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Wed 31 Jan	Work night
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Wed 14 Feb	General Meeting
Wed 21 Feb	Work night
Wed 28 Feb	Work night
March 30 - April 2 Easter	



Down the Track
& Over the Hills;
Exhibitions, etc.

**January 8th to 12th 2018
Tea Tree Gully Library Display**

January 13,14 Warrnambool (Vic)

January 21 Arundel (Qld)
Gold Coast MRC Open Day & Buy n sell

January LWE 26-29 Corio (Belmont)

March 10-12 Kyneton (Vic)

Mar 31/Apr 1 Diamond Creek Expo
(Model Trains, Railway Memorabilia, etc)

**Don't forget to bring your prizes
for the "swindle" and some
small notes or large coins
with which to purchase tickets**

Front Cover: PeterP

**The view as you approach this imposing and
beautifully maintained Victorian railway station.
Built in 1892, the station was closed in 1993
but was reopened in 2010**

SARMA Inc. meets on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the ‘Log Cabin’ building on Lyons Road, Dernancourt, at the corner of Balmoral Road. Work nights are held on other Wednesday nights in the clubrooms adjacent to the log cabin. See the Diary on Page 1 for details.

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The Library may be accessed in the adjacent clubrooms before the club meeting.

Editorial & Miscellanea

*Welcome to the December Buffer Stop
and a merry Christmas to you all*

For the benefit of newer members, particularly, I want to point out the social evening on Wednesday December 20. This is a very laid back affair; you bring anything that you want to consume and the club puts on the BBQ, supplies tables and chairs, etc. Feel free to bring your own chair if you want to be a little more laid back and comfortable.

I'll mention again the display at the Tea Tree Gully Library as it starts before the January GM. As Fred keeps saying, "What better place to be in the heat of early January than in a nice air-conditioned library."

I recently discovered that the Corio exhibition is not at Corio which is north

of Geelong; Corio is the name of the club. It's at Belmont which is south of Geelong; not a huge distance but it looks a fair walk.

I gather that, even as I write this in mid-November, available places are all taken.

I must thank David Boyce for taking photos at the November meeting. I managed to remember my camera this time, but it's handy to have a second lot to choose from, especially if they're better than mine, and many were.

Congratulations to Allyssa Mackinnon on securing an apprenticeship to become a chef. I hope you become successful and enjoy your chosen profession.

PeterP

Letter from David Pendrill - Aussie Card Models - dated 2/11/17

I am currently in the Flinders Ranges area investigating the viability of producing a Quorn/ Pichi Richi Railway limited edition kit. I am pleased to announce that preliminary design work has now commenced on Stage 1 of the Quorn railway yard and Stage 1 of the township buildings. Bob Kirby (SARMA Country Member) has been instrumental in this project by hosting me at his farm, showing me around Quorn and helping me with measuring and photographing the first batch of buildings shown below in stage 1.

Quorn Station Yard (Stage 1)

1. Quorn Railway Station
2. The Cream Shed (perishables)
3. CWA Building
4. Goods Shed
5. Weighbridge Shed
6. Engineers Office

More station yard buildings including the ganger's trolley shed, railway staff cottages, loco running shed and kitchen/ barracks will be included in Stage 2 of this section after the next trip. Most of the buildings in the yard area are heritage listed and these will certainly be included in the kit. A sample model of the Criterion Hotel was completed prior to the trip and was shown to a number of people in the Quorn township.

Quorn Township (Stage 1)

Currently underway is the first row of shops, a few dwellings

and work has commenced on fine tuning the Criterion Hotel sample building after comparing it with the real thing. The majority of the township buildings have been selected due to their significance within the town. These include all four hotels, The Mill, lots of typical dwellings, many of the old shops. The garage, two bank buildings, Post Office, the Quandong Café building plus a few others.

The kits will consist of approximately 25 separate buildings and will be released as a limited edition item of which only 10 kits will be produced. The 10 kits will be issued with a certificate of authenticity. An additional proofing kit and the virgin master files will then be archived and will be strictly unavailable for production in the future. I have been advised that they may well be sought after by investors once they become unavailable. Any model building kits which are part of the complete limited edition kit will not be made available for sale individually. This will ensure that either a set of complete made up buildings or a complete set of unbuilt buildings will accumulate in value due to their limited numbers.

I am confident that a complete Quorn/Pichi Richi Railway layout using my models will be produced in the future for display at exhibitions around the country. Financial assistance will be offered to the builder should this come to fruition.

EDITED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 8th NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting opened at 7:33pm. Chairman: Fred Leaper

Members present: 45

Visitors: Doug Savalus

New Members: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved by Trevor Carter and seconded by Richard Ash; Carried.

Outstanding Actions and Business arising: Nil

Correspondence in:

Email from Chloe Oborn – New Recreation, Planning and Facility coordinator at TTG Council

Correspondence out:

Nil

Business from corres: Nil

Finance: Financial statements presented

Accept financial report: Moved by Gordon Chaplin and seconded by Bob Houston; Carried

The treasurer also reported that the proceeds from the items sold at last month's meeting totalled \$700.00 and the club also earned \$580.00 through the Peoples Choice lottery.

Reports:

Exhibition Layout –

Strathburn will be attending Corio in Victoria and TTG Library, both in January 2018. Names needed for TTG Library.

Club Layout –

Dean referred the members to his report in the Buffer Stop but did say that the wiring is pretty much finished and scenery is progressing.

Social –

Matt notified the members of the change of venue for the Christmas Dinner which will now be held at the Buckingham Arms Hotel.

Mystery trip has been set and booked.

BufferStop –

Peter pointed out that the names of the new committee were the nominated ones. He also encouraged members to read the President's message and noted that the venue for Christmas Dinner could not be amended in time.

Library – Nil

Maintenance – A power point was relocated for the N scale fixed layout and the globe was changed in the floodlight outside.

Bulk buys – Nil

Special Events –

TTG Library SARMA will be displaying Strathburn at the TTG Library from the 8th to the 11th January 2018. Pack up will be on the 12th. Members were encouraged to help man the layout.

Corio SARMA will be attending the Corio Model Train Exhibition on the 27th and 28th January 2018. Bob already has thirteen names.

End of year BBQ There will be a BYO food BBQ on the 20th December at the clubrooms.

AMRE – Nil

General Business:

Roger Wheeler is after some Powerline 830/48 class mainframes. No mechanisms.

Terry Meads mentioned that he spotted an H class tram at a school in Glossop. He was informed that it had been there for some time.

Show & tell:

Trevor Carter: An 8300 brake van (first project as a club in 1969) made from Bristol board and wood shapes for the body with Central Valley trucks. Marker lamps and handrails have been added. He also had an Ambroid kit from years ago. The kit, a covered hopper, is all wood shapes with some cast detail items. They were similar to Quality Craft that made a kit of a tri-level car carrier that used to hold matchbox cars. They were so heavy it used to compress the sprung axles on the bogies.

Fred Leaper made a sign out of timber on his scroll saw that says I Play with Trains. About fourteen hours of work and is one of a number of quality made timber items Fred has made. He mentioned that someone asked him what he was going to do with it and when he said he wasn't sure, they suggested he put it in the bin. Fred didn't seem impressed with that suggestion.

Terry Meads had a couple of photos taken of the track work at the rear of the new RAH.

Dwayne Norris presented his 520 model. It is a Rocky River Models body kit on a Bachman 4-8-2 that has been converted to a 4-8-4. The old motor has been replaced with a Mashima motor and runs very well.

Paul Mackinnon had a Thomas the tank engine on display which was given to him for his birthday by

Allyssa who, as Paul proudly pointed out, has become an apprentice chef.

Matt La Vista told us that all the copies of the 900 class loco have sold.

Tony Sitters brought in a scrap book of railway accidents in South Australia from as far back as the fifties. There were also a couple of books on train crashes.

Raffle:

93196, Roland Pinto, Knife Set

93116, Trevor Carter, Voucher – Junction Models

93194, Roland Pinto, Tram Depot façade kit

93285, Michael James, Pen torch

93279, Steve Curtis, Kadee couplers

93101, Roger Wheeler, HO wagon loads

93043, Chris Mutton, Mystery prize

93083, Andrew Timmins, 9 volt battery torch

93238, Michael James, LED Sign gadget

Meeting closed at 8:23pm

After meeting activities: Hugh Williams presented an video showing the fundamentals of using a card system and timetable operation on your model train layout. ■

EDITED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 8th NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting opened at 8:45pm. Chairman: Fred Leaper

Welcome: The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: G. Nixon, L. Redway, P. Carter, K. Eichinger.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved R. Ash and seconded D. Schluter. Carried

Outstanding Actions and Business arising: Nil

Annual Report: The President's report was mentioned as being in the Buffer Stop. The secretary read his annual report.

Adoption of Annual Report: Moved by S. Curtis, seconded R. Ash. Carried

Treasurers Report: The treasurer posted his annual report on the noticeboard for members to read before the meeting.

Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved R. Houston, seconded T. Jomartz. Carried

Appointment of Auditors: P. Pickering moved and T. Carter seconded the appointment of Terry Jomartz as auditor. Carried

Election of Management Committee

The chairman made a special mention about the outgoing members of the committee in Allan Norris and Hugh Williams who have both been serving on the committee for over a decade each. The members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

All positions were vacated and the returning officer, John McCallum, read out the nominations.

President: Fred Leaper. Nominated David Boyce, seconded by David Baird.

Vice President, Administration: Roger Wheeler. Nominated Bob Houston, seconded by Fred Leaper.

Vice President, Special Projects: Richard Ash. Nominated Bob Houston, seconded by Fred Leaper.

Secretary: David van der Linden. Nominated Dean Schluter, seconded by David Baird.

Treasurer: Gordon Chaplin. Nominated Dean Schluter, seconded by John Hansford.

Club Layout Director: Dean Schluter. Nominated Gordon Chaplin, seconded by Richard Ash.

Exhibition Layout Director: Bob Houston. Nominated Richard Ash, seconded by David Boyce.

Librarian: Kelvin Brinkley. Nominated David van der Linden, seconded by Bob Houston.

Social Director: Matt La Vista. Nominated Bob Houston, seconded by Richard Ash.

Maintenance Director: Don Worby. Nominated Richard Ash, seconded by Bob Houston.

Editor 1: Peter Pickering. Nominated Richard Ash, seconded by Gordon Chaplin.

Motions to be put to the AGM: Nil

Any other competent business: Nil

Closing remarks

The chairman spoke about the ethos of the committee and how it influences the decisions that need to be made. he then thanked the committee for their work during the year.

Meeting closed at 8:56pm ■



50 Years Ago: December 1967

PP

President: Bob Irvine, Vice-Presidents: *not listed*, Secretary: Trevor Carter, Treasurer: Stan Filsell, Librarian: *not listed*, Committee Members: Bill Coles, John Page, Tony Hill, Geoff Barnes, John Gordon, Eric Milne. Editor: Lawrie Edgar, Sub-Editor: Paul McDonald

Even thinner Buffer Stop than last month. The editor complained that not one article had been received. It doesn't appear to have a front cover either. The following was generated by the editor.

Christmas rush begins at Sydney Terminal station.

Big livestock movements by rail.

Article, the title of which is illegible; it begins "The railways are weight lifters; the bigger the load the better.

40 Years Ago: December 1977

TS

President: Trevor Carter, Vice-Presidents: Allan Kitto, Vic Kollosche, Secretary: Bob Irvine, Treasurer: Don Snow; Librarian: Tony Sitters, Layout Director: David Jameson, Maintenance: Alistair Whibley; Entertainment & Records: Len Redway; Editors: Rob Burford, Geoff Pearson

Programme:

Wednesday, 14.12.1977 – General Meeting Night – Feature film. Model Display – Unusual Rollingstock.

Friday, 16.12.1977 – Model Construction Night – LX Moulding Project.

Monday, 9.1.1978 to Friday, 20.1.1978 – Myer's Hobby Exhibition.

Wednesday, 11.1.1978 – General Meeting Night – Mini Lectures on 600 and 700 Class steam locomotives.

Model Display – Flat Cars with loads, Vehicles.

Committee Notes – extract :-The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Rob Burford as Buffer Stop Editor and Committee Member effective as from the December meeting. Rob is going to Tarcoola early in the New Year for three years as Principal and we wish him success in his new position.

Layout Report: as supplied by David Jameson.

Member Geoff Moore provided a list of books and magazines that he has for sale.

Big Time Railroading In Northern S.A. – an article on the 'Tramways' of BHP Whyalla by David Griffiths.

Pirie Safari – A write up of the Club's trip to Port Pirie by Tony Sitters.

30 Years Ago: December 1987

PP

President: Rob Burford, Vice-Presidents: Austin Balnaves, Steven Masters, Secretary: Tony Sitters, Treasurer: Don Snow, Layout Dir: David Jameson, Maintenance: Brian Woods, Social: John Willmer, Librarian: Dean Jackson, Editors: Don Bishop, Terry Jomartz, Special Projects Coordinator: Geoff Pearson,

Cover: Very black and white photo of Bluebird 251

Layout Report explained how to make simple 2-wire fences.

Mobile Crane: Notes and a photo on one in Gillman yard.

Weatherboard yard office: Instructions, material list and drawings on this club project.

Photos of Rx 207 at Goolwa and Victor Hbr.

Photo of ABLP3R showing modifications converting it for parcels traffic.

Photos of diesel 602 off the rails at Birkenhead Oil Terminal – Phil Hart.



20 Years Ago: December 1997

PM

President: Trevor Carter, Vice President (Administration): Peter Carter; Vice President (Special Projects): John Doherty; Secretary: Brian Leaney; Treasurer: Don Snow; Layout Director: John Willmer; Modular Layout Director: Peter Saunders & David van der Linden; Maintenance Director: Bernard Martin; Social Director: Tony Sitters; Librarian: Barrie Mackinnon; Editor: Paul Mackinnon

Front Cover: NR109 being prepared to work the first GSR operated Indian Pacific at Keswick Terminal. By John Doherty

Layout Report: Electrical work is now completed under Burra yard, so now the 240V cabling can be installed. The cork underlay in TZ Mine has been relayed to cater for the 2 ½" centres that the ore loader requires.

Crosswords: Two this edition!

Article: Does there have to be a point? By Peter Pickering

Article: In search of speed – the SRA XPT by John Doherty

10 Years Ago: December 2007

DVL

President: Hugh Williams; Vice Presidents: Roger Wheeler, Iain Kennedy; Secretary: Peter Pickering; Treasurer: David Jameson, Layout Director: Dean Schluter; Exhibition Layout Director: Bob Houston; Social Director: Barrie Mackinnon; Maintenance Director: David van der Linden; Librarian: Allan Norris; Editors: Chris Marlow, Harry Rush.

President's Report for 2007

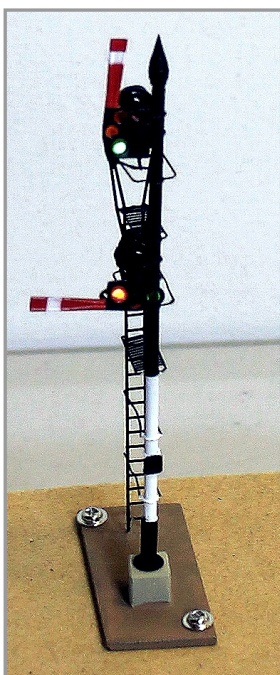
Vale Stan Filsell

Vale Peter Ziegler

The Night Before Christmas

Speed Control for a 240V Motor Tool

A whole page of Toy Trunk Railway cartoons



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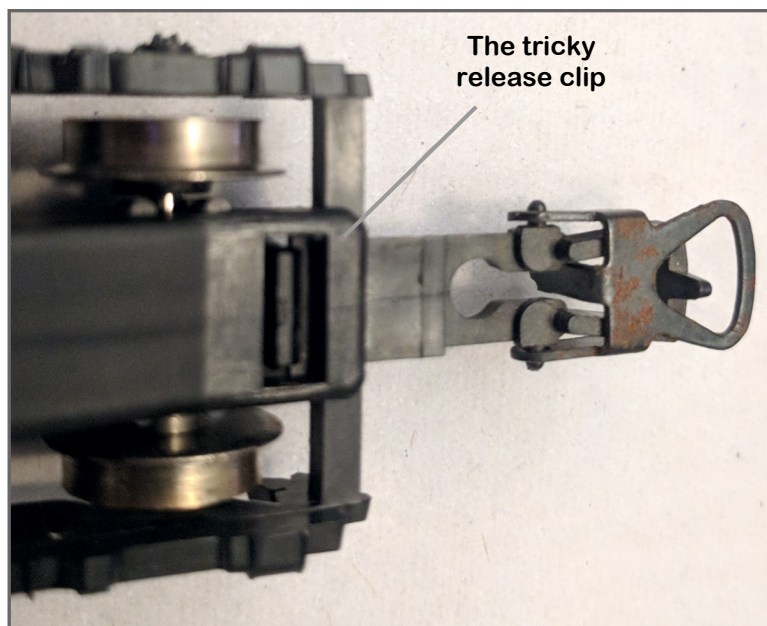
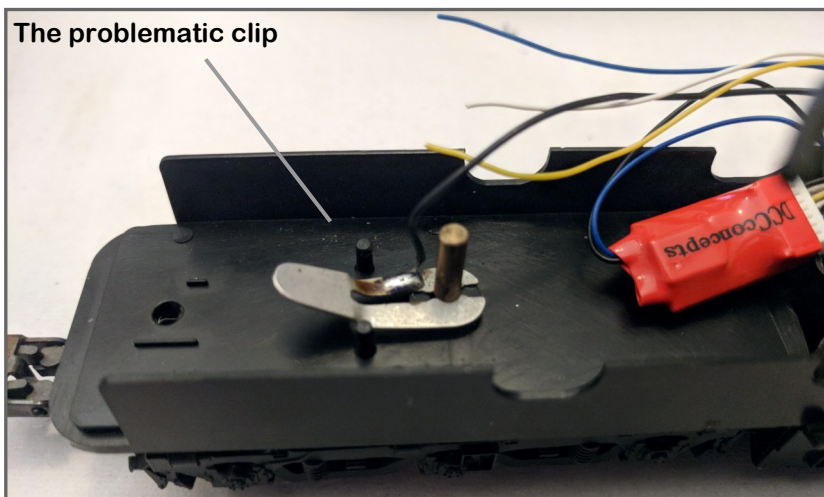
Unable to make it to the recent sale at the October general meeting, I thought the engine that I'd had half an eye on would have sold. Luckily for me it was still available and the following week I purchased a NSW diesel number 4496, made by Lima. It was my plan to upgrade the basic model and repaint the shell to represent an SAR 930 class and this would become my first piece of SAR motive power.



Lima NSW class 44

One Wednesday night with assistance from David Boyce (well, truthfully he did most of it) I installed a Kadee #5 coupler on the rear, and with guidance from Dean Schluter, I installed a DCC Concepts chip to convert it to digital. Dean put the engine on the programming track and we fired it up. It was a little hesitant to get moving however and the issue was diagnosed as the clip holding the front bogie which also delivers the power from the wipers in the bogie to the chip. When it was DC this didn't matter too much as it ran anyway, but running digitally this intermittent signal to the chip was problematic.

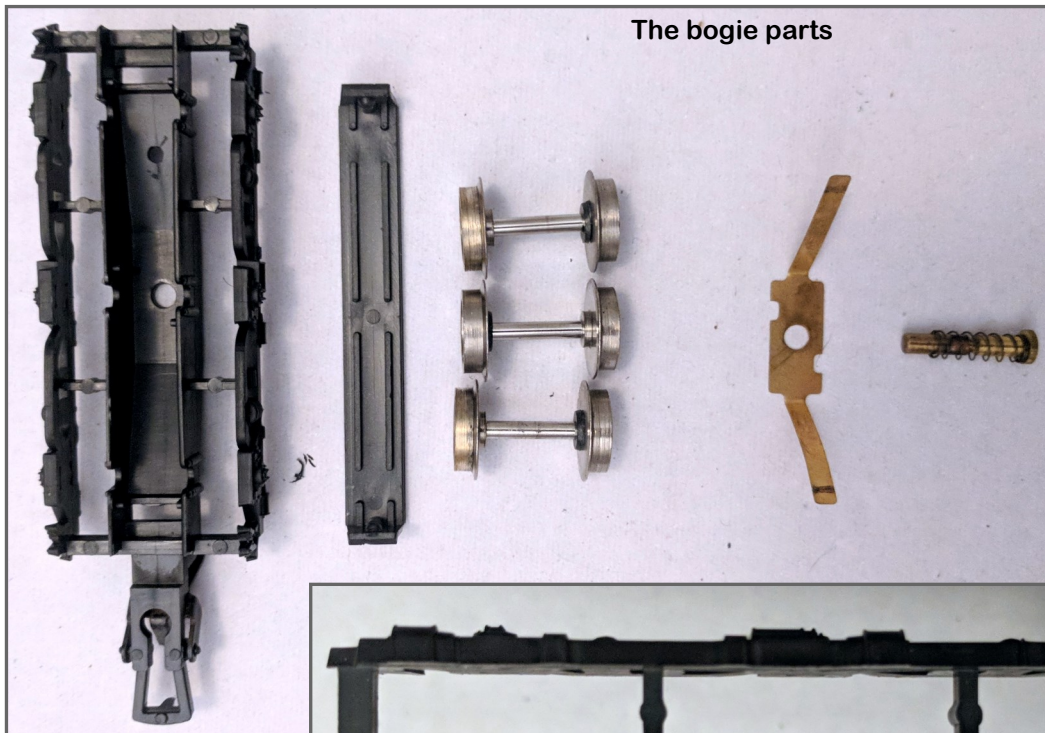
The problematic clip



The tricky release clip

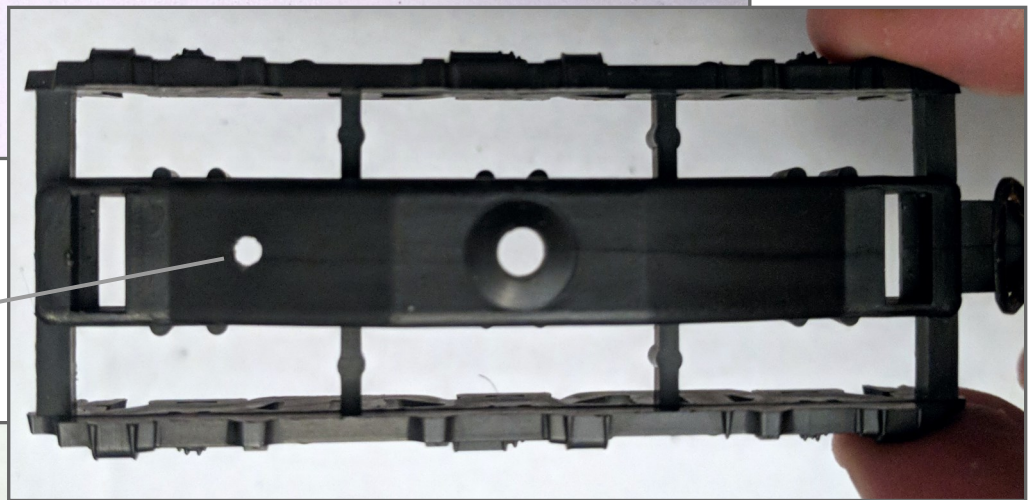
Well, how to fix this? Some head scratching later and I decided I would need a much more solid connection to ensure power was delivered consistently. I took the bogie apart and had a look at the best way to do this.

The trickiest part of dismantling the bogie was getting the plastic clips undone at each end. Once they were released the whole assembly came apart easily. I decided I would solder a wire directly to the wiper, making sure the power had no chance to get lost on the way to the chip.

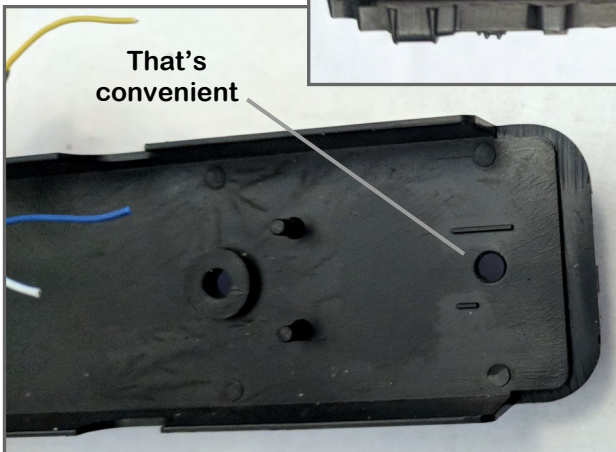


This meant drilling a small hole through the top of the bogie frame and threading the wire through a convenient hole in the base of the chassis. I initially drilled the hole into the far end, thinking this would allow for movement when the bogie was turned but the wire

Hole drilled in bogie frame. This photo was taken before the second hole was drilled at the other end.

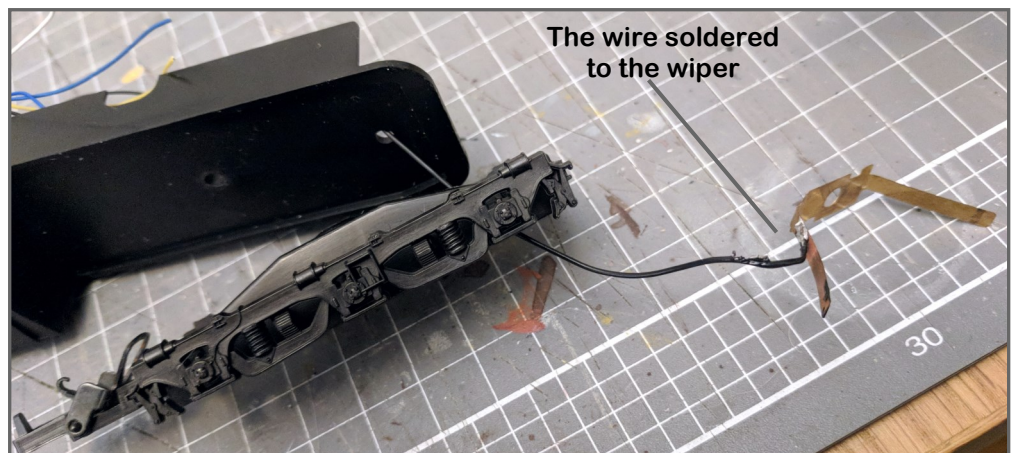


That's convenient



ended up just getting in the way. I then drilled a second hole at the front end and the wire goes directly through both holes and then to the chip. I soldered a wire to the wiper and put the bogie back together. I really needed a third hand for this as the spring pin and the wipers combined make for an interesting time getting it all together again.

Once all was back reassembled, I gave it a quick test on some track on the kitchen table and it worked successfully! ■



The imposing front elevation



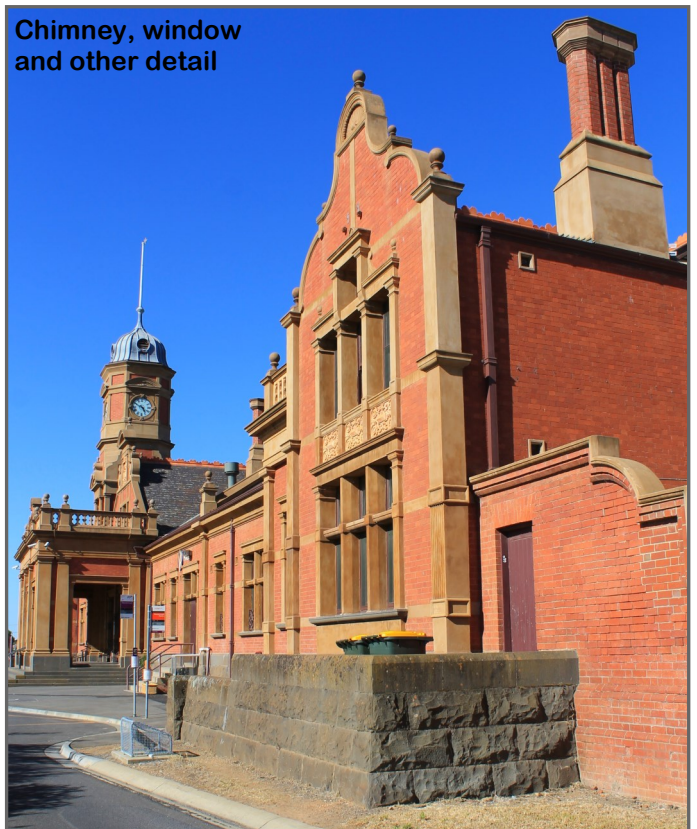
You might recall last month that our party of three were making their way to Maldon (Vic) via Maryborough, which town is dominated by a magnificent railway station. Mark Twain was quoted as describing Maryborough as a railway station with town attached. Previously, I had only seen photos of this station; it bears similarities to Ballarat but the setting and the architecture are so much more. The clock tower is nothing short of massive. According to Andrew Ward who wrote the text for 'Railway Stations of Australia' first published by MacMillan in 1982, it has the widest verandah in the state, running the length of the building.



The platform verandah with its elegant ironwork



Railway relics decorate the frontal gardens



Chimney, window and other detail



Scales on the platform

There have been assertions that this station was built in Maryborough by mistake; it should have been built in Maryborough Qld or in Melbourne.

The station was closed on 12 September 1993 when 'The Vinelander' train service was withdrawn and replaced by a bus service. In 2006 the station was restored and in July 2010 train services to Ballarat restarted.

Next month: We get to Maldon and ride on the Goldfields Railway ■



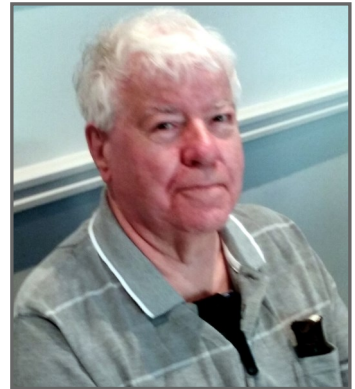
The goods shed clearly visible from the platform

SARMA CHRISTMAS DINNER 2017 AT THE BUCKINGHAM ARMS HOTEL

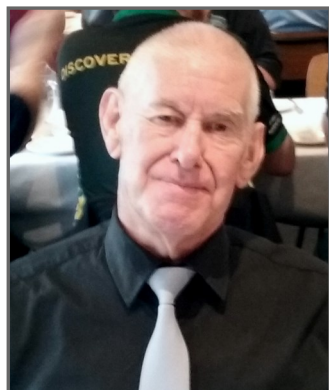
Another excellent night out was enjoyed by 26 of us at the Buckingham Arms Hotel on Saturday evening 18th November. Hugh Williams is no longer a committee member after more years than he will admit to (try 50). Chatting to Helen Williams, I heard about her Miracle Christmas Cake Recipe, included here for anyone who would like to give it a go.



but guys, the recipe included is so simple, you might surprise yourselves. David Boyce has been busy building a granny flat for his wife to use as a sewing room. The original idea was for one room, however a few more requests were made e.g.. Running water required, then a toilet and shower, also a kitchenette. One very happy wife by the sound of it – well done.



John Gordon (who managed to avoid having his photo taken) and Heather have entertained English friends Terry and Ann, who were visiting Australia, by taking them on a motoring trip travelling some 7,800+Km. Heather and John first met them when they were all on a trip in Canada and Alaska. Friendships were formed with Heather and John staying with them when they were holidaying in England. Roland Pinto and Richard Ash were both telling me that they can't cook. Richard even managed to burn boiled eggs. A bit of a lost cause really,



On 3rd November Graham and Theresa Nixon celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary at Victor Harbour staying at the Apollon Motel where Graham says they had a panoramic view of surrounding rooftops. Whilst there, they enjoyed a trip on SteamRanger. Graham is also a footie fan supporting the West Coast Eagles and has been a SARMA member since April 1981 - his thought for the day, "don't drink and drive cos you might spill it". Peter Pickering has been to Melbourne recently for the British Railway Modellers of Australia Convention. Partner Lynne has been to Canada and New York recently where she visited the overhead railway garden in New York.





Sue and Roger Wheeler have just enjoyed a cruise from Sydney to Alotau, New Guinea via Cairns and Brisbane disembarking in Darwin.



Robyn and Dennis Symons are planning a cruise to Noumea, Vanuatu, etc.



Terry Meads and Connie, just back from a few days in Victor, are looking at a cruise in July (or was that last July?).



Fiona and David van der Linden expect to be spending Christmas on Kangaroo Island.



Dean has given up cruising due to the high cost of insurance, but Jan is booked for a trip to Canada in May.



Don Worby is clearly enjoying himself and Jeremy has been busy building a U-drive for the N scale convention.



Eddie Vardon (far left) is reinventing a keyboard, among other things. Michael James (left) is pleased with himself, having purchased Hutch's Adelaide Freight Terminal layout.

SARMA CHRISTMAS DINNER continued



Matt and Sherree feel a bit more confident now that Matt has a job at the Oaklands Mower Centre.

Many thanks to Matt La Vista for all his work in organizing the Dinner. ■

Compiled by Sue Wheeler & (to a lesser extent) PeterP

**HELEN WILLIAM'S MIRACLE
CHRISTMAS CAKE**

1Kg mixed dried fruit
500ml iced coffee (Farmers Union or similar)
100ml brandy or similar
Combine the above and soak o'night in the fridge
Add 2 cups self raising Flour

1	teaspoon mixed spice)
1	" cinnamon) optional
2	" marmalade jam)

Bake @ 160 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes in a lined 23cm tin.

Brush top with extra brandy when cooling.

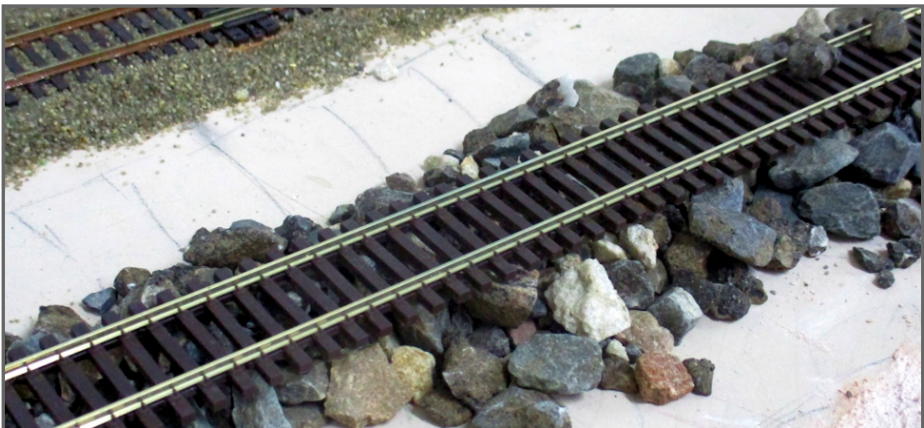
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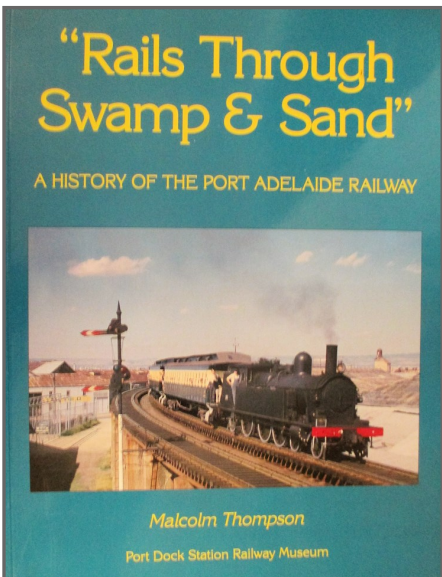
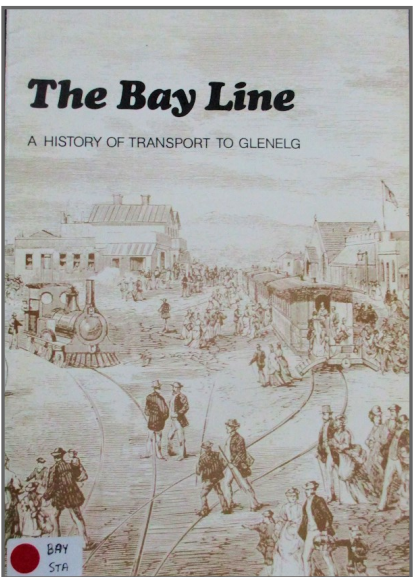
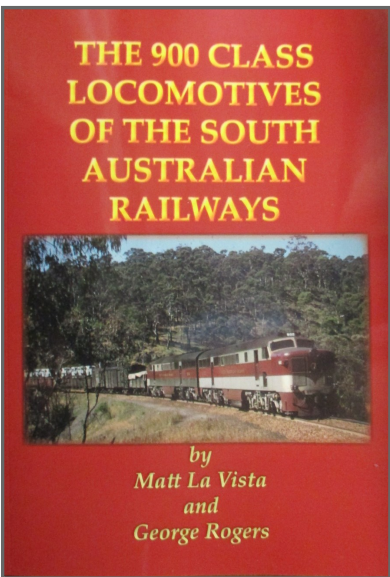
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Oh dear!
Kelvin's been
ballasting again!



Three books which are
new to the library



Layout Report - December 2017

Dean Schluter

A wonderous sight occurred on the Wednesday night of 15/11/17; all the “N gauge” people working on the “N gauge” layout. This will go down in history. Let’s hope it is the beginning of the norm.



The HO gauge layout is progressing with all concentration now on the background scenery to clear the way to work on the foreground. A great amount of ballasting and rail painting has been completed. The main area of work now will be in the station yards and due to the track in these areas being mounted on cork it will take a lot of building up to make the yards look right. On reflection we should have left the cork out of these areas, lesson learned? The cork was used on the main to give the correct profile to the ballast and contra to belief that it deadens rail noise, it will not when the ballast is glued. The transition from the cork to the non-corked area can be achieved by grading with a power sander.

Two years ago, I made a bold promise that **“There would be trains running on the layout in two years, scenery finished or not.”** Apart from trains partially doing short excursions, the layout is ready to run trains end to end and round and round. So, all the Tuesday workers who have toiled hard on the layout and made it possible will be rewarded to be first to run on the layout at a designated time this year. **I would like to acknowledge in chronological order of appearance the people who were there from the beginning.**

Gordon Chaplin, Bob Fleet (between cruises), Bob Houston, Don Worby, Hugh Williams, Richard Ash, Karl Eichinger, David Jameson, Fred Leaper, Peter Pickering, Len Redway, Terry Jomartz, David Boyce, Kelvin Brinkley, John Henderson, Graham Phillips, Trevor Marsh, Roland Pinto, Chris Mutton and Chris Whibley. Also, the people who had to work for a living but put effort into Wednesday nights and worked on items at home, David van der Linden, Tim Leach, Ben Adamson and John Gordon.

Thank you all, well done.



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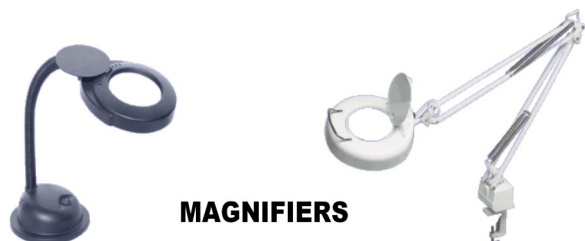
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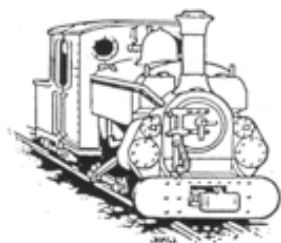
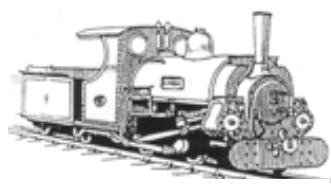
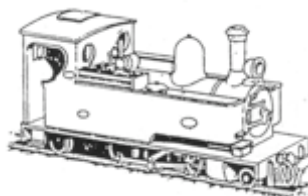
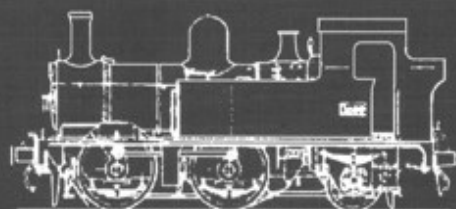
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Noel's Pottering

1PM9 Crystal Brook



4416 s Crystal Brook



3AS8 Huddlestone





2MP9 towards Pt. Germein



2MP1 Mambray Creek



GM's 37 & 43 Spencer Jct

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Above: Arriving Goolwa

Right: Cameras everywhere



Below: Just out of Victor

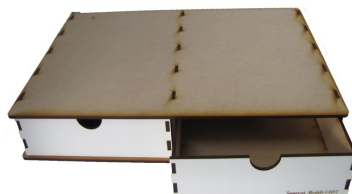




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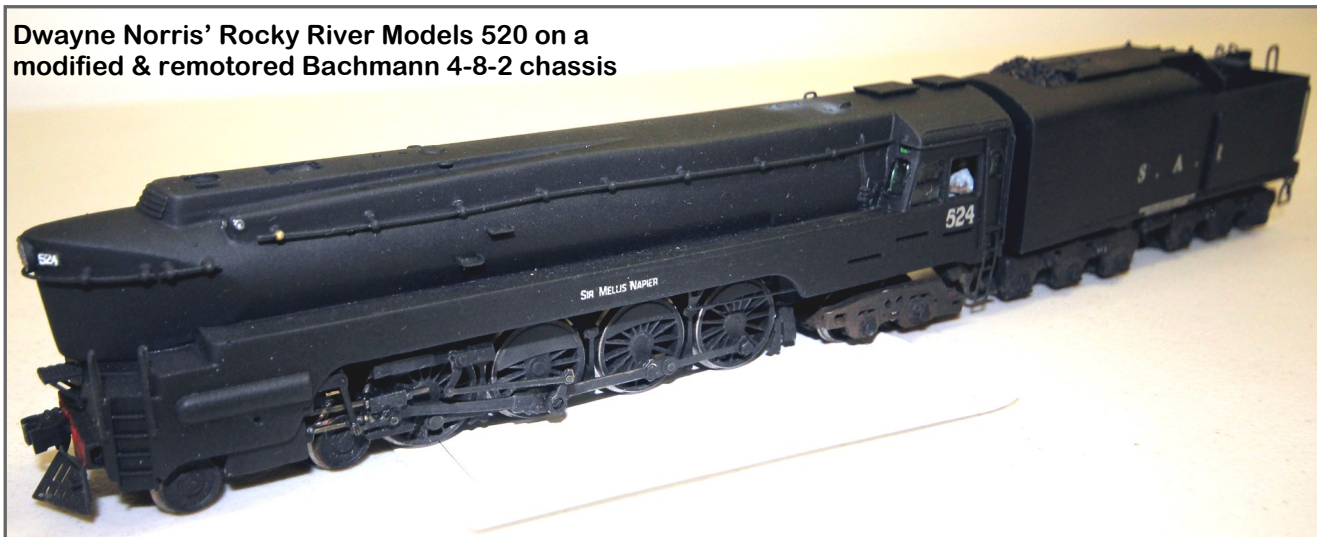
TC's 8300 brake van, originally made in 1969, and covered hoppers made from Android kits - wood shapes - heavy as hell



Fred Leaper made this sign with a scroll saw



Dwayne Norris' Rocky River Models 520 on a modified & remotored Bachmann 4-8-2 chassis



Tony Sitters brought in a scrap book of railway accidents in South Australia from as far back as the fifties. There were also a couple of books on train crashes.

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Regards, Graham Cocks (NSMA Secretary)



The following pages, plus that at the bottom of the previous page, contain a selection of the editor's photos taken while in Queensland in November 2015 at the time of a BRMA convention.
Apologies for lack of captions.













I hope that, as a recipient of the Web version of the Buffer Stop, you have enjoyed the extended full colour version. Please feel free to send me any of your own photos that you think other members would enjoy.

Ed.