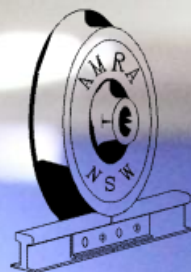


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## Editorial

Welcome to the November-December 2014 edition of *Mortdale Matters*.

We are now in the new exciting year of 2015! We had a tough year in 2014 but we had some great memories and laughs, so lets take a look back... Unfortunately at the start of 2014, we had the passing of Val Bennett and Keith Bowles, it was a great loss to our club. In January we had plenty of running days and due to school holidays including TAFE and Uni we saw many junior members attending the clubrooms bringing a hype-full presence with them.

Moving along the line in March we had our annual 24 hour run which was fantastic, we had a fair number of members staying up for the whole 24 hours! We then had our April Open Day which went well, lots of train running around and many happy customers. In May our club suffered another loss with the passing of the great Illawarra icon Fred Stell. In May we also had our first HO layout Q&A session with many questions by our valued members being answered. It was a quiet June and July, although hype was building for our proud exhibition.

In August we lost Kenneth Holmes from the O gauge team. It was necessarily business as usual leading to the exhibition, however in late September and the beginning of October AMRA lost another two great gentlemen, with the passing of Graeme Shade and Alan Cross. Our exhibition went well in October although unfortunately we did not have a large attendance, but managed a decent surplus with members and public thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Moving along into November we had another 24 hour run with members staying for the long haul paying trains for the full 24 hours.

A positive end to the year with lots of progress been made around the clubrooms, to the layouts and the site itself. These improvements would not have happened if it was not for the hard work of our dedicated and committed members/volunteers, without you we don't function. We thank you all, you mean a lot to the Association.

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

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**FRONT PAGE:** O Gauge 3813 stands at Central platform with a Newcastle Flyer. (Mark Dalli)

**BACK PAGE:** LVR's 3237 steams up at Eveleigh outside the 'Large Erecting Shed'. (Kevin Murphy)

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## 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](mailto: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 MC's discretion.

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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 February 2015 issue is 10 February***

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# At the Clubrooms



ABOVE: Club members sit and enjoy the Christmas dinner held at the clubrooms. (Andrew Murphy)

ABOVE: The late *Alan Cross* in his element behind the wheel of the "Enterprise". (Edison Keung)



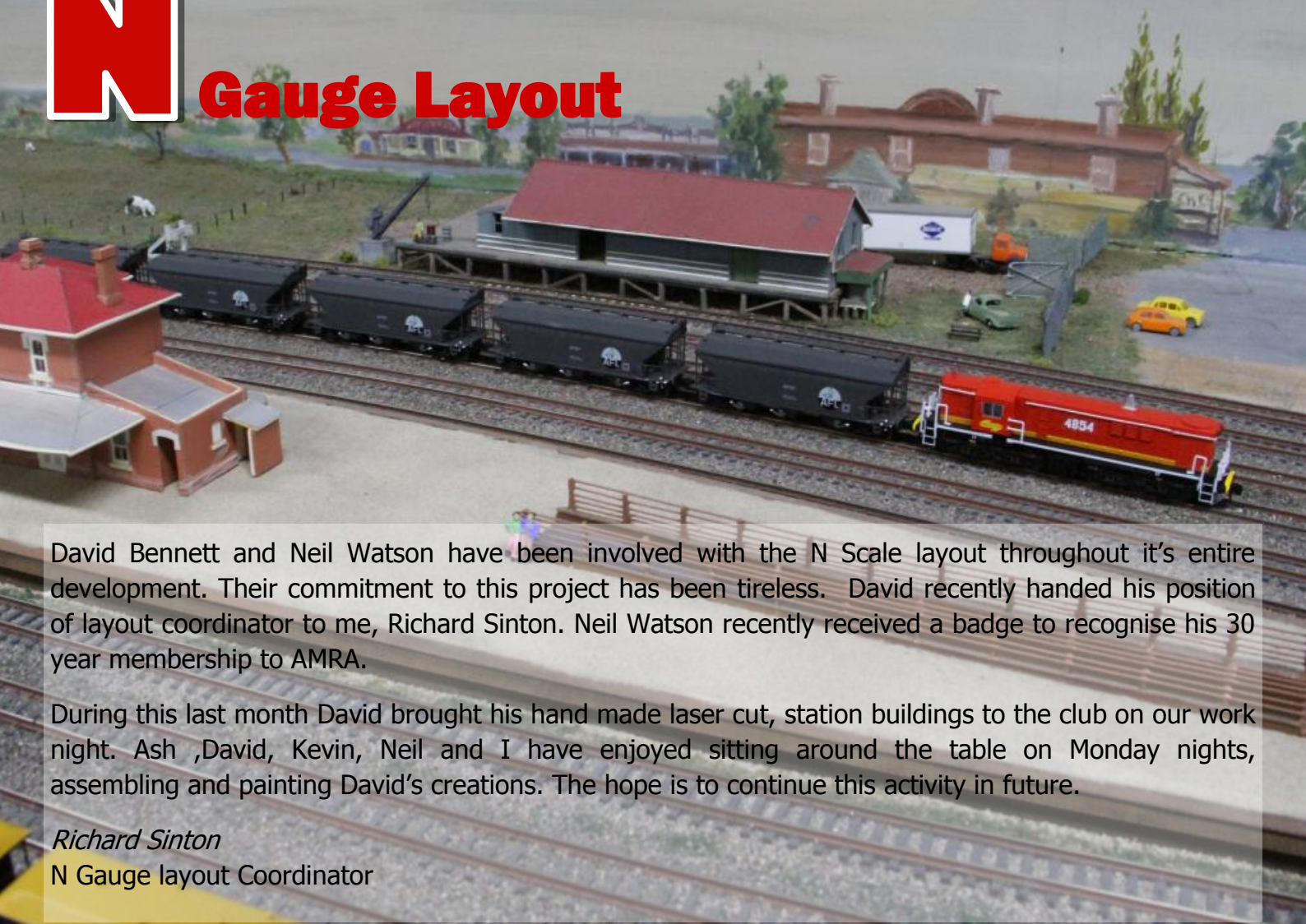


Our hard working volunteers selling raffle tickets at the 2014 Sydney Model Railway Exhibition. (Mark Dalli)





# N Gauge Layout



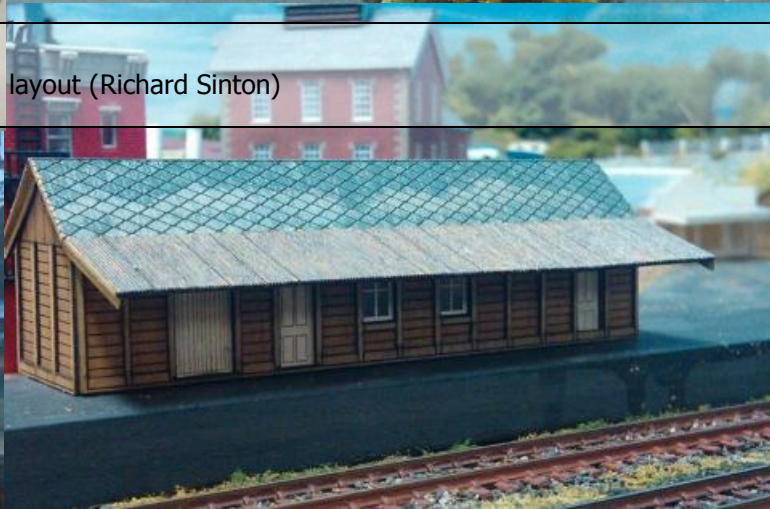
David Bennett and Neil Watson have been involved with the N Scale layout throughout it's entire development. Their commitment to this project has been tireless. David recently handed his position of layout coordinator to me, Richard Sinton. Neil Watson recently received a badge to recognise his 30 year membership to AMRA.

During this last month David brought his hand made laser cut, station buildings to the club on our work night. Ash ,David, Kevin, Neil and I have enjoyed sitting around the table on Monday nights, assembling and painting David's creations. The hope is to continue this activity in future.

*Richard Sinton*  
N Gauge layout Coordinator



ABOVE: 4854 in the loop at Bownen. (Mark Dalli)  
BELOW: The N scale team working on building structures for the layout (Richard Sinton)







# Gauge Layout



O gauge trains operating on the new DC/DCS tracks. (Mark Dalli)







# Stoney Creek

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"

(H0 FIXED LAYOUT)

10/12/2014, 10363 HOURS OF OPERATION



(Mark Dalli)

## IN GENERAL:

Work on *Stoney Creek* is moving ahead at a rapid pace, more than ever it is important to stay abreast of the changes.

## CTC:

Programming for the Branch area is 80% complete but not operational as yet.

## BRANCH:

Sutton local panel has been installed and programed as far as possible without doing the final cutover. Thanks to Maurie for making the "staff" tokens for the branch safe working.

## YERRIYONG:

The track bonding and is progressing with ideas for the scenery starting to take shape.



Fayenton yard line-up of 80s1 and 8044 on a RIC work train with yard shutters 7307 and T381. (Mark Dalli)



## DEAWY:

Deawy up yard local (DCC/DC) cab is installed, tested and working.

Deawy Down Yard hosts a NR, EL, EL, NR and PN crew car. (Andrew Murphy)



## CONTROL SYSTEM:

The locomotive control system is taking shape. All of the input circuit breakers wired; 82% of the electronic circuit breakers have been wired; all boosters installed; 95% of the UTP panels installed with about 50% working; and 2 cabs available for use.

On its own, the locomotive control system is a big project.

## ONGOING WORK:

The drawing has also been prepared for Fayenton and is at the printer.

## PLANNED OUTAGES:

In mid to late December, Sutton will be cutover to the new control panel. Starting from the cutover date the branch lines will terminate at Sutton. After the cutover is complete the Branch Lines will come back into use under the improved control system.

*Denis Gilmore*

*Stoney Creek layout coordinator*



# Stoney Creek BREAKING NEWS

**As this issue was being finalised, Sutton was recommissioned in its final guise, giving a glimpse of the operational possibilities on the branch lines and the flexibility of the future Fayenton panel.**

**LEFT:** A first locomotive (in the middle) moves under control of the new Sutton panel. As suggested by the multiple colours of cab selectors, more than one train can be operated at this location as shown in the next image.

**BELOW:** Being the junction of three safeworking sections, that is the number of trains which may be in motion at once — which of course we had to test at commissioning. In this view, coal trains between Fayenton and Brewers Creek are crossing at Sutton and a Bicentennial 48 class is in the back platform road.

**NEXT PAGE:** At the Q&A forum in December, the second generation schematic diagram of the layout, introduced earlier in the year, was further developed and released. It aims to show the relationship between locations and is also a tool for designing operating sequences.



ALL Photos Glenn Percival.

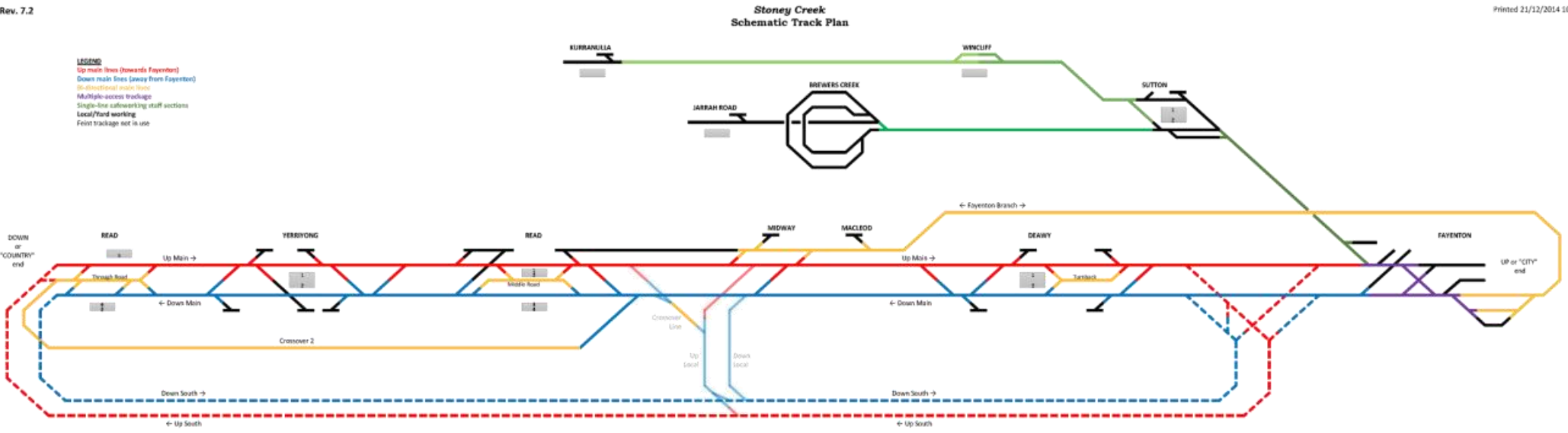




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# East Matelend

(Mark Dalli)

*East Matelend* is due for a revamp due to aging wiring. I have been in discussions with Denis Gilmore with the aim of simplifying the wiring and introducing a system of having more trains running on the layout than currently as well as programmed station stops.

The aim of this is to have the layout ready to take to exhibitions next year. A quote for the cost of the upgrade will follow soon.

*Barry Wilcockson*

East Matelend Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION



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## JANUARY - 2015

Thur	1st	<b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	2nd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	3rd	General Activities (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)	10am until late
Sun	11th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed	14th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	16th	Layout Operation – <b>UK</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	17th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	18th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>No Facility Fee</i></span>	10am until finished
Wed	21st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	23rd	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	24th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	25th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Mon	26th	<b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Wed	28th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	30th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	31st	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late

## FEBRUARY

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)	10am until 4pm
Wed	11th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	13th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	14th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	15th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>No Facility Fee</i></span>	10am until finished
Wed	18th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	20th	Layout Operation – <b>Australian Diesel</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	21st	Layout Operation (see Notes) - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	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	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</b>	10am until late

## MARCH

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) - <b>Stoney Creek Layout - Q &amp; A (1 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	8th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed	11th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	13th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
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Wed	18th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	20th	Layout Operation – <b>American</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	21st	<b>Open Day – Preparation</b> / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed	25th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	27th	<b>Open Day – Preparation</b>	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	28th	<b>** OPEN DAY **</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>visitor entry by gold coin donation</b></span>	<b>10am until 4pm</b>

### 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: Destination, Sequenced or Timetabled operation as organized 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 \$7, Juniors/Seniors (70+) \$4.

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