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Welcome to the March-April 2015 edition of *Mortdale Matters*.

I'll keep this editorial short and sweet!

The 2015 Sydney Model Railway Exhibition is planned to go ahead on the Labour Day (October) Long Weekend 2015 at the Whitlam Leisure Centre Liverpool, once again we will be asking for your great assistance over the weekend.

We need your help! We are after more current **up-to-date** photos of our clubrooms and activities. If you see a new addition to a layout, a new feature to our club or someone partaking in work around our clubrooms please send them into the editor, we would love to see your photos published!

We are looking for a new *Mortdale Matters* editor, so if you're interested please email secretary@amransw.asn.au. Unfortunately I just don't have the time to produce and edit anymore.

Hope you enjoy the read!

Until next issue,

Mark Dalli

Editor

Glenn Percival

Assistant Editor

Right: Transport Heritage NSW's 'Legends of Steam' Locomotive—3642 rest at Eveleigh after returning from Wollongong. (Mark Dalli)

PLEASE NOTE: Images captured in the operational environment are done so with permission and adhering to the appropriate rail safety guidelines.



FRONT PAGE: NSWGR 4205 on approach into Binalong station on Epping Model Railways Clubs most recent exhibition layout - Binalong. (Mark Dalli)

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 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@iinet.net.au. Please note that the file can exceed several MB; and that Adobe 8.0 (PDF) 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 June 2015 issue is 10 May 2015

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Scale Layout



The N Scale layout operations are running well, although some repairs were done to the Dine-On point motors.

The team is re-making and improving existing station buildings for Leafton and we will be implementing new flashing lights for the pedestrian crossing at Lanham along with new pedestrian ramp lights for Bownan.

We are working around the area of Bownan turntable and will be installing a new simulated fire in shed.

The N scale team are working on a static container crane, this is a work in progress.

Richard Sinton,

N Scale layout coordinator.



Glenn Percival



Scale Layout

O Scale Fixed Layout:

The 'O' gauge is going well, scenery is coming along with the hill and the sawmill growing at plague spreading speed. Ballasting has begun and looking good.

Maurie and Ihor are checking the control panels at West Box so as to run good for open day. Gordon has commenced cleaning east end of the layout.

Lance Pickering,

O Scale fixed layout coordinator.

O Scale Exhibition Layout:

Enquiries were made for the layout to go to Murrurundi but due to the AMRA Open Day, this was not possible.

Gordon Wallace,

O Scale Exhibition Layout Coordinator.



Mortdale Building Report

Our main entry door had over the years sagged until it was getting awkward to open and close, so a local aluminium and glass door repairer were engaged to rectify the problem. The hinges were replaced and the door operates perfectly.

David Bennett,

Mortdale Building Manager.





Stoney Creek

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"

(H0 FIXED LAYOUT)

18/03/2015, 10877 Hours Of Operation.

(Mark Dalli)

General:

The Wi-Fi control system is now installed, tested and working. Many people had a hand in getting the Wi-Fi up and running. Stoney Creek is now one of the few layouts that has the ability to run DC and DCC using Wi-Fi. A special thank you goes to Wayne who is not a member but gave his time to help AMRA and a friend.

CTC:

Work has started on the Jarrah Road Shuttle control and the shuttle should be operational before Open Day

Branch:

The Sutton to Jarrah Road staff instrument(s) have been installed, tested and now in general service. From the initial reaction the "staff" safe work is a huge hit with the operators.

Fayenton:

This is a very big project and a lot of the behind the scenes work is progressing. The 2nd half of PLC3 is en- route from Japan as there were not enough I/O cards in Australia

Signal Installation:

Eight new signals have been installed, tested and activated in the Deawy area.

Control System:

Many more of the new DCC hand pieces are being installed every week.

Denis Gilmore,
Stoney Creek layout coordinator.



2015 SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

- More than 70 layouts and trade stands
- Parking by gold coin donation to Liverpool Lions Club
- FREE buses from Liverpool Station

TICKETS

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

Tickets may be purchased from the AMRA Clubrooms on Saturdays in September.

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

3rd, 4th & 5th October

Sat & Sun 9am-5pm • Mon 9am-4pm

WHITLAM LEISURE CENTRE

Memorial Avenue, Liverpool

Exhibition details at.... www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com or exhibman@iinet.net.au

East Matelend

Ross Thompson



Planning is still under way with the rewiring of East Matelend. Denis has sourced a PLC and now we need to work out what the operational requirements are.

East Matelend will be shown in its current configuration for the last time at the March open day, after which work can commence on the rewiring.

Barry Wilcockson,
East Matelend Coordinator



AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme - March to May 2015

MARCH

Sun	1st	<u>Thirlmere Festival of Steam - Display Thirlmere</u>	
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) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u>	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)	10am until late
Sun	15th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>
Wed	18th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until finished
Fri	20th	Layout Operation - <u>American</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat	21st	<u>Open Day - Preparation</u> / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u> - <u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u>	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun	22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed	25th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	27th	<u>Open Day - Preparation</u>	10am until 5pm
Sat	28th	** <u>OPEN DAY</u> **	7:30pm until 10pm
			visitor entry by gold coin donation 10am until 4pm

APRIL

Wed	1st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd	<u>CLOSED</u> - Good Friday	<u>Closed</u>
Sat	4th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u>	10am until late
Mon	6th	<u>Public Holiday</u> - Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Wed	8th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	10th	Layout Operation / <u>24 Hour Running</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7pm until ...
Sat	11th	Layout Operation / <u>24 Hour Running</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> - cont from Friday night (see Notes) <i>Breakfast available.</i>	until late Saturday
Sun	12th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed	15th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	17th	Layout Operation - <u>Electric Traction</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	18th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u> - <u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u>	10am until late
Sun	19th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i>
Wed	22nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until finished
Fri	24th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	10am until 5pm
Sat	25th	<u>ANZAC Day - Public Holiday</u> Layout Operation (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun	26th	General Activities (see Notes)	<u>1 pm</u> until late
Wed	29th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm

MAY

Fri	1st	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	2nd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u>	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
Sun	10th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed	13th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	15th	Layout Operation - <u>European</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	16th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <u>Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)</u>	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	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	10am until 5pm
Sat	23rd	Layout Operation (see Notes) - <u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u>	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun	24th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed	27th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	29th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat	30th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - <u>Stoney Creek Layout - Q & A (1 pm)</u>	7:30pm until 10pm

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.

Guests are welcome unless otherwise indicated

