

Mortdale



September 2013

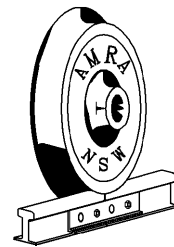
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Editorial



Welcome to this edition of *Matters*.

I'm afraid work, including a flying trip (pun intended) interstate, has again hampered finalising this issue — not even a chance for some tram pictures whilst in Adelaide! I took the view when returning to this post that I would produce issues after the monthly Management Committee meetings, in order to have the most up-to-date information available. Also, with this issue I have tried to balance subjective image quality against increasing file size. I would be very interested in constructive feedback on this point.



Our annual [Sydney Model Railway Exhibition](#) is imminent over the long weekend, with the flyer to be found on page 4. Please take a moment to reflect on how the rich Exhibition history has provided for what we all now enjoy at our extensive Mortdale clubrooms. If you find you are able to assist over the weekend — Sunday and Monday in particular— please make yourself known at the ticket booth and sign in at the Information Stand in the courtyard.

Upcoming programme highlights include the **Open Day** on Saturday 26th October, with the flyer on page 5. Our next theme nights will be Australian Steam (October) and Australian (November). A quick note here regarding the term “structured running” — its simply to promote the idea of operating with a purpose, be it passenger or freight. November is also **Annual General Meetings** month, with formal notice of the Branch AGM herein. Don't forget our regular **Monthly Forum** and **Needles & Natter**, usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Meetings are also continuing to prove popular on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The Mortdale Retrospective series continues on page 8, this instalment focussing on the massive moving operation and the (re-)creation of our facilities.

We always welcome contributions, further information follows on the next page. Also, if anyone has an image of a derail device that I can use, I'd be most grateful.

Until next issue,

Glenn Percival
Editor

Mark Dalli
Media Contributor

Number 2 end detail of NSWGR diesel 4490 at Thirlmere Festival of Steam, 3rd March 2013. (Mark Dalli)



FRONT PAGE: NSW locomotives 4618 and 3245 await their next duty in Shepherd's Sidings (goods yard) on the 0 Gauge layout, Mortdale, 2012. (Mark Dalli)

BACK PAGE: Long exposures are always impressive when they work out. NR62+NR99+NR79 lead a one hour late-running 3WB3 steel train through Thirroul on 26th March 2013. (Thomas Durber)

Submissions and Subscriptions

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, it's easy for something to slip through the cracks. *Mortdale Matters* especially needs photos of Branch activities/events, members' models and covers; however any prototype photos or information will be considered for use as space permits. Email mmatters.amransw@yahoo.com.au, or leave a disc in the *Journal* pigeonhole in the office, with the photo and a brief description.

As developed with Management Committee, **would all reporters to MC please also copy to the Editor's address above, ensuring timely production of the newsletter following the committee meeting.**

All submissions must be original material, i.e. photos that you've taken or articles that you have written, and are published at MC's discretion.

Mortdale Matters is an e-newsletter, meaning simply that it is electronic news. To subscribe please send an email request to our Publicity Officer, Philip Lee, at pjlee@inet.net.au. Please note that the file can exceed several MB; and that Adobe 8.0 (PDF 1.7) or later compatibility is required, to minimise file size. *Mortdale Matters* is also available online from the [AMRA NSW website](#).

If you do not have capable internet or email please contact Secretary, Geoff Lanham, to have a B&W printed copy available for you to collect from our clubrooms. Please note that this service is only available for those without capable internet.

The deadline for the November 2013 issue is 7th November

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Australian Model Railway Association (NSW) Inc
presents...

The 2013 Sydney Model Railway Exhibition



Adults	\$14
Children	\$7
Seniors	\$10
Family	\$35
(2 adults/2 children)	
Multi-Day Pass	\$28

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

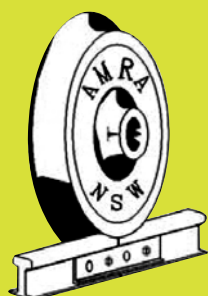
5th, 6th & 7th October 2013

Sat & Sun 9am-5pm • Mon 9am-4pm

WHITLAM LEISURE CENTRE

Memorial Avenue, Liverpool

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



Exhibition details at....

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

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 26th of October 2013 -

- 10am until 4pm -

FREE ENTRY

- Gold coin donation appreciated -



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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 9th November 2013 commencing at 2pm.

Business to be undertaken:

- Receive Apologies;
- Confirm Minutes of 2012 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 2013;
- Election of Officers of the Committee of Management;
- Any General Business.

Geoff Lanham
Secretary
AMRA NSW Branch Inc.

HO Gauge Layout

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"
(HO FIXED LAYOUT – *STONEY CREEK*)
to 11/09/2013
8393 hours of operation



Control Centre (CTCC)

The last few bugs have been worked out and corrected for the entry/exit at Yerriyong. The remaining nine tiles have been checked and rechecked many, many times. They are just about ready to go to the printer, soon they will be back ready to be drilled and wired. The outside wall is getting closer to what is intended.

Signals

Another batch of the second order of signals arrived this week; there should be one or two more lots to come.

Yerriyong

The four (4) departure signals have been installed and now work with the points.

Branch Shuttle

A start has been made on setting up the Jarrah Road branch shuttle. It is running on a temporary basis and will be integrated into the larger system when time permits.

Ongoing Maintenance

As *Stoney Creek* gets used more and more there are a few little things showing up that need attention. Bad soldering, or the lack of soldering, has caused a few problems of late but these faults are dealt with quickly. [Please report any issues using the fault tracking forms provided near the whiteboard. –Ed.]

Denis Gilmore
Stoney Creek layout Coordinator



SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME... LEFT: DL, 81 and 82 class locomotives lay over in Fayenton Depot. (Glenn Percival)
RIGHT: Lineside scenery has started to appear along the main line section above Deawy. (Ross Glenn)
BANNER: "Tin Hares" CPH6 and CTH54 await return working from the Kurranulla branch terminus. (Glenn Percival)

Stoney Creek — What's in a Name?

(corrections/amendments welcome)

Fayenton — after a relative of original designer Angus Isley.

Deawy — an anagram of "Wadey", after original designer Mic Wade.

MacLeod — for and by former Vice/President Ian MacLeod.

Midway — for being roughly halfway along the original main line run [unknown].

Read — carried over from Rockdale layout, after founding member Norm Read BEM [unknown].

Yerriyong — a remote mountain inland from Bega, chosen as being fictitious for a railway [Graeme Shade].

Peel Ridge — a combination of Acacia Ridge (freight terminal in Brisbane) and P. (Philip) Lee [Mic Wade].

Sutton — after Sutton Forest in the Southern Highlands. [James Percival]

Wincliff — after Chris Winston and Cliff Wiltshire.

Kurranulla — an indigenous word that became 'Cronulla', chosen as being a local term [Chris Winston].

Jarrah Road — named by the late Brian Alcock, derivation unknown.

Brewers Creek — a location on the South Marulan limestone branch in the Southern Highlands [James Percival].

N Gauge Layout



A laser-cut control panel was shown to those present on a recent Monday night and a discussion took place about the best way to produce the control panel; some trial laser-cut panels will be done in the near future to see what works best.

David Bennett

N Scale layout Coordinator



The N Gauge layout is very detailed with yet more to come. Shown here is recent progress at the branch terminus of Watsons Flat. (Glenn Percival)

BANNER: Coopers Creek loop on the branch line features a station, loading bank, stock pens and stock race. (David Lane)

Mortdale Report



Richard Sinton arranged for the people who installed our air conditioners to visit and quote on service required to maintain the units. He is seeking other suppliers to give quotes to ascertain a competitive price.

David Bennett

Mortdale Building Manager

Mortdale Retrospective - 2002/3

As the internals were being finalised and "stuff" was still being moved around, upstairs was fresh and clear, which allowed the process of moving the N and O gauge layouts — plus everything else — from Rockdale to begin. Some of these images do look a bit hairy in hindsight, but it was over a decade ago...



LEFT and LOWER LEFT:
The N gauge layout moves in.



UPPER & LOWER RIGHT:
The O gauge turntable is levered in; and the earliest image of a recognisable O gauge layout at Mortdale.



RIGHT: The final decision was not to reuse the H0 gauge layout, but it had to be brought over for disposal.



AMRA NSW Branch Programme - September/November 2013

SEPTEMBER

Fri	20th	Layout Operation – <u>European</u> / <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)		10am until 4pm
Wed	25th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	27th	<u>Pre Exhibition Working Bee</u>		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	28th	<u>Pre Exhibition Working Bee</u>		10am until late

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Wed	2nd	<u>Pre Exhibition Working Bee</u>		10am until 5pm
Fri	4th	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	from 8am until late
Sat	5th	* * <u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u> * *	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 5pm
		Awards - afterward from approx		6pm until late
Sun	6th	* * <u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u> * *	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 5pm
Mon	7th	* * <u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u> * *	<i>Pre-registered Lunch</i>	9am to 4pm
		Pack up and return to clubroom after		4pm until finish
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	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) & Exhibition Post-Mortem		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Sun	13th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	16th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	18th	Layout Operation – <u>Australian Steam</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	19th	<u>Open Day – Preparation</u> / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	20th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Wed	23rd	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	25th	<u>Open Day – Preparation</u>		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	26th	* * <u>OPEN DAY</u> * *	visitor entry by gold coin donation	10am until 4pm
Sun	27th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	30th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm

NOVEMBER

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	<u>FEDERAL AGM (Members Only)</u>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	9th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
		<u>BRANCH AGM (Members Only)</u>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	2pm
Sun	10th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Fri	15th	Layout Operation – <u>Australian</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	16th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	17th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Fri	22nd	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	23rd	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	24th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Fri	29th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	30th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</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 \$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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