



Mortdale Matters

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Fig.1 – The simplest things... Robert Merrick shows Jack Parker the shunting puzzle that kept kids of all ages engaged. How many moves would it take to cross the two trains?

Fig.2 – Those “closet N gaugers”... One of many multi-gauge members, Mic Wade found an opportunity to actually use the N gauge layout, ably assisted by David Bennett.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Despite the doomsayers, the exhibition was a resounding success. The feedback from exhibitors, the public and members was mostly very positive. Everyone appreciated the new, bright and airy stadium. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to work at the exhibition over the weekend. Without your loyal assistance year after year, the exhibition would not run so smoothly. The biggest vote of thanks must go to our Exhibition Manager, Mic Wade. Mic put in a marathon effort from the time we were advised that Liverpool was not available. The Exhibition, as we experienced it, would not have happened without Mic's tireless efforts.

The Open Day on 15th October was a very successful day, even though there was not the crush that was experienced in April. There were approximately 250 visitors during the day. They were able to experience trains running on our 3 fixed layouts, the kids could drive a train on the U Drive, Ross Verdich was operating *Binnabri*, Robert Merrick was operating a shunting puzzle and Ross Stell ran a modelling demonstration. There were trade stands, a *Needles and Natter* sale table, and the kitchen

was doing a roaring trade with morning and afternoon teas and lunch. Thanks to all who put themselves on the roster to work. It was a busy day, but very rewarding.

The COM has held its last committee meeting for the current year. By the time you read this there will have been an AGM and the new committee will be installed. I would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work in this difficult year.

Mic Wade has taken up a position with his employer at Gove, NT. Gove is a long way away, but we will see Mic on his regular visits home. Good luck to you Mic in this new adventure.

I would like to wish every one of our members and their families a very safe happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Barry Wilcockson

HURSTVILLE EXHIBITION

The Exhibition is finished for another year, but the same question gets asked by everyone, "How did we go?" We did fantastic, given a new venue and the amount of negative Internet opinion. Actual numbers were the same as Liverpool, which equates to the same dollars incoming, but a few expenses, generally out of our control, were slightly higher. These included the need for a man-lift for electrical drops from the roof, increased phone usage, hire of tables and chairs to allow Saturday night presentation at the clubroom and not being able to have the ladies control all the meals. Some have the possibility of being reduced in the future if the same venue is to be used.

There are 4 possible venues for next year and all have points for and against. A decision has not been made as yet, no matter what the 'Net says. A decision is to be made before January by the incoming committee and members will be the first to be informed.

As a club, given the new conditions and unfamiliar surroundings we were courteous, smiled in the face of adversity (Saturday lunches), and with the help of a beautifully presented new hall with more internal area, we performed brilliantly.

I would like you to take a moment to find your name on the Honour Roll, not in time donated order for a reason, we each did what was possible individually and can all take pride in a job well done.

Exhibition 2005 Honour Roll: Phillip Andrews, Di Andrews, Paul Arms, Roger Ashley, John Bain, Peter Banks, Ernest Beck, David Bennett, R Binstead, Keith Bowles, Corinne Bunker, Ivo Bunker, Ken Butt, Roger Chin, John Coffey, Kevin Coleman, Gary Copper, Steven Copper, Beverley Ellis, Stanley Ellis, Anthony Ellsmore, Belinda Every, Kerry Every, Jeff Every, Neil Every, Michael Flint, Peter Freeman, Stefan Frelingos, Lisa Gale, Paul Gerrard, N Gerrard, Barry Green, Arthur Harris, Barbara Haynes, Maurie Haynes, Ken Holmes, Ron Houghton, Scott Johnston, Jeremy Jones, Chris Keane, Lisa Keane, Patricia Keane, Glenn Kelly, Geoff Lanham, Christopher Larmour, Graham Larmour, June Larmour, Leigh Larmour, Philip Larmour, Philip Lee, David Low, Kathleen Macdonald, Garry Macklin, Grace MacLeod, Ian MacLeod, G Marleon, John Mason, Barrie Meadows, Robert Merrick, Kevin Murphy, Chris Murphy, Tim Murphy, Chris Olsen, Jack Parker, Glenn Percival, Laurie Perrins, Robert Poole, Graham Saint, John Scott, Graeme Shade, Glyn Shepherd, Janice Slaven, Phillip Sloan, John Smythe, Neil Sorensen, Patrica Sorensen, Jeffrey Sorensen, Shaun Sorensen, Fred Stell, Ross Stell, Donald Stone, Henry Storm, Dot Treseder, Jack Treseder, Brian Tyson, Denice Tyson, Michael Wade, Gordon Wallace, Glenn Watson, Neil Watson, Charlie Weathers, Bill Whale, Barry Wilcockson, Marilyn Wilcockson, Chris Winston.

Mic Wade

Exhibition Manager

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to the following new members who have joined over the last few months – we hope to see you at Mortdale often:

A Andrews	Campsie
L Baird	Mt Annan
P Cass	Sylvania
J L Coffey	Narwee
J M Coffey	Narwee
C J Gate	Whitton
E Holly	Sylvania Waters
J Smith	Aylmerton
M Sanderson-Smith	Aylmerton

“PIZZA DISCUSSIONS”

(HO FIXED LAYOUT – *STONEY CREEK*)

What a hard article this Journal is going to be! Work, and my interest of a retirement path have seen me take up a position in Gove NT (Nhulunbuy) for the next 12-18 months and it is a fly in – fly out, 4 weeks on – 1 week off situation. I do not believe it is in the interest of *Stoney Creek* to be absent from the workforce for this amount of time. For those not aware, supervision of any of the layouts is up for proposals each year following the AGM, and in the event of none, the supervision remains the same. I remember very clearly, and a few KB [kilobytes] of computer space, my initial proposal 4 years ago; and Barry Wilcockson, then HO Supervisor in Rockdale days, graciously standing aside. I now realise how hard this was Barry. Maybe there won't be any applications! Yeah right.

On the positive side, I have had a free run for almost 3 years at Mortdale. Doesn't seem quite enough done for that period of time but what has, I believe, to have been to the agreement of the majority and would have been even less if not for the work of the more active participants: Bill Whale, Robert Merrick, Chris Winston, Phil Lee, Phil Andrews, James Percival, Glenn Percival, Barry Wilcockson, Graham Shade, Denis Gilmore, Bruce Harris, Graham Saint, Ron Sharp and Keith Bowles. Any of these guys has justifiable claim in the period ahead and it is somewhat distressing stepping aside from such a strong team.

Mic Wade

Stoney Creek Supervisor

PROGRAMME

December

Fri	2nd	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	3rd	Xmas/Exhibition Workers' BBQ <i>Sydney Tramway Museum</i> , Loftus	from 2pm, BYO meat & drink, register at club.
Sun	4th	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Work Day	10am until 4pm, no Facility Fee
Wed	7th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	9th	Feature Night – TBA	7:30pm
Sat	10th	General Activities (see Notes) Ladies Needles & Natter	10am until late 2pm
Wed	14th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	16th	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	17th	Layout Operation & Monthly Forum (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed	21st	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	23rd	Layout Operation	7:30pm
Sat	24th	Layout Operation	10am until late
Wed	28th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late

Fri	30th	General Activities	7:30pm
Sat	31st	Layout Operation	10am until late

January

Sun	1st	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Work Day	10am until 4pm, no Facility Fee
Wed	4th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	6th	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	7th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed	11th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	13th	Feature Night – TBA	7:30pm
Sat	14th	Layout Operation & Monthly Forum (see Notes)	10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter	2pm
Wed	18th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	20th	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	21st	General Activities	10am until late
Wed	25th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	27th	Layout Operation	7:30pm
Sat	28th	General Activities	10am until late

February

Wed	1st	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	3rd	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	4th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun	5th	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Work Day	10am until 4pm, no Facility Fee
Wed	8th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	10th	Feature Night – TBA	7:30pm
Sat	11th	Layout Operation & Monthly Forum (see Notes)	10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter	2pm
Wed	15th	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	17th	<i>Wingecarribee</i> Work Night	7:30pm, no Facility Fee
Sat	18th	Layout Operation	10am until late
Wed	22nd	“Daylighters” Work & Run	10am until late
Fri	24th	Layout Operation	7:30pm
Sat	25th	General Activities	10am until late

COMING UP: Weekend trip to Canberra

NOTES

WORK NIGHTS: Mondays & Fridays unless otherwise indicated, 7:30 until 10pm. No Facility Fee.

LAYOUT OPERATION: O and N Gauges operational, HO (fixed) *as permitted during construction*.

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 \$5, Juniors/Seniors(70+) \$3.

Guests are welcome unless otherwise indicated.

This programme may be subject to change without notice where necessary. Updated programmes available from the Clubrooms, by e-mail to subeditor@amransw.asn.au or from

www.amransw.asn.au.

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