

# Mortdale

# Matters

Way out  
Buses  
Homebush

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Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc. News

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## Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of Mortdale Matters. This edition is considerably smaller due to the short time since the last edition.

In my last editorial, I mentioned that we would be including a “Letters to the Editor” from this edition. As yet I have not received any correspondence for inclusion in this column. From that I can only assume that everyone is happy with the way the branch is running. Should this not be the case, please don't hesitate to send something in and it will be included in the next edition to be released. The only thing that won't be published are defamatory, derogatory or inflammatory comments.

I sent an email out about 2 weeks ago letting people that we are migrating to a new email distribution list. Due to a technical issue that until this weekend I hadn't had the time to look at, this migration has been delayed until after this edition is released.

AMRA NSW has its annual **Open Day** coming up on **Saturday 7th April** from **10am to 4pm**. This is an opportunity for the club to welcome the public into the clubrooms and to show off what the members have created in the pursuit of the hobby. We will have all available layouts operating on the day as well offering a BBQ lunch for sale. This all takes a great deal of manpower to do and the club would greatly appreciate any time you may be able to offer on the day.

Hope you enjoy the read!

Until next issue,

**Damien George**  
Editor

**Glenn Percival**  
Assistant Editor

**Next Issue:** Expected release w/e 13th May 2108

## Derailment

The caption for the picture on the back page of the last edition didn't have a location mentioned. Quite a few people have asked where it was taken. The picture was taken on platform 4 @ Earls Court.

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**FRONT COVER:** A Millennium set sits on platform 6 @ Homebush waiting for departure time to return toward Central (*Steve Turner*)

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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*Images captured in the operational environment are done so with permission and adhering to the appropriate rail safety procedures & guidelines.*



## 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 [matters@amransw.asn.au](mailto:matters@amransw.asn.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 [publicityofficer@amransw.asn.au](mailto:publicityofficer@amransw.asn.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.

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## Stoney Creek



"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"  
(H0 FIXED LAYOUT)

As most of the frequent attendees of the club would know, Denis Gilmore tendered his resignation from the layout coordinators position for "Stoney Creek". Denis has put an incomprehensible amount of time & effort into the layout over the past 12+ years to get it to where it is today. The MC would like to thank Denis for his tireless efforts over the years.

A new fascia has been installed @ Yerriyong. This has certainly made the front of the layout look a lot more attractive.

Work is still progressing on the finishing touches of the programming of the layout. Whilst there is still a bit of work left, it's safe to say the vast majority of the work is now behind us and the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter.



## Scale Fixed Layout

No new report received at time of publication

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**Above:** A pair of 48s with a 45 in the middle waiting for a path to complete their shunting duties in Dewey Down yard. *(Steve Burrows)*



# Building Report

No new report received at time of publication

# NScale Layout

No new report received at time of publication

# Mortdale Market

There are still plenty of items available for sale in the cabinet. If you are interested in any of these items please speak to Ken



**Above:** NSWGR local pass on platform 2 & a SMR railmotor on platform 3 Maitland. *(Garth Appleyard)*



**Above:** The new facia that has been installed @ Yerriyong. *(Thomas Durber)*

**Below:** Sometimes things don't go to plan. This was certainly one of those moments. *(Thomas Durber)*



**BACK COVER:** 3076 pauses @ Broadmeadow on an Up local Pass on 30/01/1968 *(Garth Appleyard)*



# AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme - February to April 2018

## MARCH

Fri	2nd	Layout Operation / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes) - <b>(Plus HCVA Meeting)</b>	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	3rd	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b><u>Stoney Creek Layout - Q &amp; A (1 pm)</u></b>	10am until late
Fri	9th	Layout Operation / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	10th	<b>Layout Operation</b> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	11th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	16th	Layout Operation – <b><u>American</u></b> / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	17th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b><u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u></b>	10am until late
Sun	18th	Layout Construction / Work Day <i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Fri	23rd	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	24th	<b>Layout Operation</b> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	25th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	30th	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b> – Good Friday	<b><u>Closed</u></b>
Sat	31st	<b><u>Open Day – Preparation</u></b> / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late

## APRIL

Fri	6th	<b><u>Open Day – Preparation</u></b>	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	7th	<b>** <u>OPEN DAY</u> **</b>	<b>visitor entry by gold coin donation</b>
Sun	8th	Post Open Day Clean-up / General Activities (see Notes)	<b>10am until 4pm</b>
Fri	13th	Layout Operation / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Sat	14th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sun	15th	Layout Construction / Work Day <i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Fri	20th	Layout Operation – <b><u>Electric Traction</u></b> / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	21st	<b>Layout Operation</b> (see Notes) - <b><u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u></b>	10am until late
Sun	22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	27th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	28th	<b>Layout Operation</b> (see Notes)	10am until late

## MAY

Fri	4th	Layout Operation / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	5th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	11th	Layout Operation / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	12th	<b>Layout Operation</b> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	13th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri	18th	Layout Operation – <b><u>European</u></b> / <i>Programmed Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	19th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes) - <b><u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u></b>	10am until late
Sun	20th	Layout Construction / Work Day <i>No Facility Fee</i>	10am until finished
Fri	25th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 11pm
Sat	26th	<b>Layout Operation - <u>Twilight Running</u></b> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	27th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm

## NOTES

- **DAYLIGHTERS:** every Wednesday - 10am until 5pm, the facilities may be used *as permitted* e.g. layout construction, limited running, modelling, etc.
- GENERAL ACTIVITIES: the facilities may be used *as permitted* e.g. layout construction, building maintenance, limited running, modelling, etc.
- WORK NIGHTS: every Monday night, please check with the appropriate layout supervisor, 7:30pm until 11pm, No Facility Fee
- Layout Operation: O and N Gauges operational, HO (fixed) *as permitted during construction*
- Programmed Running: Destination, Sequenced or Timetabled operation as organized for each layout
- Facility Fee unless otherwise indicated: Adults \$8 - Juniors/Seniors (70+) \$5 - Visiting Interstate Member Free.
- Guests are always 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)
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