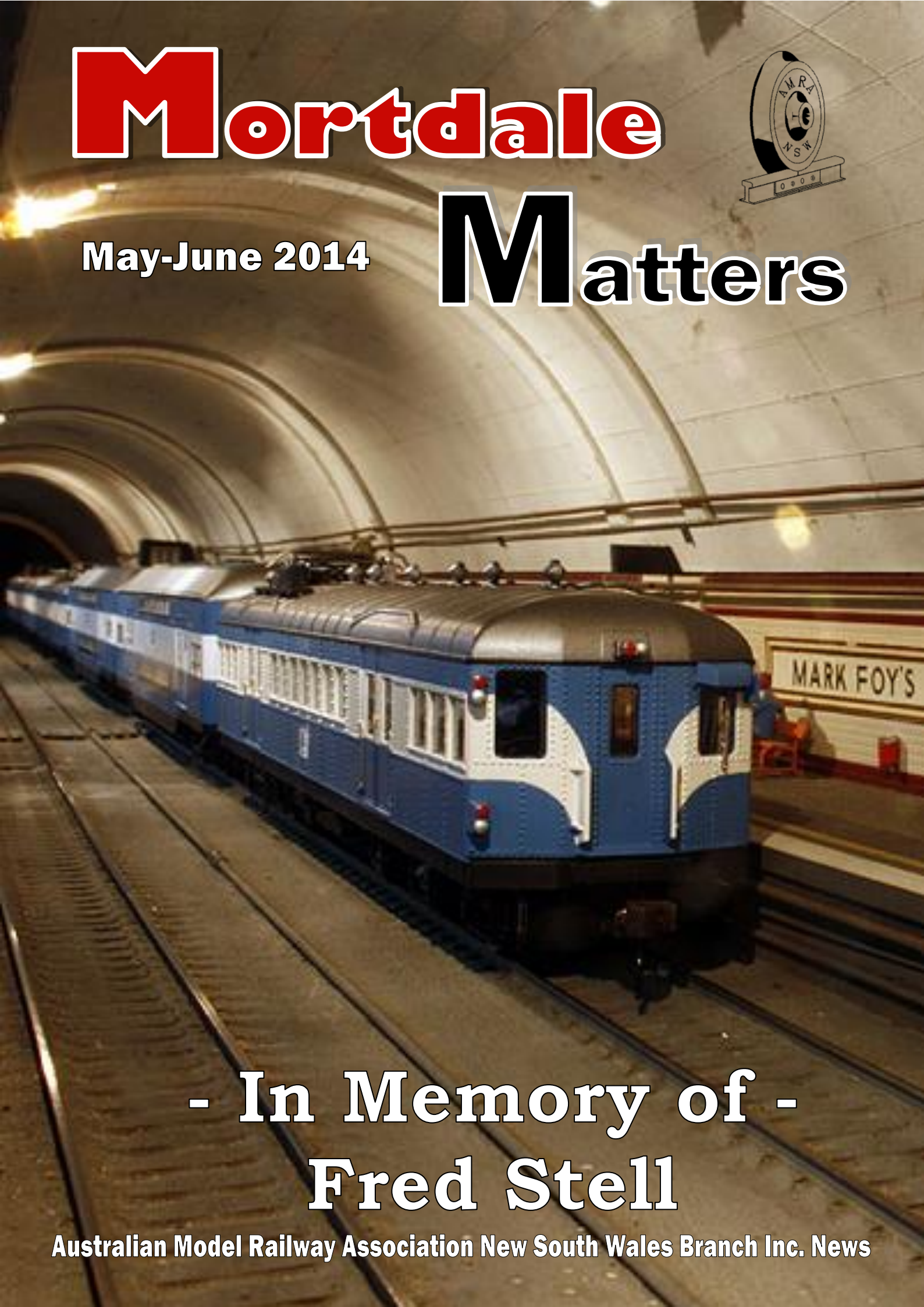


Mortdale



May-June 2014

Matters



**- In Memory of -
Fred Stell**

Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc. News

Mortdale Matters

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Editorial



Welcome to the May-June 2014 edition of *Mortdale Matters*.

We start the issue with some sad news, long time club member of AMRA NSW and NSWGR Illawarra icon Fred Stell has passed away after having a fall on Thursday the 8th of May while getting supplies for our clubrooms. His funeral was held at the Southern Chapel of Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland on Friday 16th of May 2014. Fred was a true character that will be missed by all; our condolences go out to his family.

Our *Sydney Model Railway Exhibition* is only a few months away. A lot of time and effort is going into the event, and in order for the exhibition to thrive it is vital for everyone including club members, friends and family to share the news about the event, including dates; times; what's there; attractions; etc.

It's a great family day out for all — not just the enthusiast — with prototypical layouts, kids' layouts, hands-on activities, demonstrations, DIY's, U-Drive layout and a ride on Thomas the Tank Engine!!

Brochures and printed flyers will be out within the next few months, to be handed out to groups including sporting or community groups, friends and especially handed out to local businesses such as your local coffee shops.

Our exhibition flyer can be downloaded and then printed from:

<http://www.amransw.asn.au/exhibition/A4-Liverpool%202014.pdf>

You can now **LIKE us** on **Facebook**. Facebook postings have started and we will supply news as it comes to hand along with photographs. If you're not on Facebook but you know someone who is, let them know about our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sydney-Model-Railway-Exhibition/395627020547032>

We always welcome contributions; further information follows on the next page. Just try, you will be surprised.

Until next issue,

Mark Dalli

Editor

Glenn Percival

Assistant Editor

RIGHT: The AMRA NSW Clubrooms set up ready for April Open Day, seen here from Kurranulla on the H0 *Stoney Creek* layout. (Andrew Murphy)



FRONT PAGE: A NSWPTC 'red rattler' on SETS 'Museum' layout. (Mahika Ly)

BACK PAGE: A man on the platform takes his young son up to see the driver of QRN's CLF1 on BM7 during Hunter Valley Steamfest 2009. (Liam Brundle)



Submissions and Subscriptions

With so much continually happening at our Clubrooms, its easy for something to slip through the cracks. *Mortdale Matters* especially needs photos of Branch activities/events, members' models and covers; however any prototype photos or information will be considered for use as space permits. Email mmatters.amransw@yahoo.com.au, or leave a disc in the *Journal* pigeonhole in the office, with the photo and a brief description.

All submissions must be original material, i.e. photos that you've taken or articles that you have written, and are published at MC's discretion.

Mortdale Matters is an e-newsletter, meaning simply that it is electronic news. To subscribe please send an email request to our Publicity Officer, Philip Lee, at pjlee@iinet.net.au. Please note that the file can exceed several MB; and that Adobe 8.0 (PDF 1.7) or later compatibility is required, to minimise file size. *Mortdale Matters* is also available online from the [AMRA NSW website](#).

If you do not have capable internet or email, please contact the Secretary to have a B&W printed copy available for you to collect from our clubrooms. Please note that this service is only available for those without capable internet.

The deadline for the July 2014 issue is 10 July 2014

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- Vale Fred Stell -

Fred joined the Australian Model Railway Association on the 14th December 1986 as Member Number 3857 and was soon active in the NSW Branch clubrooms at Rockdale, continuing from that day on as a willing worker for the Branch.

Fred was awarded a Meritorious Award in 1992 for his continuing efforts and his support of the Branch and his fellow members.

He would always do anything to help in the routine of the Clubrooms whether it be cleaning, sweeping floors, or any task that he was able to handle; or making a cup of tea, becoming our tea man from very early days, as Fred always liked his cup of tea.

As Fred was both an engine driver and fireman in the NSWG Railways, he brought his expertise and knowledge of all things railway to the hobby of model railways, in particular his ongoing operation of the Control Panel of the H0 layout in the Rockdale clubrooms, to which many of our older members will testify; also his expertise again later on the 'O' Gauge layout at our Mortdale clubrooms operating and shunting the formidable Davies Branch terminus.

Fred was the Morning and Afternoon tea man at our Annual Model Railway Exhibitions for many years. I think he enjoyed this position as always could find time to talk to someone and find out what commercial stand had the best bargains, but then Fred most times seemed to be always able to find these before the exhibition began.

Fred will be sadly missed by many members. We will miss his stories of his many years in the NSW Railways, he was always early to open up the Clubrooms, usually with a bottle of milk in hand.



(Mark Dalli)

As a fairly regular attendee he set up the tea and coffee trolley for morning and afternoon teas and lunch time, he paid particular attention to the Ladies of AMRA by waiting on them at their Needles and Natter meeting days.

Fred, may you Rest in Peace.

Alan Cross

N Gauge Layout

The control panel for Dine-on Yard has been wired and is ready for installation; there are still some wires and relays that need to be removed and other wires installed before the panel can be swapped. There are another six Peco point motors that need to be changed over to Tortoise motors before we can do the exchange.

David Bennett

N Gauge layout Coordinator



ABOVE: Ash Garrard, Richard Sinton and Kevin Higginson operate the N gauge layout. (Glenn Percival)

Mortdale Building

Our clubroom fire extinguishers have been inspected and tested, in addition the emergency lighting has been tested so that we can lodge our annual fire safety statement with Hurstville City Council.

David Bennett

Mortdale Building Manager



H0 Stoney Creek

"PIZZA DISCUSSIONS"

(H0 FIXED LAYOUT – STONEY CREEK)

19.5.2014, 9394 HOURS OF OPERATION

Deawy Down Yard

Programming on #3 PLC has been completed and tested for Deawy Down Local Yard.

Over the Easter weekend the cutover to the Deawy Down Local panel was done. The cutover and testing was completed by 12:00 midday on the Saturday. Thanks to a small team who worked well together and completed the task in just over two (2) hours.

Control Centre (CTCC)

Tiles 4a and 4b have been installed and the indicating LEDs for about half the points and all block occupancy have been activated.

Deawy entry/exit on Tile 1a, 2a and 3a is well advanced and is expected to be cut over before the end of May.

Deawy Up Yard local panel population and wiring has started.

Read tiles 5b and 6b are being worked on now. Tile 5b and 6b are the most heavily wired tiles on the CTCC board.

General

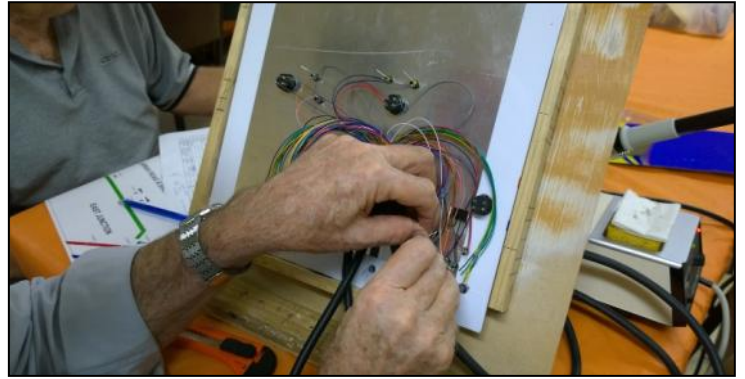
Seven (7) years ago a hour run meter was installed on Stoney Creek.

As of Sunday 18/05/2014, 9394 hours of operation have elapsed.

On average *Stoney Creek* operates 1342 hours a year, that is 3.67 hours every day for seven (7) years on average. Sunday running and a lot of work going on would have elevated this up from last year.

Denis Gilmore

Stoney Creek layout Coordinator



ABOVE: Robert Merrick, with the assistance of Ken Auchterlonie, wires one of the CTCC panels for Deawy. BELOW: The first train to run on DCC, with Philip Lee at the controls of the radio cab and Alan Cross as the observer. (both Glenn Percival)



ABOVE: The first train to be tracked on Power Section Down11, aka Fayenton Bank, in the CTCC (train is the red light on blue piece of track). (Mark Dalli)

O Gauge Layouts

O Gauge Fixed Layout

April saw another Open Day with a lot of favourable comments from visitors on how well the layout is looking. Thank you to Lance Pickering for supervising the layout on the day and the clean up prior, and to all who helped. A good day was had by all.

After the purchase of new transformers, electrical cabinet and auxiliary items, Maurie Haynes and Ihor Hinczak are in the process of installing these items, which will bring the outer layout up to full power again.



A typical Open Day crowd with the O gauge team hard at work! (Mark Dalli)

The plans for stage 3 of the Universal track have now been finalised and presented to the Management Committee for approval, once given work will commence on the Hoganvale side of the layout.

Gordon Wallace

O Gauge Layout Coordinator

O Gauge Exhibition Layout Report

Work will recommence on the exhibition layout soon, the O gauge committee meet yesterday to talk about details on the layouts including the members and their efforts on both layouts.

Lance Pickering

O Gauge Exhibition Layout Coordinator



Colin Shepherd, Roger Chin, Lance Pickering, club president Alan Cross and Philip Lee discuss the progress on the O gauge exhibition layout. (Mark Dalli)

April Open Day 2014

All photos by Glenn Percival





AMRA NSW Branch Honour Roll [DRAFT]

Please direct amendments to Bruce Harris at brupam@bigpond.net.au.

AMRA NSW OFFICE BEARERS									
Meeting place	Period beginning	President	Vice-president	Secretary	Treasurer	Exhibition Manager	Exhibition location	Publicity Officer/ Branch Reporter	Junior Development Officer

Members' homes	Oct 1956	Ted Gray	-	David Ellis	David Ellis				
	Jun 1957	Frank Maxwell	-	Bruce Lovett	Bruce Lovett				
	Feb 1958	Frank Maxwell		David Ellis/Sid Lothian	Bruce Lovett				
	Feb 1959								
	Feb 1960	Ted Gray	Frank Maxwell	Sid Lothian	Bruce Lovett				
	Feb 1961	Bruce Lovett	Frank Maxwell	Sid Lothian	Harold Warren				
	Feb 1962	Bruce Lovett	Norm Read	Pat Burke	Harold Warren	Bruce Lovett	Burwood PBC		
	Feb 1963	Robert Gorrell	Norm Read	Sid Lothian	Harold Warren	Keith Wall	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1964	Robert Gorrell	Norm Read	Sid Lothian	Harold Warren	John Dunn	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1965	John McDicken				John Dunn	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1966	John Dunn	Ivo Bunker	Rup Ackland	John Skilton	John Dunn	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1967	John Dunn	Ivo Bunker	Rup Ackland	John Skilton	John Dunn	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1968	John Dunn	Graham Larmour	Rup Ackland	John Skilton	Bruce Lovett	Sydney Town Hall		
	Nov 1968	Graham Larmour	Gus Durham	Rup Ackland	John Skilton	Bruce Lovett	Sydney Town Hall		
	Feb 1969	Graham Larmour	Gus Durham	Phil Kelly	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Glynn Shepherd	
	Feb 1970	Graham Larmour	Gus Durham	Phil Kelly	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Colin Gilbertson	
	Feb 1971	Graham Larmour	Gus Durham	Phil Kelly	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Les Fordham	
	Feb 1972	John Dunn	R Gray/ H Shepherd	Allan Brown	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Bob Gallagher	
	Feb 1973	Graham Larmour	Bob Gallagher	Allan Brown	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Graham Ball	
	Feb 1974	Bob Gallagher	George Bray	Phil Kelly	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Jack Parker	
	Feb 1975	Ray Pilgrim	George Bray	Allan Brown	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Jack Parker	
	Feb 1976	George Bray	Dennis Meredith	Tom Parkes	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Jack Parker	
	Feb 1977	George Bray	Ray Pilgrim	Tom Parkes	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Sydney Town Hall	Jack Parker	
	Feb 1978	Dennis Meredith	Frank Potts	Tom Parkes	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	RAS Showground	Jack Parker	
	Feb 1979	Dennis Meredith	Frank Potts	Tom Parkes	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	RAS Showground		
	Feb 1980	Neville Murray	Frank Potts	Bob Wardrop	John Skilton	Len Marsden	RAS Showground	Bob Walters	
	Feb 1981	Bob Wardrop	Frank Potts	Bruce Norton	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	RAS Showground		
	Feb 1982	Bob Wardrop	Frank Potts	Bruce Norton	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	RAS Showground		

Rockdale	Feb 1983	Bob Wardrop	David Bennett	Bruce Norton	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	RAS Showground	Bob Gioia	
	Feb 1984	Bruce Norton	David Bennett	Charles Warren	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Liverpool	Bob Gioia	
	Feb 1985	Bruce Norton	David Bennett	Charles Warren	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Liverpool	Phillip Morgan	
	Feb 1986	Bob Wardrop	Neil Sorensen	David Bennett	John Skilton	Graham Larmour	Liverpool	Phillip Morgan	
	Feb 1987	Bob Wardrop	Neil Sorensen	Ed Hogan	John Skilton	John Skilton	Liverpool	Glen Watson	
	Feb 1988	Bob Wardrop	Keith Aldous	Ed Hogan	Jack Parker	John Skilton	Liverpool		
		Frank Potts	Keith Aldous	Ed Hogan	Jack Parker	John Skilton	Liverpool		
	Feb 1989	Phil Kelly					Liverpool		
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	Nov 1999	Ian Macleod	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Jack Parker	John Zubrickas	Liverpool	Glenn Percival	Jason Macklin
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	Nov 2001	Ian Macleod	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Liverpool	Glenn Percival	James Percival
	Jul 2002	Barry Wilcockson	-	David Bennett	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Liverpool	Glenn Percival	James Percival
	Nov 2002	Barry Wilcockson	Graeme Shade	David Bennett	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Liverpool	Stephen Chapman	
	Nov 2003	Barry Wilcockson	Graeme Shade	David Bennett	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Liverpool		Chris Winston
	Nov 2004	Barry Wilcockson	Graeme Shade	David Bennett	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Liverpool	Philip Lee	Chris Winston
	Nov 2005	Barry Wilcockson	Bruce Harris	Geoff Lanham	Marilyn Wilcockson	Mic Wade	Hurstville	Philip Lee	Chris Winston
	Nov 2006	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Geoff Lanham	Marilyn Wilcockson	Glenn Percival	Hurstville	Philip Lee	Chris Winston
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	Nov 2010	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Geoff Lanham	Marilyn Wilcockson	Alan Cross	Liverpool	Philip Lee	Rod Fussel
	Nov 2011	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Geoff Lanham	Marilyn Wilcockson	Alan Cross	Liverpool	Philip Lee	Rod Fussel
	Nov 2012	Barry Wilcockson	David Bennett	Geoff Lanham	Marilyn Wilcockson	Alan Cross	Liverpool	Philip Lee	Rod Fussel
	Nov 2013	Alan Cross	Gordon Wallace	Barry Wilcockson	Marilyn Wilcockson	Alan Cross	Liverpool	Philip Lee	Rod Fussel

= Part year only

Members Gallery



ABOVE: CLF1 and LDP001 slow to a halt at High Street station, awaiting the signal to proceed through Maitland and onto the North Coast line, towards its final destination of Brisbane on April 19, 2009. Another shot of this train, with the human element and under lovely afternoon conditions, is on the back cover. (Liam Brundle)

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AMRA NSW Branch Inc. Programme – June to July 2014

JUNE

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	Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun 8th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Mon 9th	<u>Public Holiday</u> – Layout Operation (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Wed 11th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri 13th	Layout Operation (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat 14th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	
	- Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm) & <u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u>	
Sun 15th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i> 10am until late
Wed 18th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until finished
Fri 20th	Layout Operation – <u>Australian Steam</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Sat 21st	Layout Operation (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sun 22nd	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed 25th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Fri 27th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	10am until 5pm
Sat 28th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)	7:30pm until 10pm
		10am until late

JULY

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	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late
Wed 9th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri 11th	Layout Operation / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat 12th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm) & <u>Monthly Forum (3:30 pm)</u>	10am until late
Sun 13th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed 16th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri 18th	Layout Operation – <u>U.K.</u> / <i>Structured Running</i> (see Notes)	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat 19th	General Activities / <i>Layout Construction</i> (see Notes)	10am until late
Sun 20th	<i>Stoney Creek Work Day</i>	<i>No Facility Fee</i> 10am until finished
Wed 23rd	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm
Fri 25th	Train Maintenance and Testing Night	7:30pm until 10pm
Sat 26th	Layout Operation (see Notes) - Ladies Needles & Natter (2 pm)	10am until late
Sun 27th	General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 4pm
Wed 30th	"Daylighters" - General Activities (see Notes)	10am until 5pm

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

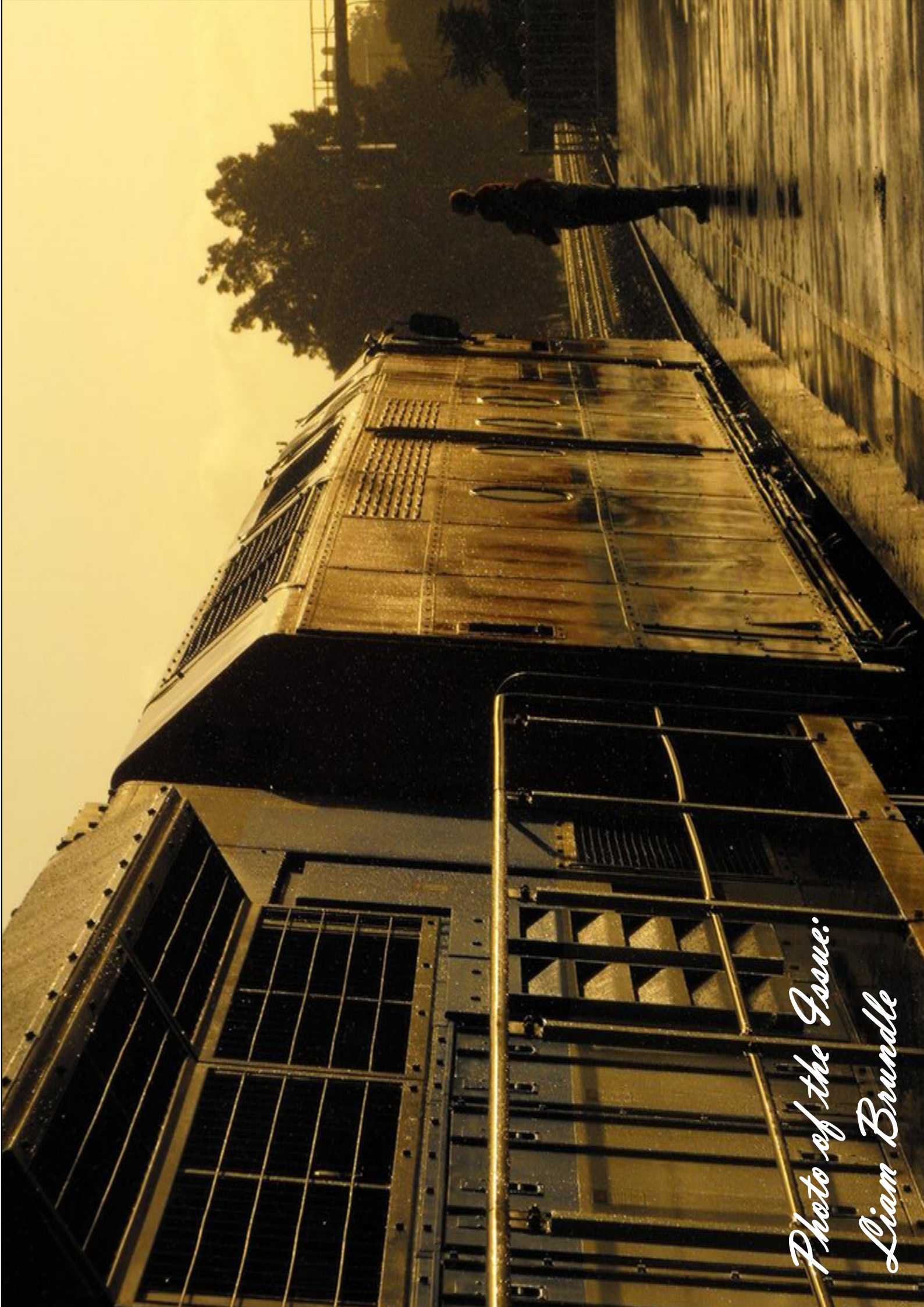
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Guests are welcome unless otherwise indicated

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