived and the outside setup began with the awning and gazebo being erected along with the entrance desk. Tables and chairs and the barbeque quickly followed. The food arrived to feed the hungry throng and the traders began setting up their displays. The layouts were populated with trains and last minute test running began. Then just before 10am the early birds started to arrive and so the day began for the public. There was plenty to see upstairs with the 3 fixed layouts fully operational and everyone bringing out their best trains to display to the fascinated public. The downstairs viewing area housed East Matelend and the U-Drive. There was plenty of interest in all of the layouts and lots of drives on the U-Drive.



Jason in charge of U drive at the Open Day.
PHOTO by Barry Wilcockson

The ladies in the kitchen were kept busy making morning and afternoon teas and serving tea and coffee for most of the day. The barbecue did a roaring trade and we had to send out for more supplies to satisfy the demand for rissole sandwiches.

The trade stands this time were Casula Hobbies, Frate-N and SDS Models along with the ladies from Needles and Natter.

By the end of the day around 300 visitors had come through the door. This seems to be a comfortable number as there is no overcrowding and yet there always appears to be plenty of people present.

At the end of the day it was the reverse of the start and all the equipment was packed away as the public drifted away.

Thank you to all the members who worked to make this day a success. Without your help these days do not happen and it is a wonderful opportunity to show off your clubrooms which you have every right to be proud of.

Barry Wilcockson

Golden Jubilee Exhibition Honour Roll

Altiock	Vic	Every	Belinda	Larmour	June	Shepard	Graham
Auchter-lowi	Ken	Fleck	Keith	Liley	Ken	Sinton	Richard
Banks	Peter	Gale	Lisa	MacDonald	A	Smith	Graham
Bennett	David	Garrard	Ash	Mason	John	Smythe	John
Binstead	Roger	Gerrard	Paul	McMahon	Barry	Taylor	R
Bolin	C	Glenn	Ross	Meadows	Barry	Thomas	Keith
Brown	Alex	Green	Barry	Menigall	P	Thomson	S
Brown	Graham	Hanna	Paul	Merrick	Robert	Thompson	Warren
Bunker	Ivo	Harris	Brian	Molyneux	Ray	Tindale	Graham
Chapman	Stephen	Haynes	Maurie	Murphy	A	Tressider	Jack
Chin	Roger	Haynes	Barbara	Murphy	Kevin	Tressider	Dot
Cross	Alan	Higginson	Kevin	O'Brien	Peter	Tonks	Alan
Cross	Kevin	Hodges	Robert	Olsen	Chris	Tyson	Brian
Coffey	John	Holmes	Ken	Oprey	Warren	Tyson	Denice
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Eadie	Don	Kilborn	C	Roumanos	George	Whale	Bill
Edwards	Steve	Lee	Philip	Roumanos	Mary	Wilcockson	Marilyn
Ellis	Stan	Lane	David	Saint	Graham	Wilcockson	Barry
Ellis	Beverly	Lane	Michael	Sallis	Brian	Wood	Bruce
English	Allan	Lanham	Geoff	Sallis	Ruth	Yates	Robin
Every	Jason	Larmour	Phillip	Sakey	Evan	Zubenko	Victor
Every	Neil	Larmour	Leigh	Scott	John		
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AMRA Staff at the Exhibition



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Exhibition Photos



"Wishram" - N scale by Sydney N scale Model Railway Club.



"Mullet Creek" - HO scale by Geoff Small.



"Yendays" - HO scale.



"Brisbane Waters" - HO scale by Epping Model Railway Club.

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Geoff Olsen

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