



Right On Track

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This newsletter is now available as a download from our website (address above) saving the club postage and printing, most pictures are in colour. Notification is sent by email when it is available for download.

St Johns Cheque Presentation

On Tuesday 30th January, we presented a cheque to the St Johns Volunteers in appreciation of their services at both our Sunday swapmeet and our biennial exhibition.

Ian Coburn, their representative explained, "The money will go towards some new uniforms"

This was arranged at short notice and I apologise to those that missed the announcement.



Above: Presentation of the cheque.

Left: Some members gathered for the event

Management Committee

President	Ron Weeden
Vice President	Frank Crossley
Secretary	Graham Bartlett
Treasurer	Judith Morley
Membership Manager	John Cutler
Events Coordinator & Security Officer	Tony Mikolaj
Almoner & First Aid Committee	Norm Andrew David Morley

**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 5th March 2007**

Card Table Swap

**Friday 16th February
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Only one person entry per table.
Public entry \$2

Train Free Day

**Sunday 25th February
Old Noarlunga**

We are having a BBQ at Old Noarlunga. The club will supply some sausages, onions and sauces etc. If you want something else then bring it along. Please bring your own salads or make arrangements with others to share.
See the notice board for more details

Mount Compass Display

**Sunday 1st April
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Mount Compass Oval**

We will be doing a one-day display for the Mount Compass School, much the same as last year. We will setup early in the morning.
See the noticeboard for attendance sheet.

Southern Craft Fair

**Sunday ?? April
10:00 – 4:00
Morphett Vale Stadium**

We expect to be doing a display, keep an eye on the noticeboard for more details and attendance sheet.

N Scale Convention

**Saturday 19th May
Afternoon**

We are to be host to the attendees of the N Scale Convention as part of their layout tours.

Casting Workshop

Date & time to be advised

Adelaide Moulding & Casting Supplies have offered to come to the clubrooms and put on a 'how to workshop'

The plan is to hold this sometime early in 2007 on one of our normal meeting days. Details will be noted here and on the notice board.

June Long Weekend

**9th – 11th June
9:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat & Sun
9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday
Greyhound Park**

Our application has been sent and we expect a reply early this year.

Swapmeet

**Sunday 29th July
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Reynella Neighbourhood Centre**

Numbers will be limited by available space. \$20 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$15 if paid in advance.
Maximum two people entry per table.

**Strathalbyn Exhibition
27th – 28th October**

In the same hall as last time

Puffing Billy

On the Sunday morning of our holiday we arrived at Puffing Billy Railway just before 10 am. We thought our train left at 10:30 so had plenty of time to look around, but our train left at 10 so we quickly purchased our tickets and boarded the train. Unfortunately the steam engine which should have hauled us to Gembrook was sick (so the sign said) so we had a diesel locomotive.



Left: The fire patrol

Every train on the Puffing Billy Railway has a fire patrol following to put out any spot fires. Just before Emerald we stopped for a few minutes, with the fire patrol sitting across the level crossing.

At Lakeside we had a ¾ hour stop, so I went taking photos of the fire patrol and introduced myself to the guys. They told me why we had to stop earlier; it was because the tree ferns were coming into the cab of the locomotive so they had to chop them back.

A steam hauled train chugged in to Lakeside and any passengers going onto Gembrook boarded our train. We were soon on our way again.

Right: Inside the cab of locomotive 6A

There was a two hour break in Gembrook before our return journey so we walked along the road investigating the shops, had lunch at a bakery, and made a visit to a car museum, then a steady walk back to the railway station. Mum and I had a look around the souvenirs then climbed back onto the train.

At Lakeside we had to wait for another train to arrive and also for the exchange of the staff to allow us to enter the section, so we were late leaving Lakeside. The train from Lakeside was full, no spare seats anywhere, some people were standing.

At Belgrave Mum and I did some quick shopping then off to my brothers to go to a restaurant in Kilsyth.

We enjoyed our day; it was the first time that Frank and I had been to Gembrook. Hope you like the photographs that I took.

Your roving reporter, Vivien



Puffing Billy continued



Above: Locomotive 6A

Below: From the prototype for everything file, how's that for platform gap?
Could be titled Mind the step or One step for man, a giant leap forward for kids



End Of The Line Hobbies

Your One Stop Hobby Shop

End Of The Line Hobbies is offering club members a 5% discount off all purchases. To be eligible you must be a current financial member and mention your club membership at the time of purchase. The club will receive the same amount as a voucher for use as we see fit. So you can help yourself and the club at the same time.

Delivery can be arranged anywhere in the world and orders may be placed in person at the shop, via e-mail, snail mail, phone or fax. There is a stock hold option and payments can be made by Visa Card, Master Card, EFTPOS and good old fashioned cash!

Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

End Of The Line Hobbies 74 Ocean Street Victor Harbor SA 5211 (near the turntable)

Ph 8552 7900

Find us at www.endofthelinehobbies.com.au

Fax 8552 7933

Email shop@endofthelinehobbies.com.au

For sale

Mt Pleasant set includes 2 locos and 16 wagons. Approximately 7'6'' X 4' (2200 X 1200 mm)
Contact Paul on 8273 0924 for further details.



Helper's List

In an attempt to keep everything fair there will now be a roster system for helping at swapmeets. I have posted a list on the notice board, add your name and tick the boxes as appropriate and then all will take it in turn to help.

Note that helpers are expected to do just that, HELP; it is not a free ticket to get the bargains before the public enters.

Website

Don't forget to see me if you would like your own album on our website.

Aaron and Allan have both availed themselves of this service and you can access their photos and lots of movie files via the main page of our site noarail.com or via the Photo Gallery page. Follow the Member's Gallery link, which is located on the left in the links bar or the one near the top of the Photo Gallery page.

Social Day

We are having a BBQ at Old Noarlunga, on Sunday 25th February. The club will supply some sausages, onions, sauces etc. If you want something else then bring it along. Please bring your own salads or arrange with others to share. The idea is to have a day without anything to do with trains so that the better half can join in and enjoy it.

See the notice board for more details and an attendance list.

N scale Convention

The attendees of the N Scale Convention are to visit our clubrooms in the afternoon of Saturday 19th May as part of their layout tours. They will come in three coach loads of around 35.

Each group will stay for about one hour to give all time to view our layouts and socialise over a drink and some munchies.

We will need a few members to show them around and answer questions and others to help with drinks etc. the rest will just have to put up with running some trains.

As this will be an official event you are requested to wear your club shirt

Strathalbyn Exhibition

Andrew has investigated running another small exhibition in Strathalbyn in the same hall as last time. Everything seems to be in order and the Committee has approved this for the weekend of 27th - 28th October 2007. More details as they are arranged.

Exhibition DVD

It took some time but the DVD of photos from our 2006 exhibition is now available. It consists of a slideshow of around 400 photos including the Friday night setup, general public, individual displays and layouts and the Saturday night meal and swindle activities.

For those with computer access there is also an extras folder with all the photos and a pdf of the exhibition guide.

The Committee has decided that all members are entitled to have one of these at the special discount of \$1 to cover costs. Please see Tony about getting yours.

New Members

Two new members this month, welcome to Malcolm Readett and welcome back to Sean Rendell who has rejoined our ranks again.

Other events

Model swapmeet

Sunday 18th March 2007

10 am – 1 pm

Strathmont Centre

Grand Junction Road Gilles Plains

Entry adults \$2 children free

Enquiries (08) 8258 1011

Proceeds aid Strathmont Centre

N scale Convention

18th – 20th May 2007

8:30 am – 1:00 pm each day

St Francis Winery Convention Centre

Cost \$185

\$150 Students

Contact SANGS for details