

Mortdale Matters

July 2022



Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc.

From The Editor



We have reached the half way point in the year.

I must firstly apologise for the lateness of this edition, unfortunately the time just got away from me over the past few weeks.

It has been relatively quiet over the past few months, with very little changing in the way the club is operating. With the resurgence of Covid in the community, a reminder to all members to stay at home if you are displaying any flu like symptoms. If social distancing can not be maintained it is recommended for members to wear masks.

The committee has been holding regular members forums, with the intention to hold them every 2 months or so. They are held in person at the clubrooms, as well as in the virtual realm. For the members that are unable to attend in either way, the sessions are recorded. The link for the last forum is [here](#).

This edition is a little light on content. If you have any suggestions for what you as members would like included, please drop me a note and I will try to accommodate your suggestion.

If you have any stories or articles you would like included in an edition of Matters please send it to me matters@amransw.asn.au

Enjoy the rest of this edition. The next edition is due for release on 28th August.

Rhonda George

Editor

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Front Cover: 4103 with it's short mixed arriving @ Wilcocksons (*Tim Pout*)

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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.

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 publicityofficer@amransw.asn.au. Please note that the file can exceed several MB; and that Adobe 8.0 (PDF) 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.

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From the President

Hi folks,

Just a quick note from me this month, it's been great to see more and more people getting back to the club as well as a few visitors popping in. Be sure to check our Facebook page or the club website for all the dates and times.

While I was unable to attend due to work commitments, the now regular members forum was staged both in person & virtually via Zoom again, for those who may not be aware this is a chance for our committee to speak directly with you, the members and update everyone on the state of play on a wide range of issues.

It's also a chance for members to have any questions or queries asked and answered, or indeed provide new viewpoints, opinions and ideas the committee may not have, so be sure to come along to the next one!

If you were unavailable to attend the last forum, fear not. As a matter of course all forums are recorded for posterity and later reference. Our ever efficient Secretary will be sending out the link to the recording real soon.

Hoping everyone is safe and well and I look forward to catching up with you down at the club!

Steve Burrows
President
Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch Inc.

To the Editor

From the next edition there will be a new section in matters. If you have a question you don't feel comfortable asking in a public forum, email it to the editor and they will get the answer to your question and publish it in the next edition of matters. If you want to remain anonymous that's fine, just mention that in your email and your name will be withheld.

Email the matters editor [here](#)



A.M.R.A. NSW – PROGRAMME – **Post Pandemic – July 2022**

Until further notice

Saturdays

Every Saturday – General Activities 10am until 10pm #

Sundays

2nd Sunday of Month– Special Interest Groups (as pre-approved by COM) 10am until 6pm #
4th Sunday of Month – General Activities 10am until 6pm #

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday – General Activities 10am until 6pm #

Fridays

1st & 3rd Fridays of Month
- Workdays - Every Week 9am until 6pm #
- General Activities 6pm until 10pm #

NOTES

- These clubrooms WILL NOT be available to be opened at any other time, without the specific approval of the AMRA NSW Committee of Management.
- # Clubroom hour are subject to availability of Duty Officers.
- FACILITY FEE unless otherwise indicated for Members and Guests: Adults \$8 - Juniors \$5
Guests are always welcome unless otherwise indicated, no facility fee payable for the first three (3) complementary visits.
- GENERAL ACTIVITIES: the facilities may be used *as permitted* e.g. layout construction, building maintenance, limited running, modelling, etc
- LAYOUT OPERATION: O and N Gauges operational, HO (fixed) *as permitted during construction*.
- PROGRAMMED RUNNING: Destination, Sequenced or Timetabled operation as organized for each layout.
- SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: These Groups must be pre-approved by the Committee of Management.
- WORKDAYS: please check with the appropriate layout supervisor, may be cancelled at short notice, No Facility Fee
- 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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Backpage: 3526 departing Thirlmere on an early morning shuttle service to Buxton during the Thirlmere Festival of Steam (*Steven Burrows*)



