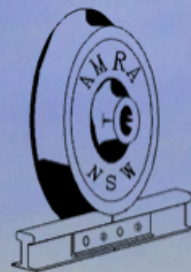


# Mortdale



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# Scale Layout



Another productive month on the N Scale Layout.

We have realigned the track through the tunnel between Bennett & Shades Quarry. There has been a population explosion on the layout with an increase of 50% more figures added to the layout.

Minor repairs have been made to track at Watson's Flat.

The past month has also seen the installation of lighting to some of the buildings on the layout.

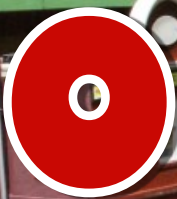
The old roundhouse @ Wallamudra has been replaced with one designed & built by Dave. This was one of the buildings that has had lights installed in it.

*Richard Sinton*

N Scale layout Coordinator







## Scale Layout

### **O Scale Fixed Layout:**

All the track work on the layout additions is now complete, with attention now turning to the scenery. The plaster & colouring work that has been done so far is starting to look good.

*Lance Pickering*

O Scale fixed layout Coordinator

### **O Scale Exhibition Layout:**

Work on the layout is well under way with all point work now complete. The rewiring & ballasting will start very shortly.

*Gordon Wallace*

O Scale Exhibition Layout Coordinator



## Mortdale Building Report

On 12th June the 11Kw Solar system was installed on the roof of our clubrooms. This system will go a long way to reducing our electricity costs into the future.

*David Bennett*

Mortdale Building Manager

The massive 11Kw solar system that was recently installed on the roof of the clubrooms.





# Stoney Creek

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"

(H0 FIXED LAYOUT)

18/06/2015, 11263 Hours Of Operation.

(Ben Payne)

## General:

In May, another year has passed since the Hour Run meter has been installed on Stoney Creek. Over the last 8 years Stoney Creek has run for 11129 hours with an average usage of 3.8 hours a day. Over the last year with all the extra work the usage has been 4.75 hours a day. It is estimated that 67,000 real Km of train running has occurred. The 67,000Km is approx. 1.5 times around the earth and 5.9 million scale Km.

## CTC:

Entry/Exit for Fayenton yard has been brought into service.

## Branch:

The limited operation at Brewers Creek and Kurranulla will continue for time being now that Fayenton has been brought onto operation.

## Fayenton:

Fayenton yard (terminal station area) is 98% operational only a few signals to be wired and the SSM (Stationary Sound Mode) to be completed. As part of the Fayenton project trains running on the up through Deawey can run into Fayenton.

## Control System:

A challenging time ahead. The next BIG project is to get the (final) control system up and running. This system allows trains to be run in Display Mode DC or DCC (Automatic), Operator Mode DC or DCC (Manual), or any combination.

*Denis Gilmore*

*Stoney Creek layout Coordinator*

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**NEXT PAGE: Top:** DL50 and friend sit in Deawy Dn yard waiting for a path with a intermodal train. While 8153 appears to have suffered a break-away on the Brewers Ck/Kurranulla Branch. (Thomas Dunder)

**Middle:** NR84 Passes through Fayenton with a crew car & container train. The platform area in the background has now been commissioned and is seeing regular use. (Ben Payne)

**Bottom:** Its an ALCO takeover in Deawy Dn yard 44214 & partner await their next job, while a couple of 80's sit oon their trains waiting for departure time. (Paul O'Flaherty)

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(Thomas Durber)



(Ben Payne)



(Paul O'Flaherty)





# 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](http://www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com) or [exhibman@iinet.net.au](mailto:exhibman@iinet.net.au)

## E xhibition Update

Plans are progressing well for this years exhibition. As mentioned earlier the roster clerk will be sending out the roster questionnaire around the time the issue of Mortdale Matters is released. If you are able to spare any time over the weekend please return the form & let us know.

It takes a lot of man power & hard work to pull off an exhibition the size of Liverpool & any help will be greatly appreciated.

*Barry Wilcockson*  
Exhibition Manager

## U - Drive

The 'old' u-drive is currently setup & operational for anyone wishing to use it. There has been a great deal of investigation completed into the best way to brace the module of the new u-drive . A jig is being made for us to be able to accurately drill the holes for the locator pins and "clamping bolts."

*Bill Whale*  
U-drive Coordinator



# AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme - June to August 2015

## JUNE

Wed	3rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	5th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	6th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i>	10am until late
Mon	8th	<b>Public Holiday</b> - Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Wed	10th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	12th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	13th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	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 - <b>Australian Steam</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	20th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i> - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	21st	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i> <span style="float: right;">No Facility Fee</span>	10am until finished
Wed	24th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	26th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	27th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	28th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm

## JULY

Wed	1st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	4th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i>	10am until late
Wed	8th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	10th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	11th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	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 - <b>United Kingdom</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	18th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i> - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	19th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i> <span style="float: right;">No Facility Fee</span>	10am until finished
Wed	22nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	24th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	25th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	26th	General Building Maintenance	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 11pm

## AUGUST

Sat	1st	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i>	10am until late
Wed	5th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	7th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	8th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
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 11pm
Sat	15th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <i>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter (2 pm)</i>	10am until late
Sun	16th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i> <span style="float: right;">No Facility Fee</span>	10am until finished
Wed	19th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	21st	Layout Operation - <b>Australian Diesel</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	22nd	Layout Operation (see Notes) - <b>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</b>	10am until late
Sun	23rd	General Building Maintenance	10am until 4pm
Wed	26th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri	28th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	29th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - <b>Stoney Creek Layout - Q &amp; A (1 pm)</b>	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: 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
- This program may be subject to change without notice where necessary. Updated programmes available from the Clubrooms, or from [www.amransw.asn.au](http://www.amransw.asn.au).
- Address: 48 Barry Avenue (PO Box 277), Mortdale NSW 2223 - Phone (02) 9153-5901, Fax (02) 9153-5905







44207 & 4918 haul a wheat train on East Mateland (Mark Dalli)

On a wet miserable Sunday afternoon 23rd June 2013 CEY001 in the company of FL220 & CF4401 made its way to Singleton for trials. Note the numbers on the side are actually electrical tape, to be able meet the requirement of being able to see the numbers from the track. (Damien George)

