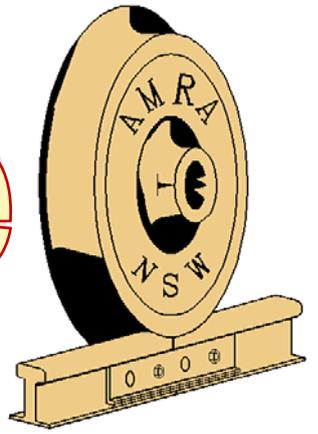


# Mortdale Matters



November 2010

Exhibition Special



Australian Model Railway Association  
New South Wales Branch Inc. News

# Welcome to the November 2010 Mortdale Matters

Hello and welcome to this special edition of Mortdale Matters.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the readers for supporting me during the year of 2010. Secondly, I would like to thank all the contributors for sending in reports and photos. Without you and the ongoing support from the committee there would be no Mortdale Matters, so thank you!

WOW! This year's Exhibition was brilliant, one of the best I have ever seen. All the layouts were in full swing and trade stands running hot! For exhibition photos as well as volunteer photos see pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 and page 13 for the 2010 EXHIBITION HONOUR ROLE.

The AMRA NSW Open Day was great with a good turnout and trains running smoothly without any major problems. To see all the Open Day news and photos see pages 9, 10 and 11.

Some more upcoming events are the Branch AGM, the Federal AGM, the members' auction and AMRA NSW Christmas party.

You may have (most likely) noticed that my editor's photo has changed again. This time it is me in the cab of 8116. The train was on trackwork duties and the drivers were waiting for a crew change. This train was at Panania station in my home suburb. The photo was taken by the train driver.



What a year it has been. It has been a pleasure to be the editor of Mortdale Matters for 2010. I cannot wait for next year. Have a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

Keep safe and happy modelling

*Mark Dalli*

Mortdale Matters Editor

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## Submitting to Mortdale Matters

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, its 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 [mdalli.matters@gmail.com](mailto:mdalli.matters@gmail.com) 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 January 2010 issue is strictly 11th December 2010.

# Around the Clubrooms

ON THE COVER: 3016 is steaming hot with the Rail and Sail to Wollongong. Photo captured at Stanwell Park tunnel on the 20th March 2010. PHOTO by David Lane

ON THE BACK COVER: Having returned from Melbourne, XP2018 joins GrainCorp 48217 in a freezing, wet Junee Yard, awaiting a path to Sydney. PHOTO supplied by James Percival



3801 stands in the refurbished section of Yerriyong tunnel on the Stoney Creek HO scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



A grey Swedish steam loco is running hot on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



4480 leads another 44 class. 4480 was recently repainted by a club member. In this photo the background was taken out and replaced with sky. Photo taken on the O scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



A very impressive line up of club members' Australian steam locos of the NSWGR prototype as they all stand off the turntable in Fayenton yard. Loco classes in order left to right are 38, 38, 38, 38, 38, 38 and 36. This turntable is not in use at this time, but will be at a later date.

PHOTO by Rod Fussell

# O Scale Layout Photos



4460 is approaching Central Station with a local passenger train on the O scale layout.

PHOTO by David Lane

An NSWGR 35 class stands on the O scale layout.

PHOTO by David Lane



# N Scale Layout Report

12 Cobalt slow action point motors have been purchased for the extension and tracklaying has commenced. Five points have been located and pinned down. The parts have been purchased for ten new local controllers and these are under construction. Some larger control panels will have two local controllers, while smaller control panels will only have one local controller. Where two local controllers are located, they will be known as Front Local and Back Local as one will be connected to the front half of the yard

One of Warren's many German locos, 89707, on the N scale Layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



and the other to the back half of the yard. These local controllers will be selected by using the black position on rotary switches and will replace the existing local controllers (Black Boxes) located at Wallamudra and Watsons Flat.

*David Bennett*

N Scale Layout Coordinator



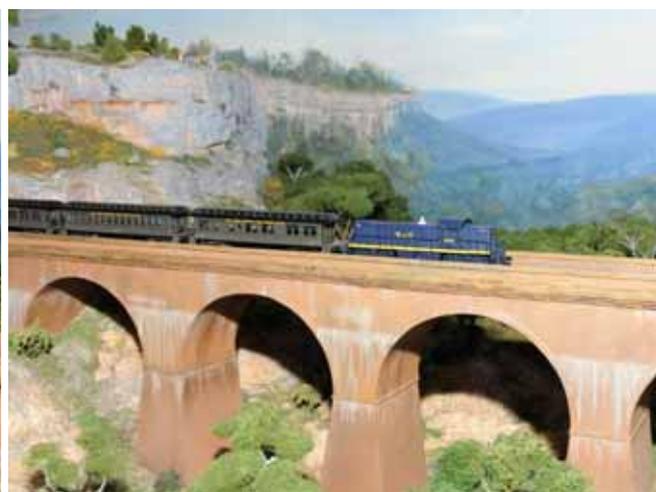
Ash lays track on the new extension to the N scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



A Max Bullet train (Japan) speeds over the viaduct on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by David Lane



A B and O locomotive (9185) is travelling over the viaduct on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by David Lane

# "PIZZA DISCUSSIONS" (HO FIXED LAYOUT STONEY CREEK) 08/10/2010 4218 hours of operation

It is a strange time of the year for the fixed layouts, especially for Stoney Creek. So many of the regular workers on Stoney Creek also do a lot of work for the exhibition. In one way or another we all work toward the Exhibition as it allows us the money to keep working full speed on Stoney Creek.

The deadline for expressions of interest for Jarrah Road is early November, so get in soon.

By the time you have read this the light branch will have reached Sutton. With Open Day just around the corner, the light branch will be running parallel to the Brewers Creek branch with **NO** connection for now. After Open Day the Sutton yard will start to take shape and the interconnection will come on line.

Get in now and learn the CTC board!!!  
Yep I've said it again.

*Denis Gilmore*  
Stoney Creek layout supervisor



Part of Yerrilyong tunnel has had a large section removed so it is easier to view. This makes the layout more enjoyable.

PHOTO by  
Mark Dalli



Graeme Shade (top) and Robert Merrick work on wiring point motors for Yerriyong Up Yard. On this day they also installed and wired new point motors on the main line. All of this work was done on the HO layout. PHOTO by Mark Dalli



T377 leads a 48 and a 47 class with a ballast train which is sitting in Brewers Creek on the inside loop. This train is awaiting instructions to depart to the Down Main on the Stoney Creek HO layout. PHOTO by David Lane



James Percival at his best with his highly prototypical trains with an example of a modern day limestone train led by NR82. PHOTO by David Lane

# AMRA NSW Branch Inc. PROGRAMME NOV/JAN 2010

## NOVEMBER

Wed	3rd "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	5th Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	6th General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late 2pm
<b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter</b>			
Wed	10th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	12th <b>Feature Night</b> – <i>TBA...</i> if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	13th General Activities (see Notes) & <b>Monthly Forum</b>	No Facility Fee	10am until late
<b>BRANCH AGM (members only)</b> 2pm			
Wed	17th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	19th Layout Operation – <b>Australian Diesel</b> / <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	26th <b>FEDERAL AGM (members only)</b>	No Facility Fee	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	27th <b>Members Auction</b>	Lodgements until midday, Viewing strictly 12-1pm, Hammer 1pm.	

## DECEMBER

Wed	1st "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	3rd Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	4th <b>Branch Christmas BBQ at the Train Shed</b>	Register at clubrooms required	10am until 4pm
<b>Clubrooms - Closed</b>			
Wed	8th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	10th <b>Feature Night</b> – <i>TBA...</i> if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	11th Layout Operation (see Notes) & <b>Monthly Forum</b>		10am until late 2pm
<b>Ladies Needles &amp; Natter</b>			
Wed	15th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	17th Layout Operation – <b>European</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	18th 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 <b>CLOSED</b> – Christmas Eve		<b>Closed</b>
Sat	25th <b>CLOSED</b> – Christmas Day		<b>Closed</b>
Mon	27th <b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Wed	29th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	31st <b>CLOSED</b> – New Years Eve		<b>Closed</b>

## JANUARY 2011

Sat	1st Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Mon	3rd <b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Wed	5th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	7th Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	8th Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	12th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	14th <b>Feature Night</b> – <i>TBA...</i> if not possible General Activities		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	15th General Activities / <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes) & <b>Monthly Forum</b>		10am until late
Sun	16th <i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	No Facility Fee	10am until finished
Wed	19th "Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	21st Layout Operation – <b>Australian Steam</b> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	22nd Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until late
Wed	26th <b>Public Holiday</b> – Layout Operation (see Notes)		10am until 5pm
Fri	28th Train Maintenance and Testing Night		7:30pm until 10pm
Sat	29th General Activities & <i>Layout Construction Day</i> (see Notes)		10am until late

## 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](http://www.amransw.asn.au)
- Address: 48 Barry Avenue (PO Box 277), Mortdale NSW 2223 - Phone (02) 9153-5901, Fax (02) 9153-5905

# AMRA NSW

## Open Day October 2010

We were hoping for a fine day and it started out that way. Well before opening time there were visitors already arriving to have a look at the Club's three fixed layouts upstairs. A heavy rain shower after lunch was barely noticed, and by the end of the day 321 visitors and 77 members had been through our Club facility, had enjoyed the O, HO and N scale layouts, had driven a train on the U-drive, and had refreshed themselves with tea or coffee from the kitchen or a sausage sandwich from the barbecue.

For those of you who are not able to attend the club in person but have seen photos in Mortdale Matters of some of the features around the fixed layouts, perhaps I can add to your impressions by describing what visitors came to see.

The N scale layout was much admired due to the attention to detail around the layout. Station buildings, structures, scenery, bridges, cattle and sheep, birds on fences and koalas in trees – nothing is forgotten. There was continuous movement of freight and passenger trains including one fitted with a camera mounted on a flat car relaying a signal to a monitor mounted on the wall. This gives visitors a 'driver's eye view' as the train travels around the quite circuitous route. The layout backscene is cleverly constructed so that the scenes from the camera are always within the layout. There are no distractions like base boards or brickwork, and even the insides of the tunnels have been decorated and have scale strip lighting to add to the realism.

Alongside the N scale is the O Gauge layout. This layout provided plenty of action and had visitors gathered around it for much of the day. Offering a unique facility to Club members, it can accommodate all variations of electric power – 12 and 24 volt, DC and AC, and DCS. With very clever track work to handle the various types of power, including points built by Maurie Haynes, this layout has seen renewed interest with several new locomotives built by local members Col Shepherd and Lance Pickering. With DCS locos comes sound, lots of sound - whistles, steam chuff (with smoke), diesel exhaust, and even some in-cab conversation. Year after year this larger scale layout attracts lots of attention from visitors.

The HO layout is the Club's newest and most challenging. With 12 or more trains using the layout at a time, the layout provides a lot for those with an interest in the way it is controlled. The CTC room (Centralised Traffic Control) was a focal point for the technically savvy. Repeat visitors would have noticed that a second branch line has been commissioned since their last visit. For those with a more general interest and for the younger visitors, the dozen or so trains running around the layout including one fitted with a micro-camera provided plenty of action. Monitors above the layout and downstairs near the entrance relayed the driver's eye view from the on-train camera and provided an interesting introduction for youngsters as they arrived.

Visitors were generous with their donations which is gratifying and helps keep our Club on its feet (financially, that is). Nobody asked for a refund; many were regular visitors to our open days.

The success of our open day was made possible with the willing assistance of a number of Club members who gave their advice, their time and their trains. And the whole show was most ably supported by the ladies running the kitchen which provided drinks and lunches not only for the visitors but for members as well. They deserve a special vote of thanks.

*Robert Merrick*  
Open day coordinator



NR26 in Indian Pacific livery stands in the yard on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by Rod Fussell



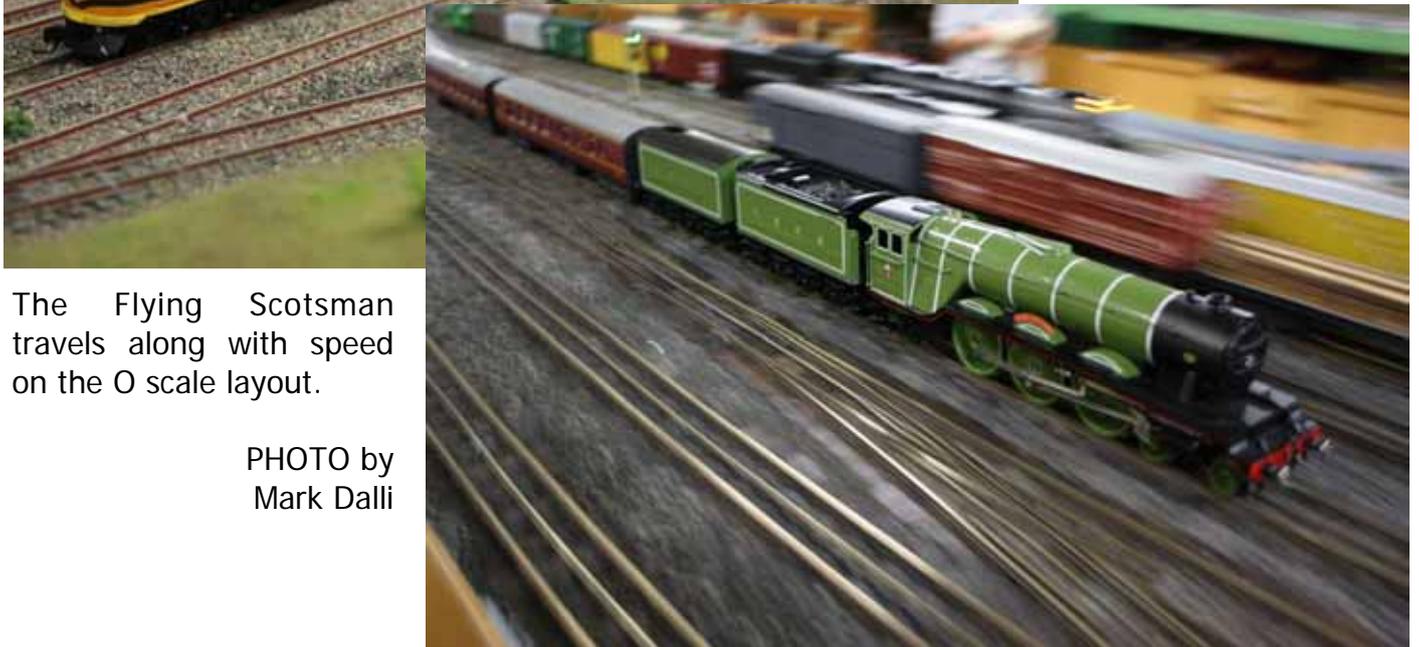
A nicely weathered pair of 81 class locos (8175 and 8142) stand in Deawy yard on the HO scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



CLP13 with a rake of steel wagons sits on the N scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



The Flying Scotsman travels along with speed on the O scale layout.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



BOTH PHOTOS: Robert Merrick seen here congratulating all the volunteers for working on, and preparing the Open Day, as well as giving birthday wishes to 3 club members.

PHOTO by Mark Dalli



## The Finished Raffle Layout



The raffle layout has been returned to the clubrooms to have some work done on one point, which proved troublesome during the exhibition. The operating hole for this point has been elongated to allow more movement and this has fixed the problem.

*David Bennett*  
Raffle Layout Coordinator



PHOTO by Mark Dalli

A quiet but steady flow of people enjoying the exhibition.



# Exhibition Honour Role

## 2010

**A thank you to all exhibition volunteers**

To those who gave up their valuable time over the exhibition long weekend, please accept my thanks and gratitude for a job well done. It is through your efforts that we promote our wonderful hobby and maintain our exhibition as Australia's pre-eminent model railway show.

To Alan, Marilyn, Barry, and David thank you for your continuing support. To my wonderful Jill, thank you, I couldn't have done it without you.

I look forward to working with you all again next year.

*Steve Edwards*  
Exhibition Roster Clerk

Paul	Arms	Rod	Fussell	Pat	Sorensen	Peter	Martin
John	Bain	Ross	McLean	Tony	Stapleton	John	Mason
Peter	Banks	Barry	McMahon	Colin	Fisher	Fred	Stell
Ben	Barnes	Barrie	Meadows	Terry	Flynn	Ross	Stell
David	Bennett	Robert	Merrick	Warwick	Fox	Henry	Storm
Roger	Binstead	Paul	Morcom	Paul	Gerrard	Lorraine	Sutton
Alex	Brown	Kevin	Murphy	Paul	Hanna	Ken	Sydam
Ken	Butt	Peter	O'Brien	Brian	Harris	Keith	Thomas
Stephen	Chapman	Warren	Oprey	Bruce	Harris	Warren	Thompson
Roger	Chin	Sally	Ostlund	Maurie	Haynes	Alan	Tonks
John	Clarke	Glenn	Percival	Barbara	Haynes	Dot	Treseder
John	Coffey	Lance	Pickering	Kevin	Higgerson	Jack	Treseder
Gary	Copper	George	Roumanos	Robert	Hodges	Brian	Tyson
Steven	Copper	Mary	Roumanos	Ken	Holmes	Denice	Tyson
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Thomas	Durber	John	Scott	Geoff	Lanham	Craig	Waugh
Don	Eadie	Graeme	Shade	Chris	Larmour	William	West
Steve	Edwards	Colin	Shepherd	Graham	Larmour	Bill	Whale
Beverley	Ellis	Nelson	Sinton	June	Larmour	Barry	Wilcockson
Stan	Ellis	Richard	Sinton	Leigh	Larmour	Bobbie	Wilcockson
Allan	English	Graham	Smith	Philip	Larmour	Jenny	Wilcockson
Belinda	Every	Philip	Smith	Philip	Lee	Marilyn	Wilcockson
Jason	Every	Helen	Smythe	Ken	Liley		
Kerry	Every	John	Smythe	Robert	Liley		
Neil	Every	Neil	Sorensen				

See Next page  
for Photos of 2010 AMRA  
Exhibition Volunteers  
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# Volunteers at the Exhibition



All photos on page 14 and 15 by Mark Dalli

# Volunteers at the Exhibition



# Layouts at the Exhibition



Brisbane Water by Epping Model Railway Club seen here with a 37 class locomotive and a work vehicle. The 37 class was a proposed upgrade of the 36 class with a larger firebox, requiring a trailing bogie. The 37 class was never built. Brisbane Water won the award for "Best Australian Prototype Layout – Club".



Museum station a basic but smart layout, displayed by SETS, is seen here with two red rattlers stopped at the station.



Coffs Harbour Railway Modellers with their massive layout with plenty of fascinated eyes watching trains travelling around it. This layout is very advanced but is easy enough to operate

All photos on page 16 and 17 by Mark Dalli

# Layouts at the Exhibition



Geoff Small's layout, Mullet Creek. NR84 with the Southern Spirit travelling along the main line.

NR52 travels along Tarana. This layout is owned by the Georges River Model Railway Club.



An E class stands on David Low's Eskbank. This layout is based on Eskbank station and yard at Lithgow in 1899 .

A 12 class stops at Waterfall Station to unload the passengers. Waterfall has recently been built by the Illawarra Model Railway Association as their new exhibition layout.



# 12 Inch to the Foot Scale

C505 and two other C class locos at Lidcombe approaching the station with a coal train. Pacific National hired out the C classes on and off during 2009 and 2010. The C class were used during this time for Pacific National's coal services. Pacific National had refurbished the C classes with improvements such as fridges, air conditioning and microwaves.

PHOTO by  
Denis Gilmore



4503 and 48136 stand at Enfield yard. 4503 is maintained by Junee locomotive workshops. It is operated by Patricks and is used all over Sydney, being based at Enfield yard. Just below the driver's window there is a sign which says Junee golf club winner Geoff Walker.

PHOTO by  
David Lane



8203 leads a coal train to Port Kembla. The train is about to enter the Stanwell Park tunnel.

PHOTO by  
Bill Whale



# 12 Inch to the Foot Scale



During the ban on CountryLink Victorian running from early August to (expectedly) mid September, an XPT power car failure resulted in serviceable XP2018 somewhat stranded at Albury, facing Melbourne. A crew of two Junee drivers was assembled and arrangements made to transfer the unit to South Dynon standard gauge turntable to turn it and return to Sydney (as seen in the photo) with the customary crew change at Junee.

PHOTO by  
James Percival

8102 and 8011 stand at Port Kembla. Both trains are on shunting duties each with steel wagons.

PHOTO by Bill Whale



8101, 8005 and 8145 with an ore train roar through Lithgow, approaching the viaduct on a crisp spring day.

PHOTO by Rod Fussell



