

Mortdale Matters

January 2022

Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc.

From The Editor



Well after an extended hiatus, we are finally back in production.

Welcome to a new look Matters.

What a roller-coaster ride the past 2 years have been.. We have had two (2) instances where we have had to close the clubrooms for extended periods. We have also had occasions where we have had to close for a day here or there. We are open at the moment for members only operation, despite the 2 week closure over Christmas & New Year due to a COVID positive case attending the clubrooms. The committee acted very quickly upon receiving the notification with all affected members notified within 2 hours. The committee met on 27/12 to formulate a plan for the cleaning of and reopening of the clubrooms, and I can let everyone know that the clubrooms will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

It was originally hoped we could reopen to the broader public on January 8th, however with the positive case attending, and this in turn highlighting a few holes in our procedures, that date, at the time of writing has been pushed back to at least 27th January, subject to change. We will however be allowing some non members to attend after 8th January. This is a soft opening for the public and we won't be advertising it to the broader public at this time.

Further in this issue there is a info page on what the current requirements for attending the clubrooms are. Please read this carefully so as not to miss any important details. Also please be aware that they are always subject to change at very short notice depending on the government making changes to the public health orders.

As you probably noticed the styling of Matters has changed from previous issues. I hope everyone likes the new style. There will probably be a few more changes in the coming issues, once the club starts to ramp up operations and are back to pre covid levels, and there is more things to report on.

The committee is already working on the planning of quite a few exciting activities for 2022 and once all this pandemic stuff is behind us it should turn out to be a very exciting year around the club.

Rhonda George

Editor

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Front Cover: Awaiting departure time @ Fayenton (*David Kimpton*)

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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 matters@amransw.asn.au, or leave a thumb-drive 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.

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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.

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Presidents Report

2021

Once again the end of another year is upon us, it seems like a good time to look back at 2021 and what lies ahead for AMRA NSW in 2022. Mortdale Matters is back with a new format and a new Editor, I am very grateful to Rhonda George for taking up the position and look forward to seeing the new look Mortdale Matters. As part of the Matters editor role, Rhonda will also be the Journal Sub-Editor for the NSW branch.

I'd like to thank the outgoing committee members for their service. The amount of work put in behind the scenes has been significant and we wouldn't be where we are now without their efforts - Thank You.

I look forward to working with our new committee members, with David Kimpton stepping into the Secretary role and Aaron Hobson as our new Development Officer.

On the topic of the committee, As many of you are aware Damien George stood down from the committee at the AGM. After the election was held, there was a vacancy in the Exhibition Managers role. After some gentle persuasion , Damien has agreed to fill the vacancy and this was ratified at our December COM meeting.

Over the last year, the committee and myself have been busy keeping a close watch on all things to do with the pandemic, I would like to single out Geoff Lanham for special mention in this regard as he put in considerable time and effort to wade through the constantly changing rules and regulations to help keep the clubrooms safe and compliant with Government health regulations. Thanks Geoff!

On a more positive note, we have been able to reopen the club on a limited basis to members, it has been great to see people coming back and I look forward to welcoming others back as the new year unfolds. The committee have been in discussions for the return of several events in the new year such as the 24 hour run on Stoney Creek, as well as Open Day and table sales etc, should you have any suggestions for events or activities that the club could host, please get in contact.

As we slowly make our way back towards normalcy, it is my hope that 2022 will be a time of consolidation for the club, while sadly it does appear as though we may not be staging an exhibition in 2022, I do believe that it will allow us to stage some excellent events at the club, show off what we have and encourage new members to join.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe New Year

Steve Burrows
President
Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch Inc.



2022 Committee

**Steve Burrows
President**

**Peter O'Brien
Vice-President**

**David Kimpton
Secretary**

**Max King
Treasurer**

**Damien George
Exhibition Manager**

**Philip Lee
Publicity Officer**

**Aaron Hobson
Development Officer**

Additional Opening Days for the Clubrooms

From Sunday 9th January 2022 there will be 2 additional days per month added to the club calendar. The clubrooms will now be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, subject to availability of duty officers.

The clubrooms will be open from 10am to 5pm and the same procedures as Wednesday's & Saturday's will apply. Both of these days will be general activities in line with the current programme.

Bookings can be made at using the same link as Wednesday's & Saturday's (see next page)





STONEY CREEK

Since the last edition there has been some extensive work done on the layout. The outdated PLC's have been replaced and are currently being monitored for any faults. It is hoped that once things have settled down the long awaited progress on Read & other locations can progress.

Pre-Paid Facility Fees

Pre-paid facility fees are once again available for members. As there has been no change in the facility fees, the pre-paid fees have not changed.

For the period 1st January - 30th June 2022 the pre-paid fees are

Ordinary Members: \$350

Duty Officers: \$300

(this is based on being rostered an average 1 shift/month)

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the pre-paid fee please speak to the duty officer on duty or any of the COM members.

Above: 44213 passing through Fayenton with a load of grain hoppers (*Tim Pout*)

Current Requirements for Attending the clubrooms

For anyone wishing to attend the clubrooms the following protocols are to be followed at all times. Please check at the clubrooms for any changes to these as the situation can change with very short notice.

- * You must be fully vaccinated and show proof of this when asked.
- * You must pre-book your attendance for the day you wish to attend. Bookings open each Saturday for the following week. Bookings can be made by scanning the QR code below or by using the link.



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amra-nsw-running-session-tickets-108844731522>



- * You must check-in using the Service NSW QR code on arrival.
- * Masks must be worn at all times whilst in the clubrooms except when eating or drinking.
- * Only 3 people are to sit at any table at the same time. 1 person in the middle of 1 side, and 1 person at each end of the opposite side.

These protocols have been put in place as part of our Covid safe plan as required by NSW Public Health Orders.

Please remember the health & safety of our members is the number 1 priority for the committee and this is always at the front of any process implemented.



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
2022**

