

Mortdale Matters

April 2023



Australian Model Railway Association New South Wales Branch Inc.

From The Editor



Welcome to the latest edition of Mortdale Matters. I have to start with an apology for the tardiness of this edition. We had a major IT failure right when I should have started putting this edition together. Then there have been a few personal/family matters that have taken up my spare time. With that behind us, here it is, even if in a slimmed down size.

The club held its 1st open day for the year last weekend, and it was great to see all the visitors to our clubrooms enjoying all the layouts and facilities we have. The open days are our opportunity to show off our hobby and clubrooms. They also provide a fundraising opportunity to boost the clubs coffers. Thank you to all the members that put in a great effort to make sure the day went ahead smoothly.

It has come to my attention that there has been feedback in relation to how matters is put together. This is great to see. I always welcome feedback whether it be good or critical of my efforts. However, the feedback was not given to me directly. I am a firm believer that if I have something to say about a particular matter, I will always speak to the person directly responsible whatever the matter is. If this doesn't resolve the problem then I will take it elsewhere. This is a courtesy I give and would expect to receive in return. If ANY member has a comment to make about how matters is put together, please in the 1st instance come and discuss it with me. Doing that will speed up the process and prevent other people from wasting their valuable time then having to come to me and also risking the issue of something being lost in the translation.

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 11th June.

Rhonda George

Editor

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Front Cover: This is why you should never machine wash your loco's in hot water. NR26 in HO & N scale side by side (*Tim Pout*)

PLEASE NOTE:

Images captured in the operational environment are done so with permission and adhering to the appropriate rail safety procedures & guidelines.



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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.

Branch Officers/Contacts 2023

ELECTED Management Committee

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LAYOUT

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SUB-COMMITTEE

<i>Stoney Creek</i> (H0 fixed)	James Percival Thomas Durber	TBA
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CO-ORDINATORS

N Scale	Richard Sinton	TBA
<i>East Matelend</i> (H0 Exhibition)	Andrew Murphy	TBA
<i>U-Drive</i>	Bill Whale	TBA



From the President

Warmest greetings to all,

As 2023 gets into its stride activities around the club rooms are settling into the normal rhythm. Visitor numbers particularly on Saturday's has also seen an upward trend, those who visit always come away having had a most enjoyable time and I'd like to thank those in attendance going that extra mile to help make visitors and new members feel welcome.

With our Open day being held last weekend, it was great to see turnout of both members and visitors at the clubrooms. Although attendance numbers were down a little on our last open day, overall the day was a huge success and went a long way towards fostering and promoting our hobby to the masses.

I'd also like to take a moment to remind everyone who may be interested in becoming a Duty Officer to reach out to the Secretary, David.

Our DO ranks could certainly use some reinforcement as without a DO in attendance, the club room cannot open.

Finally I would like to offer thanks on behalf of the entire club to Kevin Marshall for his generous donation of tools & supplies for the workbench. I'm sure all the members will make great use of these.

Regards
Steve Burrows
President
AMRA NSW Branch

Attending the Mortdale Clubrooms

When attending the Mortdale clubrooms, please check the advertised opening times for the day you wish to attend. While Duty Officers get there a little bit earlier, this is to give them time to make sure the clubrooms are ready to be opened. Whilst I is appreciated members always want to make the most of their time at the clubrooms, getting there early may not always result in being let in before the advertised time. We also ask that at this time only duty officers operate the square terminal. It is planned that in the future the square terminal will become self service, however at the moment that is not the case.

When interacting with others both in the clubrooms and in the public eye please be courteous and respectful. It doesn't take a great deal of effort to be polite when dealing with others. The people that are managing the club and clubrooms are all volunteers and are giving up their time to give you the opportunity to enjoy our hobby.



A.M.R.A. NSW – PROGRAMME

As at April 2023

Until further notice

Saturdays

Every Saturday

– General Activities

10am until 10pm #

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday

– General Activities

10am until 6pm #

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**
- Address: 48 Barry Avenue (PO Box 277), Mortdale NSW 2223 - Phone (02) 9153-5901, Fax (02) 9153-5905



Left: A few of the production samples for the forthcoming release of the 'N' Scale NR's stopped by for a visit during our recent open day. (Tim Pout)

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