

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS' ASSOCIATION INC.**

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SINCE 1957



## *Loco 103 at cleaned-up Tailem Bend*

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### Diary

<b>Wed 8 Nov</b>	<b>General Meeting/AGM/ Master Modellers/Imaginary Model</b>
Wed 15 Nov	Work night
<b>Sat 18 Nov</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner -</b>
Wed 22 Nov	Work night
Wed 29 Nov	Work night
Wed 6 Dec	Work night
<b>Wed 13 Dec</b>	<b>Mystery Trip &amp; Swindle</b>
<i>Wed 20 Dec</i>	<i>Social evening and BYO BBQ</i>
<i>Mon 25 Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Wed 3 Jan	Work night
<b>8 - 12 Jan</b>	<b>Tea Tree Gully Library Display</b>
<b>Wed 10 Jan</b>	<b>General Meeting/</b>
Wed 17 Jan	Work night
<b>26 - 29 Jan</b>	<b>Corio exhibition</b>



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

November 12 Thornbury (Vic) &  
Vic Model Rly Soc Prototype Modelr's Forum

**November 25,26 Milang Exhibition**  
**January 8th to 12th 2018**  
**Tea Tree Gully Library Display**  
January 13,14 Warrnambool (Vic)

**January LWE 26-29 2018 Corio**  
March 10-12 Kyneton (Vic)

### Front Cover: Photo - Matt LaVista

**LOCO 103: the rebuilt ex NSW 45 formerly owned by  
Bowmans has been restored to operational condition  
and now wears the emblem of the owners  
(Australian Locomotive And Railway Carriage Co)**

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- Gardening
- Painting
- All Odd Jobs



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**UBD Map 96 Ref D12 or Gregory’s 148 J12**

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

# Editorial & Miscellanea

## welcome to the November Buffer Stop

We're winding down to the Christmas/New Year break with a predominance of social events coming up. Even the Milang Model Railway Show is very much a family affair. As notified last month, because of the involvement of a number of SARMA members, our Christmas Dinner is one week earlier than usual, on 18th Nov.

A while ago (I can't remember when), we put on a display at the Tea Tree Gully Library. This went down very well and was good publicity for us so we're doing it again. What better place to be in the heat of early January than in a nice air-conditioned library.

Another repeat is a visit to Corio (Geelong). It's been a while since we were there. Their exhibition is held during the long weekend at the end of January. Contact Bob Houston if you want to go.

I must thank David Baird for taking the photos at the October meeting. I managed to leave my camera at home.

The committee members listed on page 2 are not (technically) valid until they have been approved at the AGM, but it seemed pointless to me to list those committee members who we know will not be holding office by the end of the evening.

I spent a week in Melbourne right in the middle of the preparation of this month's Buffer Stop, so if there are more errors than usual, that could be the reason. I won't apologise because I know how much you enjoy finding my errors.

By driving over and taking an extra couple of days, we were able to take in some local railways and other sights. When space allows, I will include some details. See pages 11 & 12.

*PeterP*

## **MILANG MODEL RAILWAY SHOW**

Saturday & Sunday November 25th & 26th

10am to 4pm in the Milang Institute

Gavin Thrum's "Wellingford & Bakewell Bridge"

Noarlunga's "Lakeside" "The Milang Branch"

"Canadian Gully" "The Top End 1942" and 6 others

Also nearby:

SA Light Railway Centre, Free Diesel Driving Lessons in SAR 351,

Milang Railway Museum, Craft Shop, Coffee Shop & Mini Mart,

Pier Hotel, Playground, Bakery, Sausage Sizzle.

## EDITED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 11th OCTOBER 2017

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

The chairman welcomed everyone present and gave special mention and thanks to Kelvin Brinkley, Bob Fleet and Don Worby for their efforts in setting up the sale of items.

Members present: 52

Visitors: Nil

**Minutes** of previous meeting: Moved by Tony Sitters; and seconded by David Baird; Carried.

Outstanding Actions and Business arising: Nil

**Correspondence in:** Nil

**Correspondence out:** Nil

**Business from corres:** Nil

**Finance:** Financial statements presented – see attachments

Accept financial report: Moved by Gordon Chaplin and seconded by Trevor Carter; Carried

The treasurer also posted on the noticeboard, a report on the last Swapmeet which, with the sausage sizzle, was quite profitable. He thanked Colin, Darren and all the rest that helped out on the day.

**Reports:**

**Exhibition Layout** – The layout is still in the trailer and no work has been done to it at this stage.

**Club Layout** – Going well. Thanked John Henderson for constructing the river port wharf and buildings. Dean also reminded the members to add their names to the operators' lists. He also mentioned that SANGS has extended an invitation for our N scale devotees to attend their Christmas dinner.

**Social** – (Via Email) Reminder that Christmas dinner is on 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Bombay Bicycle Club. There was also the Freelance Loco/Rolling stock Competition coming up in November.

Next working bee at Tailem Bend will be early November. Matt reported that the area is starting to look better with fewer weeds.

**Buffer Stop** – There will not be any 'Where Is It' in the December magazine. This month's winner was Trevor Carter but there were another two correct entries.

Peter also mentioned that the online version of the magazine seemed to have some pages mixed up.

**Library** – Nil

**Maintenance** – Nil

**Bulk buys** – Nil

**Special Events** –

**Swapmeet:** Terry had nothing more to say apart from that the numbers were down from last year's September event

**AMRE** – Nil

**General Business:**

**Peter Pickering** – Prefers cajoling to being ignored.

**Trevor Carter** – Asked about the comment made last month by Dean Schluter about not running trains around and around the club layout. The misunderstanding was cleared up. It was meant that trains need to be monitored at all times, even when running around and around due to the nature of DCC and the track layout.

**Noel Potter** has procured a large collection of N scale items and is interested in selling.

**Show & tell:**

**Trevor Carter** – Three BGB cement hoppers, a BGB converted covered hopper in Freight Rail green, a kit-bashed private car and an ABFX in SCT red and white. Trevor said he had a lot of trouble keeping the red off the white.

**John Henderson** – A scratch built river wharf for the club layout. Built from Balsa and Basswood, there are 66 piles, 88 braces, 210 planks, individually coloured, and 1260 holes drilled for the bolts. He also built a Perspex protector for the front piles to prevent damage. It was given a dirty green wash so it resembles water.

**Hugh Williams** – Brought a number of models converted from cheaply purchased American rolling stock. He uses simple modifications to make the model resemble an Australian piece of rolling stock.

**Dane Filander** – His prize winning model of an Adelaide based Sunbeam Electric Trolley bus. Scratch built from cardboard, styrene and clear acetate for the windows. He was awarded second prize at the recent Royal Show. He even included operating door.

**Raffle:**

Purple M73 Trevor Marsh Metcalf park benches  
Purple H66 Fiona Roney Hobby knife set  
Purple H25 Roger Wheeler Aussie Card Kit  
Purple H74 Paul Woolard Scenic material  
Orange C16 Allan Smith Weathering powder  
Orange C77 Colin Barnes Steamtown book  
Purple H42 Tim Leach Tamiya masking tape



**Minutes continued:**

Purple M51 Roland Pinto Peco point probes  
Orange C71 Hugh Williams Junction Models voucher  
Purple H18 Paul Mackinnon Mr Glue glue

**After meeting activities:**

The after meeting activity was the sale to members of items from a deceased estate.

**Meeting closed at 8:24pm**

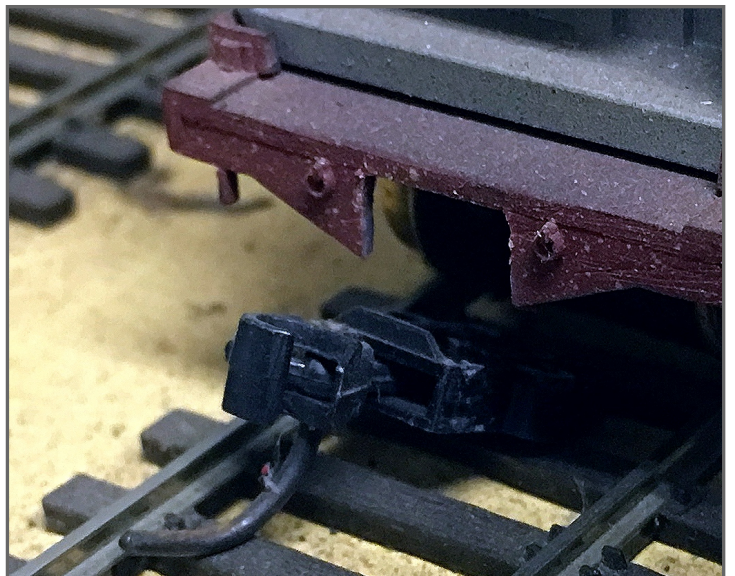
# Oddments

From Jammo (photos from Dean & Jammo (I think))

In the last week or so there has been a lot of discussion about the colour of the ballast we are using. Some say it should be lighter; some say it should be darker. Some maintain it should be an even colour, and others insist it should be mottled.



A certain newer member came up with an answer that (temporarily) silenced everyone. Even Dean was stuck for an answer – for a short time anyway.



From David van der Linden:  
This coupler had been glued on but who knows when. This happened Monday night at Brinktown on Dean's layout.



## 50 Years Ago: November 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

### *A very thin Buffer Stop this month*

**Cover:** Strange cartoon

**Railways of Vietnam** article extracted and condensed from Railway World.

**Water cartage:** A brief article outlining water shipment to Kimba.



## 40 Years Ago: November 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, 9.11.1977- General Meeting Night – Lecture on 75 Class Rail Cars and 600 Class Steam.

Model Display – Diesel and Electric Locos. Money and Risk Notes required for the Port Pirie Trip - Adults \$6.40, Children \$4.00 – see Tony Sitters.

Friday, 11.11.1977 - Port Pirie Trip. Depart Salisbury at 2130 Hours

Saturday, 12.11.1977 - Return at 1710 Hours.

Wednesday, 16.11.1977 – Layout Construction.

Friday, 18.11.1977 – Model Construction – Plastibond mouldings.

Wednesday, 23.11.1977 – Layout Construction.

Saturday, 26.11.1977 – St. John's Fete – Layout requires manning.

Sunday, 11.12.1977 – Christmas Party – Rymill Park.

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

### **Committee Notes-** extract :-

The Committee announced the appointment of co-opted Member Elliott Johnstone as Director-General of the 1979 Exhibition.

A Returning Officer to be appointed at the February GM and nominations close at the end of the March GM.

**Layout Report:** as supplied by David Jameson.

Dean Jackson reported that the Crystal Brook Bridge has been placed into service. The Track Gang were still aligning the track on 6.10.1977. The Narrow Gauge Bridge still has track on it, but none on the approaches.





### 30 Years Ago: November 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:** Photo of “unknown origin taken at York, England.” It shows two BR tank engines.

**Editorial:** Extensive comment on the caricature nature of layout “Franklin County”.

**Centenary Cars:** Several detailed drawings.

**4 wheel sheep van:** Plans and photos.

### 20 Years Ago: November 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; Editors: Bill Button, Paul Mackinnon

**Front Cover:** 607, GM32 and GM30 stabled at Osborne by Daniel Zaharuiko

**Layout Report:** Electrical work is now proceeding, with the main cab wiring almost finished in the main layout room. The next thing to be installed will be the 240V power feed for the 16V transformers. Control panels at Peelinna and Grosvenor are now being wired up.

**Picture Parade:** Two photos of the club layout on display at Riverton Model Show 1997.

**Article:** Riverton Model Show '97 by Bill Lewis

**Article & Drawing:** C & CF cattle cars – reprinted from the December 1973 Bufferstop

**Drawing:** SAR Steam Motor Coach ‘The Coffee Pot’

### 10 Years Ago: November 2007

DVL

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

**Cover:** Locos 704 (Hugh Williams) and 718 (Dean Schluter) double heading at a show in Mildura

**An article** titled NMRA Standards & Recommended Practices appear on page 6, reprinted from “MainLine”, the magazine of NMRA Inc. Australasian Region, by kind permission of the author and with the assistance of Ron Solly and Roger Wheeler.

**An interesting article** on page 8 about planning for bridges on your layout

**More modelling aids** from Roger Wheeler including a track gradient tool

**Photos** from the SARMA layout at Mildura



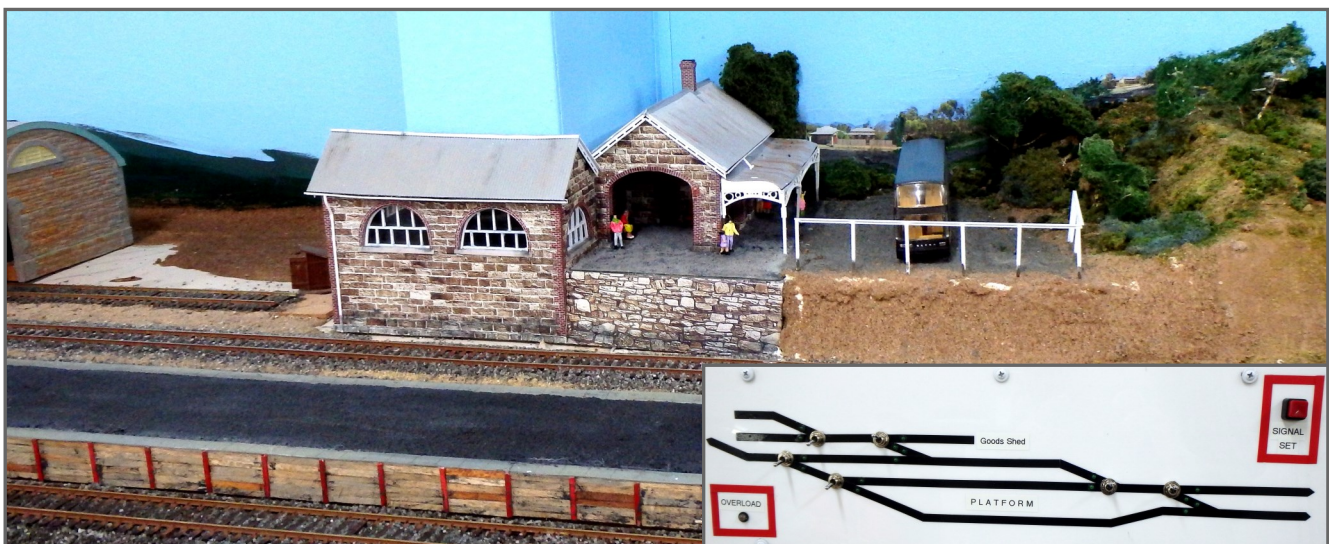
## Club Layouts Report - November 2017

Dean Schluter

Work has started on the N gauge club layout so, from now on, there will be two club layout reports and Matt La Vista as N gauge layout Special Interest Group leader will report on it. Thanks must go to Bob Houston, Don Worby, Richard Ash and Andrew Pink for getting the ball rolling on construction following the original basic plan by Michael James.

Back in the real world, in the electrical/electronics of the HO layout, the last control panel by David Jammo and Kelvin has been finished and, with great help from Graham and Trevor, signals, rail feeds and switch motor wiring is done and dusted; thank you all. Now the five of us can get on with the easy stuff like scenery buildings, etc. Some additions already in place are: Tim Leach's truss bridge and Balmoral station's elevated building and centre platform - both excellent work; Trevor Carter's abattoirs and holding pens - marvellous; and John Henderson's scenic lake and wharf.

That's enough words - look at the pictures. ■



November 2017

The Buffer Stop



## N SCALE CLUBROOM LAYOUT CONSTRUCTION BEGINS Matt LaVista

The SARMA N scale division has undergone another rebirth, this time with a permanent club layout being constructed. Before construction of the library commenced it was originally planned to bring the old 'Barrie Valley Railway' exhibition layout back into the old shed to live out its retirement as this purpose. However, at 7 metres long, it neatly blocked up the library door and was too old to be easily reconstructed to fit the available space. (Said layout now resides with Colin Barnes).

The plan below shows the current layout under construction. Basically a distorted 'U', the new setup allows plenty of running track with sidings to allow two main lines with a branch for industrial style shunting. To give the largest possible curves on the balloon loops to allow for long radius trains to be run, the curves have been made 20 inch radius on the main. The layout will be 'split' scenically with the possibility of multi-level operation. It is pleasing to note that the legs we use have come from the old Islington layout so a little bit of SARMA history lives on.

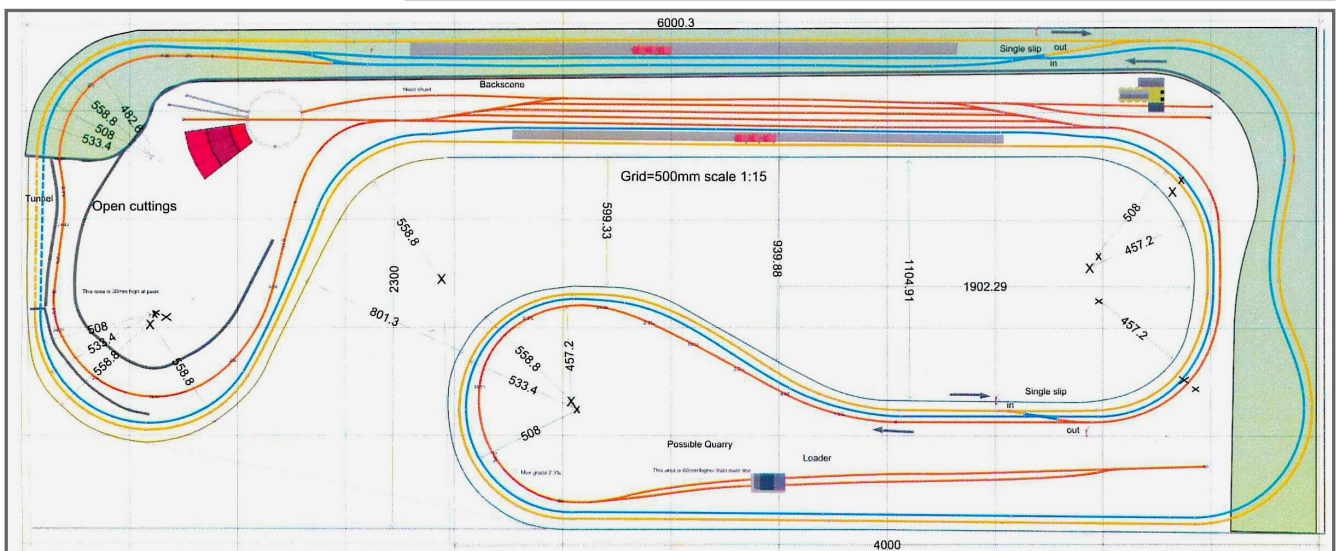
So we can easily accommodate both DC and DCC; the layout will be wired to make the power easily interchangeable between the two control systems.

In order to ensure that work proceeds briskly but is not interrupted, the N scale Exhibition layout will be withdrawn from operation for the whole of 2018, with

the exception of the 'Kempton' U-Drive. For 2019, a new T-TRAK layout will be constructed using some existing modules as the current 'Rails to Morgan Wharf' layout is due for a revamp.

Currently a team, including a number of the HO modellers, are hard at work and by the time you read this in the November issue, the baseboards should be completed. We are most gratified for these gentlemen getting stuck in. All SARMA members who might be interested in helping out are most welcome whether you model N scale or not.

No decision has been made on scenery setting yet (we would like to have all track laid and fully operational first!) though it is my preference to make a layout in the style of the 'BVR'- filled with fun little cameos and scenes. Remember the cheese rolling or the smoking shed? Perhaps we can even make a line for the toilet longer than our first attempt!! ■



# CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18th, 6pm

## The Bombay Bicycle Club

29 Torrens Road, Croydon

Our booking is restricted to 30 people max and a deposit will be paid on behalf of the attendees

Aside from Entrees and Desserts (the full selection) you have a choice of: LAMB KORMA, BUTTER CHICKEN, THE FAMOUS CALCUTTA CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD, PORTHOUSE STEAK, CHICKEN OR BEEF SCHNITZEL. (PRICES VARY)

Please contact Matt to have your name put on the list or sign the sheet in the clubrooms.

## SARMA MYSTERY TRIP

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

LEAVING CLUBROOMS AT 6pm SHARP

Once again I will bamboozle you all with a completely new and unexpected venue! There will be a BBQ and Salads for tea. Please wear clothes suitable for walking including enclosed shoes. Don't forget to bring extra funds along with you for purchases on the night.

Don't forget to remember to bring along donations for the Swindle raffle. The golden rule is: 'IF YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO WIN IT, DON'T BRING IT!' Tickets will be \$1 each (unless you have to ask the price, in which case \$2 each)

Cost: \$30. Payable to Matt at any meeting night.

Please put your name on the list!



Right in the middle of preparations for this copy of Buffer Stop, I took a week off to go to the British Railway Modellers Convention in Melbourne - Box Hill to be precise. I went with a couple of cohorts from BRMA who happen to also have an interest in South Australian railways. We took a couple of extra days to ride some Victorian heritage lines and look at a few model shops. I won't bore you with any details of the convention, but you might just find some of my other photos of slight interest.



The Goldfields Railway runs on Wednesdays and weekends so we drove to Maldon on the Tuesday and stayed in the only motel overnight. On the way over, we paused somewhere between Tailem Bend and Keith (probably Coonalpyn) and took a couple of photos of the silos. Three hours later (don't know where) we came across a trio of light engines (BL33, 8124, X50) travelling quickly in the opposite direction. Calling upon my amazing skill with the camera (20%) and a bit of luck (80%) I managed to get one decent shot out of three.



Moving on to Ararat, we turned left towards Avoca and Maryborough. Alongside much of this road there was a lot of activity on the railway line. There were piles of sleepers everywhere as an upgraded line was going in - I'm sure that Terry Jomartz, among others, would be able to provide more info about this. Stopping briefly in Avoca (I think), we sought out a shop window containing pieces of the Vulcan Vale Narrow Gauge Railway which was featured in AMRM some years ago - photos here and overleaf.

Next stop -  
the magnificent  
station at  
Maryborough.

To be continued ■









Since our initial work day in July we have had two more sessions, late August and one recently in mid-October (September was a no go given the enormously busy schedule). With a crew varying in numbers between eight and fifteen our group has carved a swathe across the former Roundhouse depot, doing badly needed duties such as weedkilling, mowing, stump and rubbish removal as well as scrubbing carriage stock clean of graffiti.

Thanks to our efforts in catching up on the maintenance, the boys of Nullarbor Rail (owners of the former *Murraylander* and other rolling stock in the depot) have been able to concentrate their work upon restoring their carriages and locomotives to rolling order. There have been dramatic leaps and bounds. Former NSW 45 Class rebuilt with a low nose, no. 103, is now operational. Track work to house the loco safely in a shed has now been completed and by the time you read this, the engine should be in its new home, much safer than out in the open where vandals can attack it.

I have been asked why we go up there and what the benefit to SARMA is. Since our bus trip to the depot in 2014 I had kept in touch occasionally with Steve Moritz and noted the continued problems besetting them. A lot of negativity has been spread about the Tailem Bend group by people who have no idea what they are talking about, particularly in regards to 'Letting the 900s rot'. For those who have read my book on said locos, you can read for yourself just how much money was expended and subsequently wasted thanks to the thoughtless actions of the scum who have caused so much damage. For those who haven't the figure runs to nearly a quarter of a million dollars on 909 *alone*. That is not including all the work on the carriage stock or acquiring other locomotives such as the TL class which have also been thus attacked.

I made the decision to see if the group would be open to SARMA members or others under our invitation give them a hand doing something, *anything* useful that might help them get back into gear again. I am delighted to say our work has been received with much gratitude. After just three sessions we have already made a noticeable difference and no doubt improved the morale of all the Tailem group knowing that people genuinely care and wish to help. It also fills you with pride to see people like Dane Filander getting stuck in on track work, Jeremy Kemp scrub cutting and Hugh Williams the Magic Mower Man in action.

When the carriage stock and accreditation is sorted trains will begin to be run as soon as possible. This will be the first Standard Gauge tourist train on the tracks since the SG Bluebird operations were killed off thanks to the Liability Crisis. The initial aim is to run out of Keswick to Tailem Bend for the motorsport operations but also to other destinations on the ARTC network.



Foreman Watches - Sherree takes a break while Dane lays the dog spikes into the new section of track



Sherree Cleaning - Sherree hard at work using a high pressure cleaner on the IP Dining Car. The graffiti was three layers thick in some cases and dislodging all of it even with removal fluid was impossible.



Track laying crew - SARMA members hard at work getting the track into the shed sorted.



For the SARMA members and others who have helped out there is a reward waiting in store. When the trains start running a special 'Volunteers' Carriage solely for those intrepid helpers will be attached for their enjoyment.

If you are interested, all you need is a pair of hands and a willingness to do something! We have equipment such as sprayers and graffiti removal and people with gear such as whippersnippers, mowers or high pressure sprayers bring those up with them. There is no 'structure' to the work days- you will *not* be ordered about or made to do something you really don't want to. We find out beforehand what jobs need to be done and figure out who would like to work on what.

While you are there you can have a close look at the interested variety of stock, be it ex Pullman Car 'Mt Lofty' or Commonwealth IP Dining Cars. Once 909s bogies are returned from Victoria the locomotive will be craned on to them and railed on the Standard Gauge to be finished off. Our helpers will get a *first hand* look at this process!

So please, keep your ear out for announcements of the next work days (will most likely be on Sundays in the future owing to my new job working Saturdays!) and consider coming up to help make the final push and get the trains running. ■



**Builders Plate - on the original IP dining car was completely covered with graffiti**



**The kitchen in the IP dining car is almost completed and will soon undergo testing with equipment re-installed.**

**Manicured depot - shows some of the fine work done by our mowing and scrub cutting team. There is now no grass under 907!**





## 30th Swapmeet Report - Sep 2017

Terry Meads

There were 28 'traders', amounting to 50 tables, including 3 commission sales tables.

Some regular 'traders' could not attend because of holidays, other events, and like March, having or recovering from operations.

Attendance by the public amounted to about 180. Other events to possibly draw people away was the NMRA convention, the All Ford Day and the City/Bay run, to name a few.

The set-up was the same as March with the usual 28 tables around the edge and the rectangle of 22 other tables along the centre of the hall. This plan can only accommodate 50 tables.

We decided not to advertise in the Saturday papers before the event, as changes to presentation and vastly increased rates made it uneconomical. A previous survey performed by Matt showed that of 50% of buyers questioned, only 6 had seen our event in the Advertiser. This compared with 8 from Gumtree! Other tabloid options will be investigated for the next event.

We had the usual flyers in at least 18 hobby/toy shops and two websites. Tony Sitters kindly arranged for the event to be mentioned on the local radio station. Our thanks go to him once again.

I would like to thank PeterP for his help with preparations and in arranging the date with the school and placing corflute signs in the local area. Also Gordon for acquiring the keys and unlocking and securing the premises after the event.

Also, using our revised distribution of name tags, thanks go to Richard Ash for checking in every 'trader' and assistants against bookings. In the past, non traders have wandered in and taken



tags off the tables and worn them to avoid being challenged, instead of waiting until 10am when the public pay to be admitted. Also thanks to Matt for doing the survey and other members managing the commission tables, also the Barnes team out the front for providing their ever popular sausage sizzle. Not forgetting members selling tickets. Thanks also to members for their assistance with flyer delivery, table set-up/clearing up, parking/unloading and help on the "commission sales" tables.

Again, my thanks to all members involved, which, as mentioned above, helps to make our event one of, if not, the best.

For the benefit of recent new members, I might add that we run this event on a formal booking, where signed application forms have to be completed with acceptance of the rules. Full payment is required 2 weeks before the event, with a late fee after the due date, as the floor plan has to drawn up and tables hired in advance. (Most other events of this nature take verbal bookings and payment on the day of the event, which, I have observed, is open to abuse).

The next swap meet is planned for 18th March 2018. ■



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## SARMA SALES



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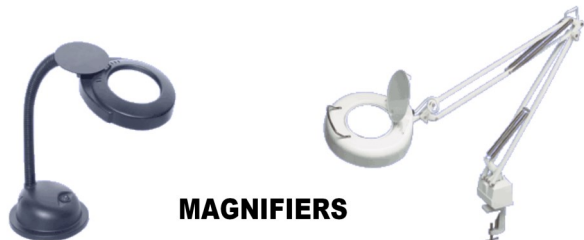
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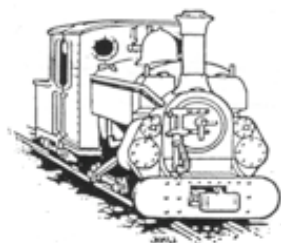
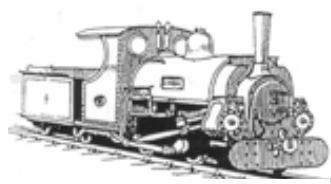
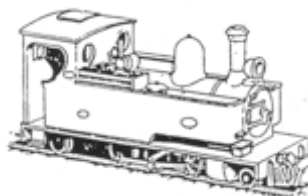
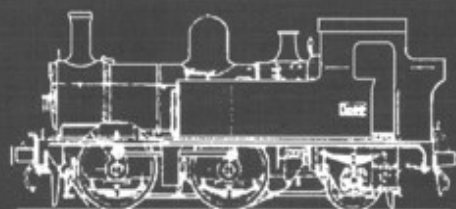
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*Cheers from Brian, Vic & Matt*

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# Noel's Pottering

1AD8 Dudley Park 1.10.2017



3PM7 Snowtown



3PGF1 Huddlestone





3PS6 top of triangle Crystal Brook



Grain loading Gladstone



4172 Rocky River





3SA8 Crystal Brook



4MP5 Crystal Brook highway bridge



4MP5 Coonamia







Awaiting PG1 at Pt. Germein



5455 Broken Hill ore top  
Crystal Brook triangle



Track stop signs just on the Adelaide  
side of Dudley Pk station 1.10.2017



The last twelve months have been very productive for the Club. We have gained some new members who have brought with them much needed electrical skills and have been able to lift some of the workload from our clubroom layout director. Thanks to the large number of willing volunteers on both the Tuesday and Wednesday night sessions; the club layout is well on its way to being completed. The electrical work is almost completed and scenery along the back wall is starting to look spectacular. Trains will be running end to end in the near future

Our premises were officially opened on February 2nd by the Mayor of Tea Tree Gully who as well as unveiling a small plaque to commemorate the occasion spent about three hours chatting with club members. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit. Local councillors also attended and were quite impressed by what we have achieved. That day was even more value to the club because we gained about seven new members, all of whom have fitted in well and can be seen regularly working on the layout

Regardless of the projects taken up by the club, whether it is a Swapmeet or a trip interstate, there is always a good number of members who step up to assist, so much so that on our last Interstate trip to Stawell, so many members indicated their desire to go that we had to select the crew by drawing names from a hat. The lucky ones who went certainly enjoyed the trip and it made it all the more enjoyable when we won both the Club award and the peoples award for the best layout

Two of our long serving committee members Alan Norris and Hugh Williams are stepping down from the committee this year although Alan will continue on as AMRE rep and Hugh is ready to lend a hand whenever needed. I extend to them both sincere thanks for their efforts over the many years they have served this club and its members.

Terry Meads was made a life member this year and it was well earned. Terry has organised many successful Swap meets over the years and this has brought in many thousands of dollars

My thanks go to the hard working and dedicated committee members for the many hours of work they put in and special thanks go to our Treasurer for his careful handling of club funds, our Secretary for his accurate minute taking and keeping of club records and our long suffering Editor who, despite the fact that very few members supply him with material, still manages to produce and distribute a quality magazine every month.

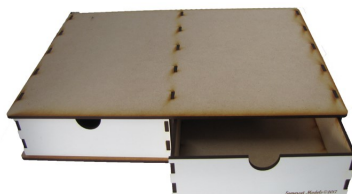
Finally thank you to all the members who over the year have willingly given the club their time, skills and support in many ways. Because of this, the club goes from strength to strength and we can look forward to even better times in the coming years. ■



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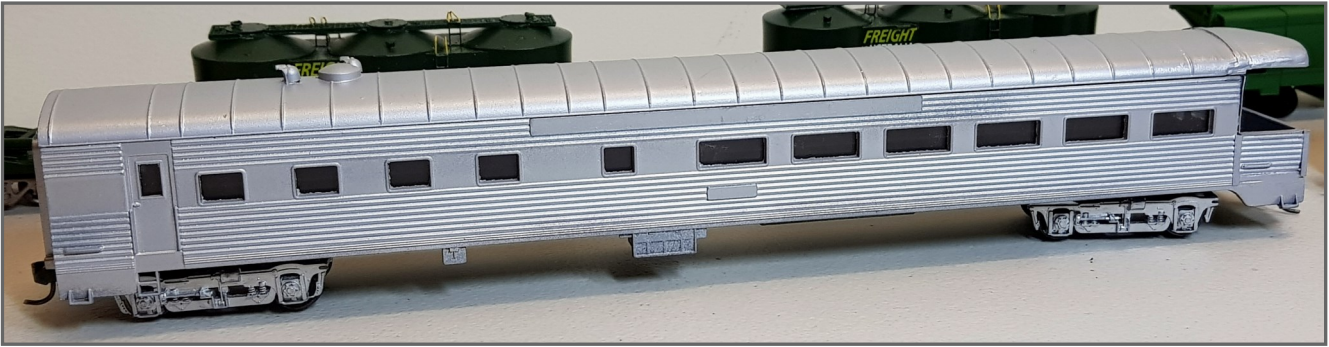
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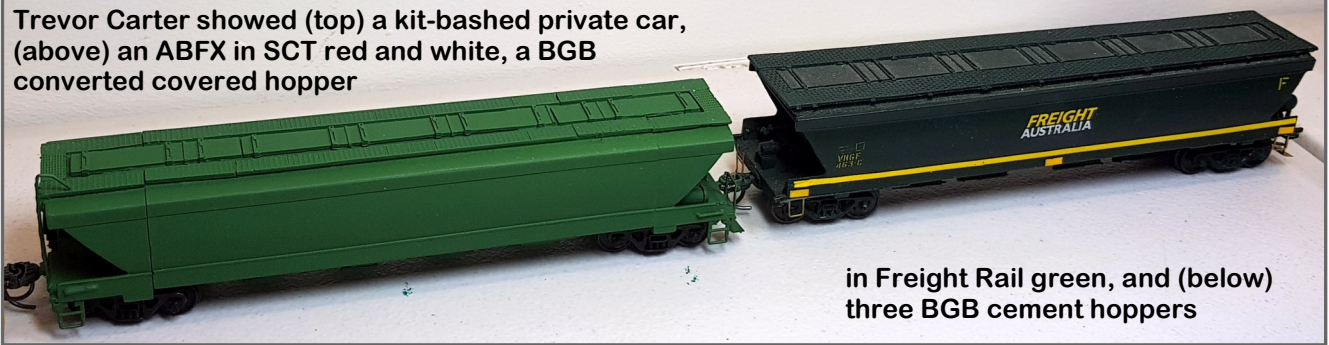
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Trevor Carter showed (top) a kit-bashed private car, (above) an ABFX in SCT red and white, a BGB converted covered hopper



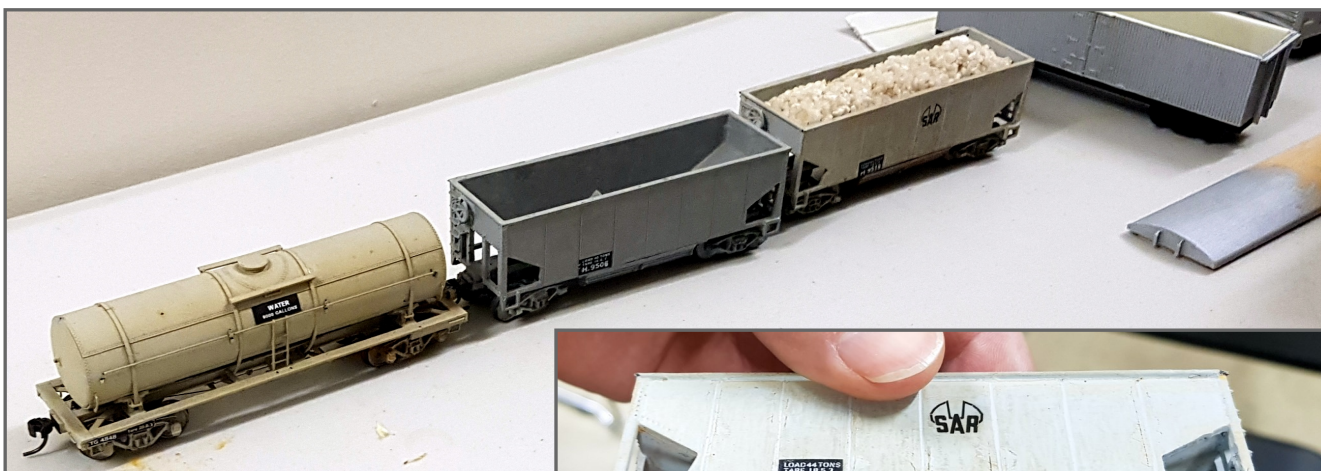
in Freight Rail green, and (below) three BGB cement hoppers



Dane Filander's prize winning model of an Adelaide based Sunbeam electric trolley bus. Scratch built from cardboard, styrene and clear acetate for the windows. He was awarded a second prize at the recent Royal Show. He even included an operating door.







Hugh Williams – showed models converted from inexpensive American rolling stock, using simple modifications to make the model resemble an Australian piece of rolling stock.



A scratch built river wharf for the club layout built by John Henderson

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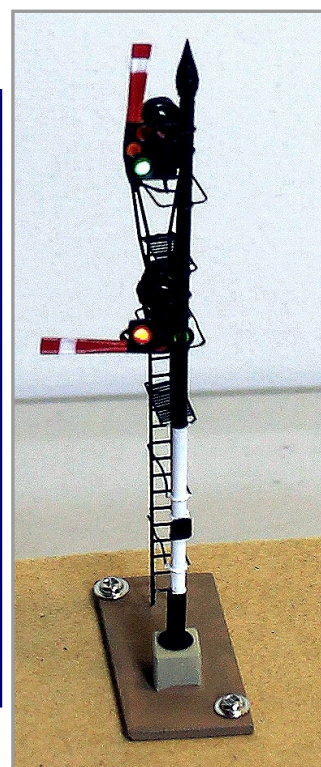
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# Where is it?



You can find this part picture in a recent edition of Buffer Stop. Record the place as identified in its caption to be in with a chance of winning raffle tickets.

The picture will be drawn at the November GM.

Look for the little entry slips and the container to put them in on the side table.

Mark your form with the appropriate month.

There will be no competition in December as there is no GM.

Gordon & Kelvin want to point out that there are plenty of locos & rolling stock from the big sale still available - About one third was sold at the October meeting. Contact Kelvin for info and purchases.



# Picturesque Silos

Who'd have thought that these towering structures would become the canvas for so many artists, and turn unknown towns, or not even towns, into tourist destinations. Why break your journey at a plain white silo when you can gaze at an artistic rendition while you munch on a pie, lick an ice-cream, glug down a drink or top up with fuel.

While not strictly a railway item, their association with railways, particularly in days gone by, gives me the right to feature them in this Buffer Stop Supplement. I cannot claim bragging rights for these photos; they all came off the web. For this reason, I can't guarantee the accuracy of the captions. If you go onto the web, you'll find literally hundreds of silo photos; and there are also barns and sides of buildings. Sheffield, in Tasmania, has at least 50 wall paintings, some of which date back many years. When I visited a couple of years ago, I'm sure the number had nearly doubled during the preceding fifteen years.

*PeterP*

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Weethalle, NSW



Sheep Hills, Vic



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A couple of cartoons which seem appropriate for the Master Modeller competition

