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Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc. News

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Editorial



Welcome to this edition of *Mortdale Matters*. As we always strive to present news and pictures in a timely manner, Management Committee (MC) and the editorial team have resolved to release MM issues as soon as practical after the even-month MC meetings.

Our *Sydney Model Railway Exhibition* is less than two (2) months away. We are seeking club members to volunteer their time to help out at the exhibition, it can be 1/2 a day (or less), a day or even the whole 3-4 days (including setup), we really do appreciate your time and effort, because without you we have no show! I volunteer for an number of different organisations and I can tell you it's a very rewarding experience, especially when you see the end results! A volunteer information pack will be available at the clubrooms shortly, if you are unable to pick them up we can post them out.

The exhibition is a great family day out for all - not just the enthusiast, with prototypical layouts, kids' layouts, hands-on activities, demonstrations, DIY's, U-Drive layout and a ride on "Thomas the Tank Engine". Brochures and printed flyers are available now, to be handed out to groups including sporting or community groups, friends and especially to local businesses such as your local coffee shops or local supermarket community board. A lot of work and money is been put into this event so we really do need to get the word out there!

Our exhibition flyer can also be downloaded then printed from:

<http://www.amransw.asn.au/exhibition/A4-Liverpool%202014.pdf>

You can now **LIKE us** on **Facebook**. Facebook postings have started and we will supply news as it comes to hand along with photographs. If you're not on Facebook but you know someone who is, let them know about our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sydney-Model-Railway-Exhibition/395627020547032>

We always welcome contributions; further information follows on the next page. Just try, you will be surprised.

Until next issue,

Mark Dalli

Editor

Glenn Percival

Assistant Editor



ABOVE: An electric hauled freight crosses the river on 'Estate' by Denis Gilmore. (Mark Dalli)

FRONT PAGE: PHM 3265, ARHS ACT 3016 and THNSW 3642 pass Menangle with the 'Hunter Valley Limited' tour train to Maitland. (Mark Dalli)

BACK PAGE: 3830 waits for the road onto the mainline while iconic steam locomotive 3801 with the 'Newcastle flyer' bypasses the station en route to Sydney, on Rod's home layout. (Rod Fussell)



Submissions and Subscriptions

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, its 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.

All submissions must be original material, i.e. photos that you've taken or articles that you have written, and are published at Management Committee'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@iinet.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 the Secretary 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 October 2014 issue is 5 October 2014

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



THE 2014 SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

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or exhibamransw@optusnet.com.au

- Kenneth Holmes -

After paying us a final visit in June, 19 year member no. 5350 Ken Holmes finally decided it was time to join other AMRA (NSW) members now playing trains "in the sky". It has been a sad couple of years for Branch members following the deaths of John Bain, Keith Bowles, Ken Butt and Fred Stell.

Ken joined AMRA (NSW) in September 1995 as an N scale modeller, while during the next years he also ran H0 and 0 scale. Lately he moved to running AC, demonstrating that he could move with the times.

Ken had skills in electrics (partly learned when he was in the RAAF Transport section, and at Ford) and in fitting and turning and 0 scale model building, something of a jack of all trades. A regular on the outer track at the club, he was an experience to be watched when at West Box Control, but for an 89 year old he did very well. He was a quiet, gentlemanly individual.

Our condolences go to his wife and family.

Ken, enjoy your time with your mates. You will be missed by NSW members.

The O Gaugers



ABOVE: With the addition of DCS to the universal track on the 0 gauge in the last few years, members have been able to play with new technologies such as locomotives with sound and smoke. (Mark Dalli)

N Gauge Layout

All wiring has been completed in Dine-on yard with track power switched by the tortoise motors at every point (PHOTO RIGHT). On Monday the 12th we installed the two local controllers to the Dine-on control panel; this completes the installation of local controllers to the layout, while work is progressing with the scenicing of the Dine-on yard area.

Dave Bennett
N Gauge layout Coordinator



ABOVE: Ash Garrard works on installing the last of the wiring for Dine-on yard. (Glenn Percival)



ABOVE: Kevin Higginson adds a touch of green to Watson's Flat On the branch line terminus. (Glenn Percival)



ABOVE: FreightRail 42214 waits in the loop at Bownen station with a steel train. (Mark Dalli)

H0 Stoney Creek

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"

(H0 FIXED LAYOUT – STONEY CREEK)

13.8.2014, 9857 HOURS OF OPERATION

Control Centre (CTCC)

On the 1st of August the last tile (1B) had the wiring completed, tested and then install in the CTC panel. After a brief celebration the task of bring it to life was started. Some hours later all of the LED indicators for blocks and points on the Main Line were working.

This achievement was a huge milestone as the main line continuous run was complete.

Read

The entry/exit for Read yard has been undertaken and is now controlled from the Control Centre (CTCC). Next came the crossover into the Through Road and Platform 2 interlocking. Still more work to be done to get the Through Road fully operational.

Yerriyong

With the interlocking lessons learnt from Deawy and Read, Yerriyong needed to be brought up to the same standard. This has been done.

General

With all software projects and with all the best intentions of the people doing the programming there will be small glitches from time to time and the only way these will be overcome will be to use it and report issues, so they can be fixed.

A slight change in the critical path will happen due to many reasons, more detail next report.

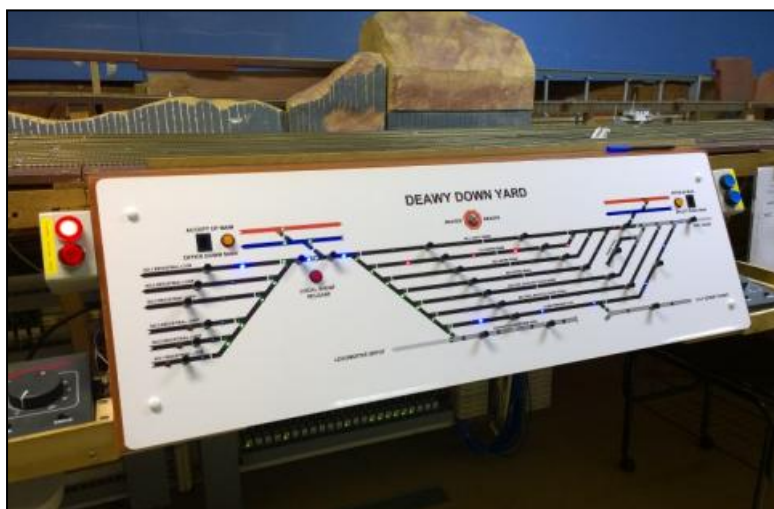
Other work is planned for the near future.

Denis Gilmore

Stoney Creek layout Coordinator



ABOVE: With all tiles wired, TV monitor selections finalised and the whole main lines visible in the CTCC, all movements into/out of yards are now controlled from here.



ABOVE: The latest view of Deawy Down Yard panel, showing the flexibility available in a two-cab yard.



LEFT: Detail of how the traction mode will be selectable when first setting up in a yard, which will carry onto the main line when implemented. These backlit buttons are on test, with a survey on lit versus non-lit buttons running through mid-September.

(ALL PHOTOS Glenn Percival)

HO Stoney Creek - OPERATING RULES

BY OPERATING THIS LAYOUT, YOU AGREE TO:

1. Exhibit common courtesy and common sense.
2. Refrain from inappropriate language, respecting families and children.
3. Treat the layout with the utmost care and respect.
4. Not place boxes on the layout.
5. Except in an emergency, use the phones provided – no yelling or chatting across the layout.
6. Use clear, concise and civil communications protocol across the layout, i.e.
 - Who you are (what train)
 - Where your train is
 - What you want
 - Acknowledge (readback) instructions
7. Not fill yards with additional trains – space must be available for an arriving train.
8. Not remove trains from the running lines by simply lifting them; if absolutely necessary, re-place locomotive in the same location.
9. Stable and remove your train, when asked, if found to be repeatedly unreliable.
10. Wear cab lanyards during your reserved hour, one per train on the running lines.
11. Use the whiteboard, one slot at a time, per train on the running lines.
At the end of each cab's hour, the next hour may be booked if still vacant.
12. Use hourly cab changeover times based on analogue clock digits, including time to stable your train, i.e.

Cab 0 on the hour	minute hand at "12"
Cab 1 at five past	minute hand at "1"
Cab 2 at ten past	minute hand at "2"
Cab 3 at quarter past	minute hand at "3"
Cab 4 at twenty past	minute hand at "4"
Cab 5 at twenty-five past	minute hand at "5"
Cab 6 at half past	minute hand at "6"
Cab 7 at twenty-five to	minute hand at "7"
Cab 8 at twenty to	minute hand at "8"
Cab 9 at quarter to	minute hand at "9"
12. Allow flexibility as to how an operator may use their booked time, e.g. sharing when not on the running lines.
13. Not barge into the Control Centre when staffed – let them do their job.
14. Check with the Control Centre before shutting down layout for breaks – ask them to apply master brakes when ready.
15. Set one route at a time in Fayenton, Deawy Down, Read and Sutton yards.
16. Fill out a Fault & Action Record from the clipboard near the whiteboard, one issue per form, if a problem is found with or caused to the layout.
17. The provision of only Kadee-compatible uncouplers on the layout.

Authorised by AMRA NSW Branch Management Committee, 14th August 2014 (v2.0)



0 Gauge Layouts

Past and Present (0 Gauge Exhibition Layout) Report

Work has started on the new end panels, a few rocks and colours have been thrown at them. I believe we are putting it all together Wednesday and giving it a test run.

I have stopped work on the layout up stairs until the Exhibition layout is up and running.

Lance Pickering

Past and Present layout Coordinator

0 Gauge Fixed Layout

Work is continuing on wiring and installation of points and relays on the universal track. Due to having to erect and prepare the exhibition layout for Liverpool work will take a bit longer. The outer layout is running trouble free at the moment.

Gordon Wallace

0 Gauge fixed layout Coordinator





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Some of Paul O'Flaherty - The Candy Man's - H0 scale 1962 Candy fleet. Most of the models captured are modified, weathered or kit-bashed. (Paul O'Flaherty)



Liam Brundle's N scale C3801, a Phil Badger kit built by Liam. (Liam Brundle)

AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme - September - November 2014

SEPTEMBER

Wed	3rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	5th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	6th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
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) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)		10am until late
Sun	14th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	17th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	19th	Layout Operation - American / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	20th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)		10am until late
Sun	21st	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	24th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	26th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	27th	Pre Exhibition Working Bee - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)		10am until late
Sun	28th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm

OCTOBER

Wed	1st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	Pre-registered Lunch	from 8am until late
Sat	4th	* * SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION * *	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
		Awards - afterward from approx		6pm until late
Sun	5th	* * SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION * *	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
Mon	6th	* * SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION * *	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 4pm
		Pack up and return to clubroom after		4pm until finish
Wed	8th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	10th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	11th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)		10am until late
Sun	12th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	15th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	17th	Layout Operation - Electric Traction / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	18th	Open Day - Preparation / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)		10am until late
Sun	19th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	22nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	24th	Open Day - Preparation		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	25th	* * OPEN DAY * *	visitor entry by gold coin donation	10am until 4pm
Sun	26th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
Wed	29th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	31st	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm

NOVEMBER

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	* * FEDERAL AGM * * (Members Only)	No Facility Fee	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	8th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
		* * BRANCH AGM - 2 pm * * (Members Only)	No Facility Fee	
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)		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 - European / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	22nd	Layout Operation (see Notes) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm) - Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)		10am until late
Sun	23rd	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 4pm
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) - Stoney Creek Layout - Q & A (12:30 pm)		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 [website](#).

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