

Mortdale Matters



September 2010



Australian Model Railway Association
New South Wales Branch Inc. News

Welcome to the September 2010 Mortdale Matters

Hello and welcome to the September 2010 edition of Mortdale Matters. I have been very busy and loving it. My school holidays are approaching soon and I can't wait.

This year I have become more involved with model trains. I have started to kit build, kit bash, respray trains and weather trains. So this year I am putting an entry in to the Sydney Model Railway Exhibition modelling competition. If you have a model or line side structure you should have a go as well. Forms are available at the clubrooms.



The 2010 Sydney Model Railway Exhibition is fast on its way so tell your friends and family about it. The exhibition will be a great opportunity to see trains of all types and scales. The exhibition will feature over 80 layouts and trade stands.

Also AMRA NSW has their Open Day coming soon. The date for the Open Day is 23rd of October 2010 so tell your friends and family about this too. This day will be great to display to the public the many things that have changed since the last Open Day such as East Matelend's debut under AMRA NSW's ownership.

All the layouts are running well and are looking great for the Open Day (can't wait).

My email address is md-matters@dodo.com.au Hope you enjoy this edition of Mortdale Matters.

Keep safe and happy modelling

Mark Dalli

Mortdale Matters Editor

Subscribing to Mortdale Matters

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Submitting to Mortdale Matters

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, it's easy for something to slip through the cracks. *Mortdale Matters* especially needs photos! Prototype photos will also be included with each issue but the main focus will always be on Branch activities and events. Any prototype photos or information will be considered. If you have a photo send it in, even if you don't think it will be published in the next issue just try, you'll be surprised. Just leave a disk/CD in the Journal pigeonhole in the office or send me a email at md-matters@dodo.com.au with the photo and a brief description of the photo. The 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 2010 issue is strictly 23rd October 2010.

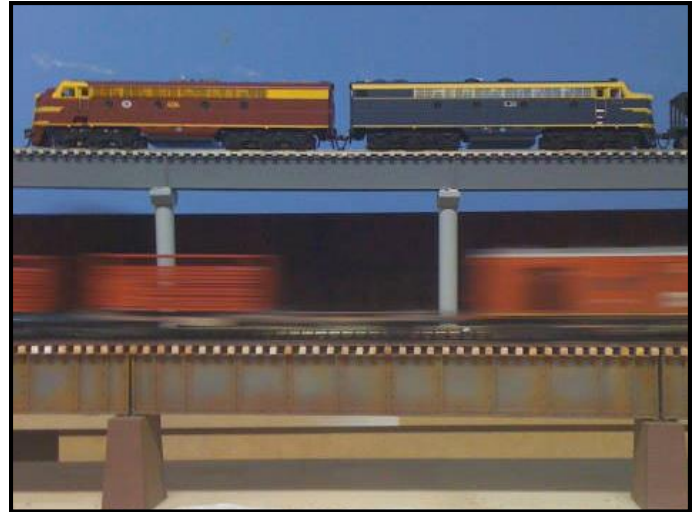
Around the Clubrooms

ON THE COVER: X51 and a Patrick's 49 class are about to depart Port Botany. The X class were hired from Pacific National during this time. PHOTO by Denis Gilmore

ON THE BACK COVER: 3642 steams through Panania with the empty train to Sydney to pick up the passengers for the Thirlmere Flyer. PHOTO by Mark Dalli



Locos in order from left to right 42, 421, CL, S, B, 421 all stand around the turntable in Fayenton Yard. This turntable is not in use yet, but will be soon. Fayenton yard is used extensively with many operations and branchline movements happening via Fayenton on AMRA NSW's HO layout. PHOTO by Rod Fussell



4206 and an S class with a dozen plus coal hoppers stop for a photo opportunity on the bridge above Deawy on the heavy branch line on AMRA NSW's HO layout. There is another bridge below that was scratch built and weathered by James Percival. PHOTO by Rod Fussell



A Spokane, Portland and Seattle Ry loco stands on AMRA NSW's O scale layout

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



A Burlington North-Western loco (2063) stands on AMRA NSW's N scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli

O Scale Layout Report

Apologies if you have missed us; it's a while since we gave you a report from the biggest scale at Mortdale. Partly, this is because everything has been running very well, with only minor electrical and operational hiccups preventing virtually non-stop running when members are present.

What with Kim and Norm keeping trains moving on the outer tracks, these days assisted by relatively new control recruit Ken (Holmes); Maurie and Gordon regularly demonstrating how well built and interesting their MTH American models are (and, for that matter, how noisy they can be!);

Lance test running and refining the seven 422 class diesels he and Colin are building for various club members; Neil and Chris designing and creating both the township at Pageton and the oil distribution depots, (one near Pageton station and one some distance from the southern end of Central station); Sally bringing a little light relief to the track scene by giving Thomas some running time with his two stable mates, Clarabelle and Annie; Arthur snapping away with his digital SLR – the results will be published at an appropriate time, the "O" scale action is somewhat hectic – but nicely under control thanks to the committee led by supervisor Maurie.

Items planned for the short term future are:-

adding ballast to the track around Central station, a tricky job allocated to Lance, the floodlighting of the milk depot at Pageton, progressing further the completion of Pageton town, which now already boasts the "Bull and Bush" pub and a new shop, both built by Neil. Bruce has completed the painting of our new storage cupboard. This will give members even more space in which they can store models under lock and key. If you wish to use this facility, please see Maurie.

In summary, you can see no grass is growing under our feet – at least not literally. Some (of the Woodland Scenics variety) has been growing in various places around the layout and some has even been "burnt" at our tribute to the volunteer fire fighters of Australia (largely constructed by Bruce). If you haven't been along to the clubrooms lately, come and join in the fun.

"O" scale reporter
Bruce Harris.



Tank loco 1805 stands at Central station on AMRA's O Scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli

Australian Model Railway Association (NSW) Inc presents

The 48th Sydney Model Railway Exhibition

October Long Weekend

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2ND, 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 2010

SAT & SUN 9AM - 5PM MON 9AM - 4PM

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- More than 70 layouts and trade stands
- Layouts in N, HO, O & G scales and narrow gauge
- Rides on Thomas the Tank Engine



Exhibition Details at:

www.sydneymodelrailwayexhibition.com
or exhibamransw@optusnet.com.au

Raffle Layout Report

The track has been laid and wired with a locomotive having traversed all parts of the track. The frame has been painted with Simpson Sand and will require a second coat. A station building kit, a goods shed kit and tunnel portals have been donated to go on the raffle layout. Thank you to Casula Hobbies for the station building and DRB Workshops for the others. The control panel has been wired up and will soon be married to the wiring under the layout. Then the polystyrene foam will be installed to create the landforms and scenery.

David Bennett
Raffle Layout Coordinator



The raffle layout under construction, with scenery soon on its way. All track is laid and hills made with styrene are being added.

PHOTO by
Mark Dalli

Open Day

Australian Model Railway Association - NSW Branch

- 48 Barry Avenue Mortdale -
 - Saturday 23rd of October 2010 -
 - 10am until 4pm -
 - visitor entry by gold coin donation -

AMRA NSW No. 48

Large Fixed Layouts

N Scale (1:160) - HO Scale (1:87) - O Scale (1:43)
 "U-Drive" HO Layout - Sausage sizzle - Retail Outlets

For more information please call (02)9153-5901 or visit www.amransw.asn.au

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS" (HO FIXED LAYOUT STONEY CREEK) 18/08/2010 4187 hours of operation

WHAT STONEY CREEK IS ABOUT

Not ONE person has got all the answers for Stoney Creek. That is why there is a layout committee. Stoney Creek is a large layout that has been designed with flexible operation in mind. It is mainly based on NSW railway practice. We try to fill the needs for steam and diesel operation, also with our modelers LICENCE fully paid up electric traction is also run, be it without overhead wire.

CONTROL

Loco control will be in two modes.

1. Operator control, where the driver will control the loco as it travels around the layout.
2. Display mode, where the train will be "run" by the system on its own controller.

Each train will be switchable between the two modes. This is a little way off yet but it is coming.

Yard operation will be the same style as READ on every yard panel. CTC board will follow the similar style as is now used to control the branch.

CTC TRAINING.

Get in now and learn!!! Yep I've said it before and will most likely say it again and again. The CTC panel is at its easiest NOW; all of the operating principles are there now. The longer you leave learning the harder it will be to pick up. Don't be scared of CTC.

Denis Gilmore

Stoney Creek layout supervisor

HELP NEEDED

The area known as Jarrah Road needs a track plan!!!

A drawing has been made to indicate the area that can be used (see Graeme Shade). This drawing also indicates the location of the point where the Jarrah Road branch comes off the Brewers Creek branch.

What goes in this area is up to you. If you feel there is no need for a station or industry then don't put one in. Whatever you feel is needed is up to you. It would be helpful to give as much detail as possible about operations etc.

Track WILL be Peco code 75.

Ideas from several designs may be combined for the final layout.

Layout committee



Electric locos at Read Yard, during Electric Traction night in early 2010 on AMRA NSW's HO layout.

PHOTO by
Denis Gilmore

Two gas turbine locos sit in Read Yard on AMRA NSW's HO layout.



PHOTO by Denis
Gilmore



NR109 and NR90 travel through Read station with 7AS8 freight service on AMRA NSW's HO layout.
 PHOTO by Mark Dalli

NSWGR (New south Wales Government Railways) 4206 and a VR (Victorian Railways) S class with coal wagons are stationed at MacLeod while waiting for a green signal to depart to the down main on AMRA NSW's HO layout.

PHOTO by
 Rod Fussell



NSWR (New South Wales Railways) 620/720 diesel rail cars make some noise in Yerrilyong Up Yard. These models are sound equipped and are factory weathered with some extra weathering by the owner on AMRA NSW's HO layout.

PHOTO by
 Mark Dalli



The 48th SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION



2nd, 3rd and 4th October 2010

Whitlam Leisure Centre,

Memorial Avenue, Woodward Park, Liverpool.

**The
Australian Model Railway Association
NSW Branch Inc.**

invites entries in our

OPEN MODELLING COMPETITION

Six categories each with a \$100 prize pool

School Students Encouragement Award

AMRA President's Cup for Best of Show

Entries close onsite, 6pm Friday 1st October

To request an application kit:

PO Box 277, Mortdale NSW 2223

visit www.amransw.asn.au

or ring (02)9153-5901 and leave a message

N Scale Layout Report

The brickwork behind the stairs has been covered with MDF and sanded level with the existing wall finish by Richard Sinton. The whole wall area has been painted Macadamia Cream by Kevin Higginson and now the previously made extension frame can be installed. The control panel designs for Dine On and Leafton are being worked on. Routine maintenance is ongoing and detailing small scenes is continuing. The schematic diagrams and PCB layout designs for the automatic signalling system have been checked by Barry Wilcockson and quotes are being sought to have the PCBs professionally made.

David Bennett

N Scale Layout Coordinator

Richard Sinton works on the N scale layout extension over the stairwell that leads to the exhibition layout room. This photo was taken on Friday 13th of August 2010. The extension has been designed for a new loop that will replace the old loop on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by
Kevin Higginson



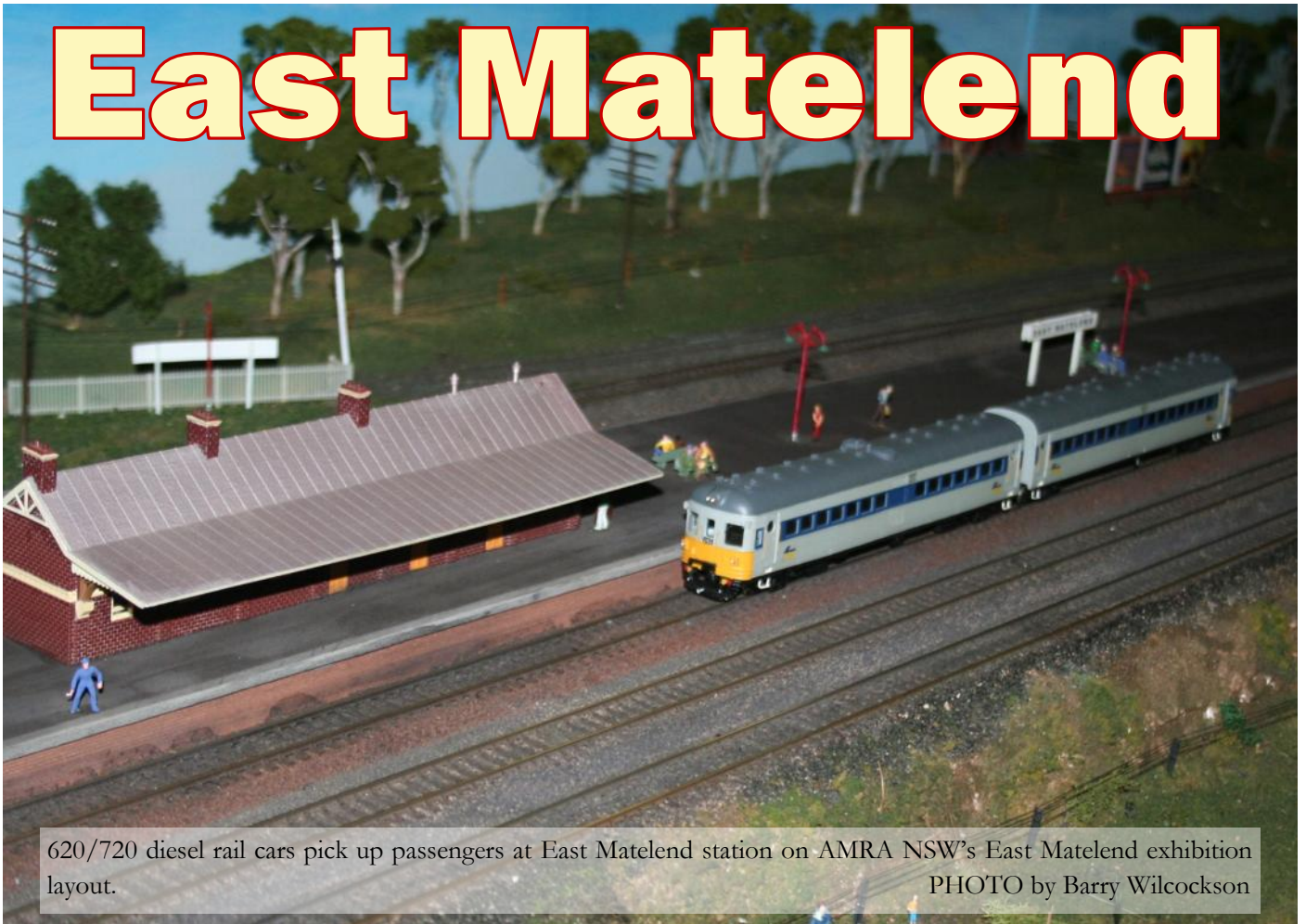
Mortdale Building Report

Bruce Harris has repainted the rear gents toilets. They look much cleaner and your efforts to keep them that way would be appreciated. A 10 litre tin of Macadamia Cream wall paint has been purchased so we can start to repaint all the internal walls in the near future.

David Bennett

Mortdale Building Manager

East Matelend



620/720 diesel rail cars pick up passengers at East Matelend station on AMRA NSW's East Matelend exhibition layout. PHOTO by Barry Wilcockson



A group of AMRA NSW's members reposition East Matelend during set up for a trial run. PHOTO by Barry Wilcockson

AMRA NSW Branch Inc. PROGRAMME Sep/Nov 2010

SEPTEMBER

Wed	1st	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		10am until 10pm
Sat	4th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	8th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	10th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	11th	Layout Operation plus Monthly Forum (see Notes)		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	15th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	17th	Layout Operation – Electric Traction / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	18th	Pre-Exhibition Briefing Day plus General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	19th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	22nd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	24th	Pre Exhibition Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	25th	Pre-Exhibition Briefing Day and Working Bee		10am until late
Wed	29th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm

OCTOBER

Fri	1st	Exhibition Setup, Mortdale / Liverpool	Pre-registered Lunch	from 8am until late
Sat	2nd	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
		Awards - afterward from approx		6pm until late
Sun	3rd	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 5pm
Mon	4th	<u>SYDNEY MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION</u>	Pre-registered Lunch	9am to 4pm
		Pack up and return to clubroom after		4pm until finish
Wed	6th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	8th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	9th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	13th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	15th	Pre-Open Day – Working Bee		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	16th	Pre-Open Day – Working Bee & Monthly Forum		10am until late
Sun	17th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	20th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	22nd	Open Day – Preparation		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	23rd	* * OPEN DAY * *		10am until 4pm, visitor entry by gold coin donation
Wed	27th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	29th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	30th	Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late

NOVEMBER

Wed	3rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	5th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		10am until 10pm
Sat	6th	Inter Club visit to "Taree & District Model Railway Club"	Registration Required	10am - Taree
		General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
		Ladies Needles & Natter		2pm
Wed	10th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	12th	Feature Night – TBA... if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	14th	General Activities (see Notes)	No Facility Fee	10am until late
		BRANCH AGM (members only)		2pm
Wed	17th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	19th	Layout Operation – Australian Diesel / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	20th	General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late
Sun	21st	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	24th	"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

This program may be subject to change without notice where necessary. Updated programmes available from the Clubrooms, or from www.amransw.asn.au

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12 Inch to the Foot Scale



2388 with a fuel train passing over a railway crossing in Townsville. The loco is owned and operated by QR (Queensland Rail). This loco is a narrow gauge loco and is only used in Queensland.

PHOTO by
Rod Fussell



8142 and another 81 class power through the outskirts of Gerringong.

PHOTO by
Rod Fussell

9207 and several other locos are about to have coal unloaded at Port Waratah. The 92 class made its debut in October 2008. The 92 class are owned by Pacific National and work in the Hunter Valley coal division. The 92 class are built by United Group Ltd. These locos have AC traction motors (more efficient). They are seen pulling 50-90 120 tonne NHWF coal hoppers in the Hunter Valley.

PHOTO by
Denis Gilmore



12 Inch to the Foot Scale

NR63 and AN5 roar through Panania. Trains were diverted through the East Hills line due to track work on the South Line, the Inner West Line, and the Bankstown Line.

PHOTO by
Mark Dalli

4483 stands at Lithgow off the turntable. This 44 was once owned by SSR (Southern Shorthaul Railroad). The remains have now been sold to CFCLA (Chicago Freight Car Leasing Australia) and are located at Minto Yard (located between Campbelltown and Ingleburn). The shell of the 44 and its parts are being used on other 44s.

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Denis Gilmore



ABOVE RIGHT: 4001 stands in the roundhouse at NSWRTM (New South Wales Rail Transport Museum Thirlmere). 4001 is currently under restoration at Thirlmere. It has been for several test runs from Thirlmere to Buxton and has performed well. The 40 class were the first MAINLINE diesel locos used in NSW. They were originally painted Verdant Green and Chrome Yellow. 4001 and 4002 were painted Royal Blue and Cream for the 1954 royal visit. All were painted Light Indian Red with yellow lining in the early 1960s. All the 40 class were withdrawn from service with three survivors in preservation 4001, 4002 and 4006. 4002 and 4006 were sold to Robe River Mining in WA. 4001 is being restored to operational condition for mainline trips by the RTM. PHOTO by Mark Dalli

