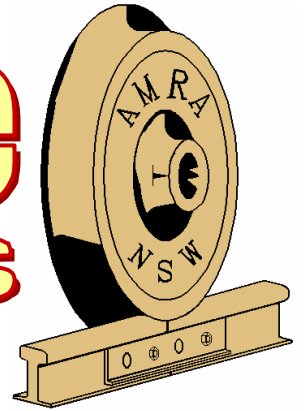


Mortdale Matters



September 2009



**Australian Model Railway Association
New South Wales Branch Inc. News**

Around the Clubrooms



DL50 and T388 with a freight train slowly approach Deawy on the AMRA HO Stoney Creek layout .
Photo by Mark Dalli.

12 Inch to the Foot Scale



NR1, NR107 and NR48 lead 3PS6 general freight through Burradoo station.

Photo by Mark Dalli.

Cover Photo : 3830 and 3642 being serviced at Moss Vale on the RTM triple headed steam excursion in early July 2009
Photo Chris Winston

Welcome to the September 2009 Mortdale Matters

Again time has flown and its past time to do another Mortdale Matters. Since the last issue a number of the club members enjoyed the RTM triple headed steam trip to Moss Vale. Other members attended the Modelling the Railways of New South Wales Convention at Loftus College of TAFE and others more recently attended the Newcastle exhibition. A number of our members are also members of other kindred organisations and you will often meet AMRA members at other events.

The upcoming months will be busy with the October Liverpool exhibition, the N Scale convention in Canberra, our Open Day in October, the Wagga exhibition in early November and the Branch Annual General meeting in mid November.

You may notice that I have changed my editor's photo. On the triple headed steam trip to Moss Vale the AMRA members had a bit of a contest to photograph the photographer. Chris Winston finally got a shot of my gunzelling. To say the least it was a rather cold day.

See you at the Clubrooms,
Geoff Lanham
Secretary AMRA NSW Branch
and Mortdale Matters Editor



Subscribing to Mortdale Matters

You can subscribe to *Mortdale Matters* by contacting our publicity officer, Philip Lee. Philip can be contacted either in person or by seeing a Duty Officer at the clubrooms, or by e-mail: pjlee@inet.net.au.

The preferred method of distribution for *Mortdale Matters* is via email. The file size for *Mortdale Matters* is usually around 2 to 3Mb. *Mortdale Matters* is also available via post or care of the clubrooms for those without a suitable internet connection. There is also a limited number of copies at the clubrooms for those not on our mailing list. *Mortdale Matters* is also available to download on our website: www.amransw.asn.au

Submitting to Mortdale Matters

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, its easy for something to slip through the cracks. If you've got any news that you'd like to submit to *Mortdale Matters* please email me at secretary@amransw.asn.au or jethro_lenny@hotmail.com or leave a copy of your submission in the Secretary's pigeonhole in the office.

Mortdale Matters especially needs photos. Prototype photos will also be included with each issue but the focus will always be on Branch activities and events. Any prototype will be considered. Photos can be emailed to me at the above address or you can leave a disk or CD in the Journal pigeonhole in the office. Image size does not need to be larger than 1024 x 768.

I must emphasise that ALL submissions must be original material, i.e. photos that you've taken yourself or articles that you've written yourself.

Material is published in *Mortdale Matters* at the committee's discretion.

The deadline for submitting material for the November 2009 *Mortdale Matters* is 15th October 2009

N Scale Layout Report

David Bennett reports

“Fluorescent lighting of the main tunnel at Wallamudra has been installed but needs some modification to achieve the desired result. Work is progressing on many fronts but is slow. Recently one Monday worknight I looked around the layout and there were six heads in various locations all working busily and without a word being spoken, such a peaceful and diligent group of workers”

Raffle Layout Report

The control panel has been wired to the layout and a loco has been run over every piece of track and the points throw nicely. The track has been fully ballasted and the scenery has been shaped and given an initial coat of sawdust and is now ready to have the green texture added once the buildings have been located. The goods shed is ninety percent complete and we are sourcing a station building from one of the hobby shops. A PC2 Station building kit has been donated by Casula Hobbies.

Mortdale Building Report

AMRA recently purchased some emergency fluorescent lights and these will be installed soon to provide better illumination in the event of a blackout. Recently Glenn Percival arrive on a Monday afternoon to find the water heater had sprung a leak with water cascading over the work bench onto the floor and finally out the door. This resulted in a number of cardboard boxes and other items in the workshop being damaged and even the carpet in the office getting wet. The heater was manufactured in 1995 and has been in our use since 2002 so we have had a good run for our money. It has now been replaced with a new heater.



8050 on a rail set train at Moss Vale in July 2009

Photo Chris Winston

Restored Rail Pay bus FP1

Paybus FP1

The Cash on Track exhibition at Central Station Concourse charts the history of the unique railway pay buses (c1937). The pay buses operated across the state until the mid 1980s, delivering cash wages to staff.

The Exhibition features stories from staff past and present, acknowledgements of the role of our apprentices in both heritage restoration projects and in the future of rail, and it also features the very first rail bus FP1 - the only surviving one.

The recently restored heritage rail pay bus FP1 has been beautifully restored to its original condition by a team of 16 RailCorp apprentices who were taught a combination of modern skills and heritage techniques during the 13 month project.

The Cash on Track exhibition will run until May 2010, entry is free.

The Pay Bus Story

In 1937 the NSW Department of Railways introduced six rail buses to its fleet as an economical form of passenger transport on small branch lines. The concept derived from passenger rail motors, introduced in 1919, which used a traditional timber railway carriage mounted on a converted road truck chassis and drive train. Rail buses took the concept one step further and adapted road vehicle styling, coach-building and technology for rail use. Within a year of their introduction, they were withdrawn for economic reasons, having failed to attract sufficient passenger numbers to make the services viable.

By June 1939, five of the rail buses had been relaunched as mobile pay cars, while the sixth remained a rail bus until some time later.

For almost fifty years, the vehicles were used to move cash on NSW rail lines to pay employees at stations and maintenance gangs working on the tracks. The vehicles were a familiar sight on the network as they made the fortnightly pay runs and were affectionately known as 'pay buses'.

For more information see the following link

<http://www.nswrailheritage.com.au/orhprojects.htm#paybus>

Apart from historical interest you might ask what is the link with AMRA ? Our publicity officer Philip Lee was one of the last paybus drivers in New South Wales. The photos show the restored paybus at Central and on the next page show Philip alongside the restored FP1 and a somewhat younger Philip at the controls of a later paybus.



Restored pay bus FP1 arriving at Central Station platform 2 in August 2009 on its handover following the completion of its restoration
Photo Courtesy RailCorp Publicity

Pay Buses



Philip Lee refuged at Hawkesbury River in paybus PF9 in approximately 1984.
Photo supplied by Philip Lee



Rail Pay bus FP12 at Mungo Scott's siding at Lewisham in 1985
Photo supplied by Philip Lee



Philip Lee posing alongside restored Rail Pay Bus FP1 on its handover at Central in August 2009

Photo Courtesy RailCorp
Publicity

Triple Headed Steam to Moss Vale

On 4th July 2009 a number of AMRA members ventured to Moss Vale via Robertson on a Rail Transport Museum trip. On the down trip up the hill to Robertson the train was headed by 3526, 3642 and 3830 assisted by two diesels at the rear. At Moss Vale the train was serviced and turned. The 35 and the diesels returned to Thirlmere by the main south line, whilst 3642 and 3830 undertook the up return journey to Sydney via Robertson without diesel assistance. This was probably the highlight of the trip. It proved fairly difficult to take a decent photo on the train because of shadows and the fact that we were in the middle of the train. We had a bit of contest to see who could take photos of other members gunzelling or taking photos with a challenge to see who could take a photo of Mic Wade and the locomotives. I thought that my effort below was a good attempt although I only managed to get 3830 in the frame.



Left : Mic Wade observing 3830 and 3642 on the return trip
Photo Geoff Lanham

Below: 3526, 3624 and 3830 on the ascent to Robertson

Photo Geoff Lanham



AMRA NSW Programme September to November 2009

SEPTEMBER

Wed	2nd	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	4th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	5th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
<u>Wed</u>	9th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	11th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	12th	General Activities & Monthly Forum (see Notes)		10am until late - 2pm
Ladies Needles & Natter				
Wed	16th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	18th	Layout Operation – Australian Diesel / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	19th	Pre-Exhibition Briefing Day plus Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	20th	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Workday	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	23rd	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	25th	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	26th	Pre-Exhibition Briefing Day and Working Bee		10am until late
Wed	30th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm

OCTOBER

Fri	2nd	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	Pre-registered Lunch	from 8am until late
Sat	3rd	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm 6pm until late
Awards - afterward from approx				
Sun	4th	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
Mon	5th	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 4pm 4pm until finish
Pack up and return to clubroom after				
Wed	7th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	9th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	10th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until late - 2pm
Ladies Needles & Natter				
<u>Wed</u>	14th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	16th	Pre-Open Day – Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	17th	Pre-Open Day – Working Bee & Monthly Forum		10am until late
Sun	18th	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Work Day	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	21st	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	23rd	Open Day – Preparation		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	24th	* * OPEN DAY * *	10am until 4pm, visitor entry by	gold coin donation
Wed	28th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	30th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	31st	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late

NOVEMBER

Wed	4th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	6th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	7th	General Activities (see Notes)		10am until late - 2pm
Ladies Needles & Natter				
<u>Wed</u>	11th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	13th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	14th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Facility Fee	10am until late - 2pm
BRANCH AGM (members only)				
Wed	18th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	20th	Layout Operation – European / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	21st	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	22nd	<i>Stoney Creek</i> Work Day	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	25th	“Daylighters” - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	27th	FEDERAL AGM (members only)	No Facility Fee	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	28th	Members Auction	Lodgements until midday, Viewing strictly 12-1pm, Hammer 1pm	

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: Sequenced or timetabled operation as organised 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 \$5, Juniors/Seniors (70+) \$3.

Guests are welcome unless otherwise indicated

AMRA NSW Branch Annual General Meeting

THE AUSTRALIAN MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH INCORPORATED. Y0830338 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Incorporated Y0830338 will be held at Branch Clubrooms, 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale on Saturday 14th November 2009 commencing at 2 pm.

Business to be undertaken:

- Receive Apologies
- Confirm Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting
- Receive Reports from the Branch Committee of Management including to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2009.
- Election of Officers of the Committee of Management.
- Any General Business

Geoff Lanham
Secretary
AMRA NSW Branch

OPEN DAY



Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch

48 Barry Avenue, Mortdale

Sat 24th October 2009 – 10am until 4pm

visitor entry by gold coin donation



Large Fixed Layouts
N Scale (1:160) HO Scale (1:87) O Scale (1:43)
“U-Drive” HO Layout
Modelling Demonstration
PC Simulations

For more information please phone 02-9153-5901 or visit www.amransw.asn.au

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*The Premier Exhibition
returns to Liverpool!*

October 2009 long weekend
At the Whitlam Leisure Centre
Memorial Avenue, Liverpool

Admission

Adults	\$ 12
Pensioners	\$ 9
<small>Pensioner Health Benefit card to be shown</small>	
Children to year 12	\$ 6
Children under 5	Free
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)	\$ 30
Multi-day Pass	\$ 24

Opening Times

Saturday	3rd October 2009	9am-5pm
Sunday	4th October	9am-5pm
Monday	5th October	9am-4pm

Further Information

Telephone: (02) 9153 5901
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www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com



Australia's premier model railway exhibition returns to the Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool. A FREE bus service will run between Liverpool station and the Centre (DOT approval pending). Plenty of parking is available at the Centre, with entry via Memorial

Featuring around 30 layouts to see, plus clinics and stands, with trains of all different scales and types from all over the world.

Modelling railways is an absorbing hobby for all ages – it's a great day out for all the family.

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