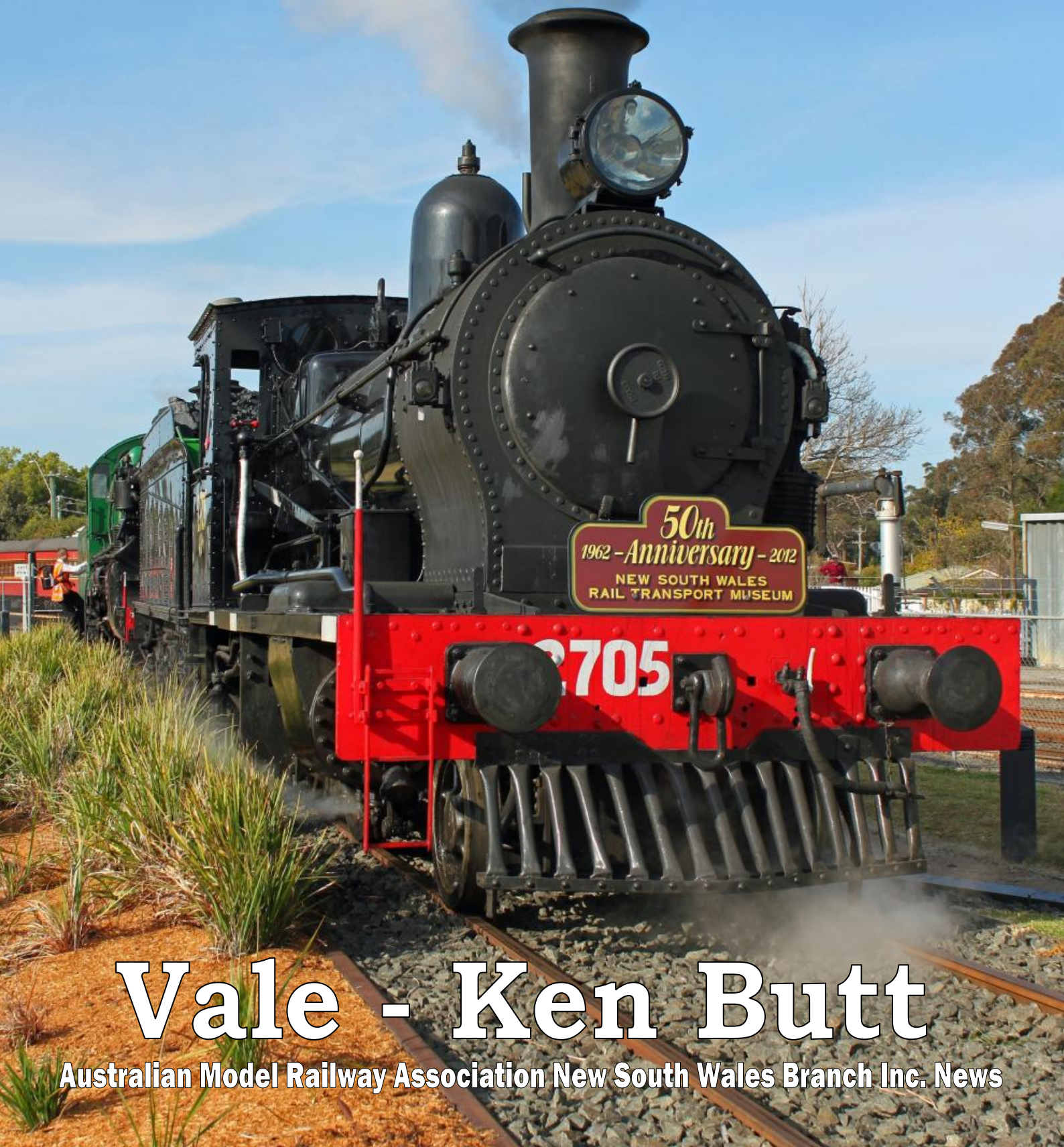


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Vale - Ken Butt

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Editorial



From the editor: Welcome to the January 2013 edition of Mortdale Matters.

Happy New Year to all, I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

We are saddened to say that another one of the AMRA NSW greats "Ken Butt" has passed away on Monday 28 January, our condolences go out to his family and friends. His funeral will be held on Monday 4th Feb at 10am at the Magnolia Chapel at Macquarie Park Lawn Cemetery.

The AMRA NSW "Open Day" is fast approaching. The date is Saturday the 6 April 2013, everyone is welcome; visitor entry is by gold coin donation. We will have a BBQ running as well as refreshments available at a small cost. People that will be operating on the layouts, i.e. O scale, HO scale, N scale are reminded to ONLY bring and run trains that are reliable and that you know won't fail. I hope to see you there helping out and giving advice in addition to of course running your prized possessions.

In the future months we will be having a sale day for the late John Bain, which will be on during sometime in March/April, details will be out very soon. Stay tuned at the clubrooms for more info and your email inbox if you have subscribed to our E-news (subscriber list).

Now that we have touched on the subscriber email list I will give more of an insight about it. If you're NOT on the list it would be a good idea to request addition to the email list as EXTRA news is often sent out through the email system. For how to register see the next page under the heading "Subscribing to Mortdale Matters".

We will be having the 2013 "Sydney Model Railway Exhibition" at the Whitlam Leisure Centre in Liverpool over the October long weekend 2013. I know it may be early but if you could spread the news the better the outcome will be. In addition please LIKE our Facebook page, to do so CLICK on the Facebook logo at the bottom of the page in the left hand corner.

Well... This is my last edition of Mortdale Matters for 2013 as overwhelming school commitments is my main priority. I won't ramble on, but thanks to all, it was a blast!! A new editor will come on board for the March 2013 edition.

Hooroo – keep safe and happy modelling.

Mark Dalli

AMRA NSW Mortdale Matters editor

On the cover: 2705 at Thirlmere with the NSWRTM 50th Anniversary train in September 2012.
PHOTO by Thomas Durber



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 March 2013 issue is strictly 20th February 2013 -

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 and let him know that you would like *Mortdale Matters* sent to you. The file is around 2 - 2.5 MB. *Mortdale Matters* is also available online through the AMRA NSW website.

If you do not have capable internet or email please contact Geoff Lanham to have a printed copy available for you to collect from AMRA NSW or be posted. Please note that this service is only available if you do NOT have capable internet.

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AMRA NSW Branch Program - Feb/Apr 2013

FEBRUARY

Fri	1st	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	2nd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed	6th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	8th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	9th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Ladies Needles & Natter			
Sun	10th	General Activities (see Notes)	2pm
Wed	13th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	15th	Layout Operation – Electric Traction / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	16th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum	10am until late
Sun	17th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>
Wed	20th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until finished
Fri	22nd	Layout Operation / 24 Hour Running / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat	23rd	Layout Operation / 24 Hour Running / <i>Structured Running</i> – cont from Friday night	7pm until ...
		<i>Breakfast available</i>	(see Notes)
Sun	24th	General Activities (see Notes)	until late Saturday
Wed	27th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
			10am until 5pm

MARCH

Fri	1st	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	2nd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	3rd	<u>Thirlmere Festival of Steam - Display Thirlmere</u>	
Wed	6th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	8th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	9th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Ladies Needles & Natter			
Sun	10th	General Activities (see Notes)	2pm
Wed	13th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	15th	Layout Operation – European / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat	16th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Monthly Forum	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun	17th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	10am until late
Fri	22nd	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	<i>No Facility Fee</i>
Sat	23rd	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until finished
Sun	24th	General Activities (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Fri	29th	<u>CLOSED</u> – Good Friday	10am until late
Sat	30th	Pre-Open Day – Working Bee	<u>Closed</u>
			10am until late

APRIL

Mon	1st	<u>Public Holiday</u> – Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Wed	3rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	5th	Open Weekend – Preparation	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	6th	* * OPEN DAY * *	10am until 4pm, visitor entry by gold coin donation
Wed	10th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	12th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	13th	Layout Operation (see Notes) & Monthly Forum	10am until late
Ladies Needles & Natter			
Sun	14th	General Activities (see Notes)	2pm
Wed	17th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	19th	Layout Operation – Australian Steam / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat	20th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun	21st	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	10am until late
Wed	24th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	<i>No Facility Fee</i>
Fri	26th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	10am until finished
Sat	27th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sun	28th	General Activities (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
			10am until late
			10am until 4pm

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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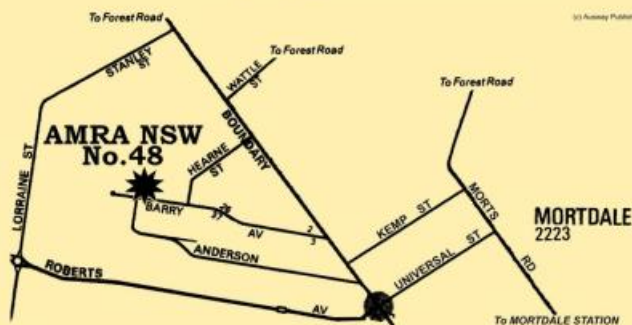
Open Day



Australian Model Railway Association - NSW Branch

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

- 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale -
- **Saturday 6th of April 2013** -
- 10am until 4pm -
- Visitor entry by gold coin donation -



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

FOR SALE

- LIMITED EDITION - AMRA NSW 50th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition 2012 Golden Jubilee

HO Scale Tank wagons - by Austrains
RRP \$40.00

O Scale Van - by The O Gauge Guy
RRP \$60.00

LIMITED NUMBERS - Available at the AMRA NSW Clubrooms or posted at your own cost.

Phone: (02) 9153-5901

Email (Alan): exhibamransw@optusnet.com.au

HO Scale Layout

Control Centre (CC)

The wiring of the Yerriyong tiles is making steady progress. The tiles should be put back in place soon and then will start to come alive. The tiles will be very dynamic right from the start, point indication, block indication, signal indication and in the longer term train numbers.

Master Brake

The new Master Brake system has been switched over and the old Master Brake button has passed into history. Four new buttons have been installed and wired so far with more on the way.

Instruction Manual

A need was identified to have an Instruction Manual for the operation of the Control Centre. The format of this manual is still to be worked out. So far the efforts of a few people are encouraging.

Last but by no means least I would like to thank the Committee of Management for their support and assistance over the last year.

Denis Gilmore

HO layout Coordinator

N Scale Layout

The model boom gates have arrived for the crossing at the back of Leafton, train detectors will soon be purchased to operate these boom gates.

More clear acrylic sheet has been attached to the valence panels to keep little fingers away from the trains.

David Bennett

N Scale Layout Coordinator



A truly amazing photograph by Glenn Watson as seen on the AMRA NSW N scale layout.

O Scale



Mark Dalli

AMRA NSW Members Model Gallery Issue 8

**NSWGR 3804 in Black - Kit Built
by Rod Fussell**



Rod Fussell

Exhibition Flash Back 2012

By Toby Perry & Roy Elder from SMRS





Toby Perry



Roy Elder



Matty Alan

Photo of the issue goes to Matty Alan