



# Right On Track

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Paradigm on display at the Mt Compass School Fair with some of the public at the controls



## Management Committee

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**Next Committee meeting  
7:30pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

## Model Railway Show

**12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday**  
**10:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday**  
**Vermont Uniting Church**  
578 Cross Road South Plympton  
\$2 Kids \$5 Adults \$12 Families  
Proceeds to Vermont Uniting Church

This show has nothing to do with us but here just for your information.

## Southern Craft Fair

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April?**  
**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Morphett Vale Stadium**

This is only a guess at the moment just to let you earmark your diary, I have not heard anything yet from the organisers.

## AMRE Exhibition

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday**  
**Greyhound Park**

We have put in a late application for this event on the grounds that Ballarat was cancelled and hope to hear soon from the organisers. There is a list on the noticeboard so get your name on it quickly.

## Stawell Exhibition

**12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July – Now Confirmed**  
**9:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday**  
**9:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday**  
**SES Hall – Sloane St Stawell Vic**

We now have an invite and the paperwork will be sent off after this Saturday so get your name on the sheet on the noticeboard TODAY so that the numbers are right.

## Swapmeet and Clubrooms Open Day

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**NMRI Clubrooms**

We will be running this as a combined swapmeet and open day with the intention of cross promoting to increase attendance. Please note the new times. Table numbers will be limited by available space \$15 per table (if there is space) or \$10 if booked and paid before the day. Maximum two people entry per table. More details: [events@noarail.com](mailto:events@noarail.com)

## Our Exhibition 2008

**11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**9:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm Sunday**  
**Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre**  
1284 South Road Clovelly Park SA 5042  
\$3 Kids \$6 Adults \$15 Families

A helper list is on the noticeboard

## Renmark Show

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Renmark Oval**

One-day display at the Renmark Show, see the noticeboard for attendance list.

## Swapmeet

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**NMRI Clubrooms**



Two more photos of our display at Mt Compass. These small displays are the perfect opportunity to let the public get some hands on experience, and let us promote our coming events and sometimes pick up some new members.





A couple of photos of the newly laid track on Paradigm, above with snow on the rocks and later once it had melted and the grass was starting to grow



**Top photograph**

After sanding the cork to a smooth flat surface the track was laid. Here, part way through the track laying process, the track is in place and pins are being inserted to keep it in a constant radius and flat before final fixing with small blobs of PVA glue dropped between some of the sleepers. The thin painted plastic strips near the bottom of the photo were used to pack a slight depression and keep the track level

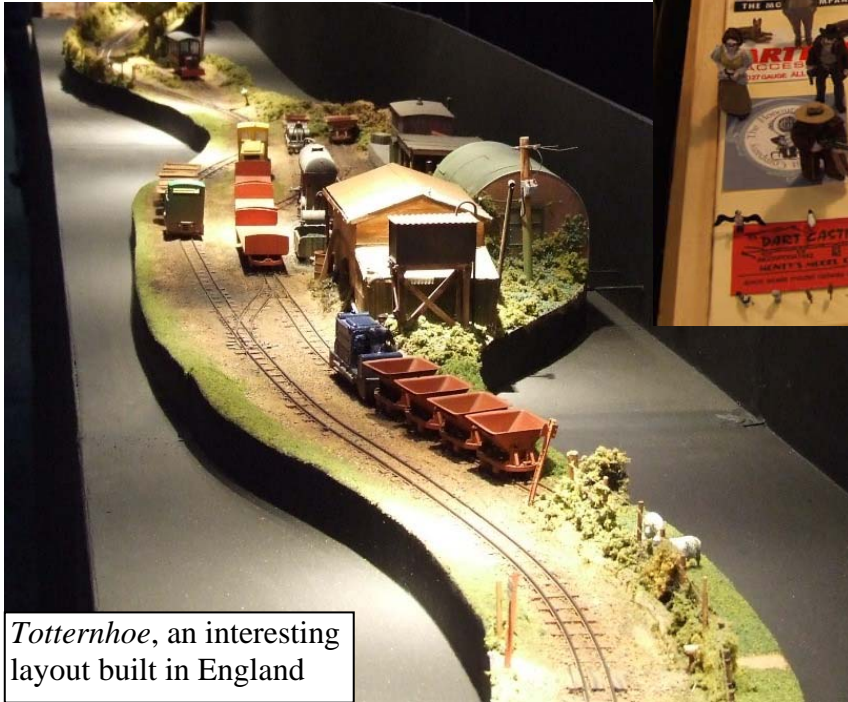
**Bottom Photograph**

The nearly finished track after extensive testing with every piece of rolling stock we could find. Ballast was then carefully placed between the sleepers and along the outside edge and fixed with half strength PVA glue. A little more dirt and grass colour along the edge and a wipe along the top of the rails had this area ready for use. This track performed without a hitch at the Mt Compass display. You will notice that the sides of the rails are not shiny; this is because they were chemically darkened before they were laid.



## Sandown Exhibition

Here are a few photographs taken at the 2008 Sandown exhibition, three NMRI members travelled over for a look around and to scout for possible exhibits for our coming exhibition. The venue is quite large with about 2000 metres of useable space, although this is dotted with roof supports so would be a headache for the planers.



Totternhoe, an interesting layout built in England

Overall, it was worth the trip to see layouts that do not normally make it to Adelaide and we also spent some time visiting other attractions in the area. We took a ride along the Puffing Billy Railway all the way to Gembrook and spent Sunday night at the Diamond Valley Railway; this is a 7¼" ride on setup that has a large maze of track through tunnels and over bridges. There were massive queues to get a ride but well worth the wait, a most interesting night

As space is running short other photos will have to wait for a future issue. Now that our website is back up and the member's gallery functional I will try to get the photos loaded to it. Aaron has probably beaten me to it and already filled up a couple of albums from the trip.

Midsummer Norton, as the name suggests, is set in England



# 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)

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A couple of rail tours by the ARHS (in edited form) are shown below, for full details, pricing and booking see their website at: [www.arhsnsw.com.au](http://www.arhsnsw.com.au) or email to: [mail@arhsnsw.com.au](mailto:mail@arhsnsw.com.au) or post to: **ARHS/nsw Tours, PO Box 4083 Edgeworth NSW 2285** or see Ken who can let you photocopy the forms

### THE HONEYMOON CAVES EXPRESS TOUR **Sunday 25 May 2008**

The Australian Railway Historical Society (NSW) and the NSW Rail Transport Museum Heritage Express, invite members and their guests to travel behind

#### AUTHENTIC CAVES EXPRESS STEAM LOCOMOTIVES 3526 and 3642

Travelling in our reserved, first-class, TBC compartment car coupled behind the locomotives, vintage diesels will haul the train between Sydney and Penrith where 3526 and 3642 will replace the diesels to relive the heydays of steam with a stirring ascent of the Blue Mountains from Penrith to Medlow Bath. Lunch at the Hydro Majestic Hotel whilst taking in the panoramic vista over the Megalong Valley before rejoining our train for the afternoon return journey down the mountains.

Departure from Central Station is 8.00 am and to return at 6.15 pm. Morning and afternoon teas included. Other light refreshments and drinks available. Pick up and set down also at Strathfield and Westmead..

### SYDNEY-LITHGOW-BATHURST-BLAYNEY-ORANGE-WELLINGTON-DUBBO-GILGANDRA-COONAMBLE-MERRYGOEN-DUNEDOO-GULGONG-ULAN--SANDY HOLLOW-MUSWELLBROOK-SINGLETON-MAITLAND-SYDNEY **Long Weekend 7/8/9 June 2008**

Explore the Main West over the Blue Mountains in winter in CPH railmotors Nos 1 and 7. Saturday departure from Central Station is 7.15am. Following the Main Western Line to Parramatta, through the western suburbs to Penrith, cross the Nepean River to Emu Plains and the long climb over the Blue Mountains to Katoomba and Mt Victoria, descending through the 10 tunnels to Lithgow and on to Bathurst for lunch. In the afternoon travel through Blayney, Orange, Wellington and Dubbo, where we will be accommodated for the next two nights. Sunday morning, rejoin the railmotors and travel north through Troy Junction, Eurnungerie, Gilgandra to Coonamble, for lunch then rejoin the train and return to Dubbo.

Monday departure from Dubbo at 8.00 am will take us via Troy Junction and Elong Elong to Merrygoen where the railmotors reverse to continue on through Dunedoo to Gulgong for lunch. From here through Ulan to Sandy Hollow and on to Muswellbrook, and passing a number of huge coal mining ventures along the way. We continue south through Singleton to Maitland where a road coach will return you to Sydney via Hornsby and Strathfield at about 8.30pm. Tour cost includes rail travel, transfers to accommodation, dinner bed and breakfast, accommodation at Dubbo, lunches, morning and afternoon teas while travelling.

## **Exhibitions**

If you read page 2 you would already know that the Stawell exhibition is confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July so please update the availability list NOW so that I can send in the application.

The Renmark and District Show Society Inc. have asked us to do a display at the Renmark Show on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10 am – 5 pm. This will be indoors on a flat floor and sleeping would be allowed in the venue. The Committee has agreed in principle and now it is up to you, dear reader, if there are enough names on the list then it will go ahead. Please get your names up ASAP so that this can be organised.

There is a list on the noticeboard for members to show their interest for all coming events, please tick the box(s) or add you name if it is not already there. Please fill it out ASAP

## **Swapmeets**

Have a look on the noticeboard for the usual list for volunteers to help at the swapmeets for this year; we will need a few extra helpers to run the layout for the July open day and swapmeet

## **Visitors**

Members are reminded that for security reasons all non members must also be signed in when they visit, even if it is for just a short time, this can be done on the bottom of the member sign in sheet.

## **Website**

After a long hard slog our website is back running as it should with the Member's Gallery just requiring some renaming to a few files. The whole mess was beyond our control and caused by the host "upgrading" to a new server and system and not having anyone in their online help that would even recognise that there was a problem let alone try to fix it, merely asking us to sign up, pay again and re-upload all 1.5 Gigabytes of our files to fix it, which would be a very long haul on dialup. With some help from our new host to ftp the files across we are now on a new host where we also have a bit more control and much better access to the system and near 24/7 live help.

## **Working Bee / Late Night Run**

Several jobs were set up for this day, the floor over the toilets was partly done and there was a concerted effort spent on the storm water drain. Thank you to those that put in the effort. Afterwards we had one of our usual popular late night runs, a few less attendees than usual this time but still a good time for all.

## **Car park**

We have moved some of the rocks and now have more room for parking so things should not be quite so tight. To help with access please park right up to the clubrooms so that others do not have to squeeze past your car to park. Thanks to the blue tractor driver for help with the rearrangement.

## **New Members**

Three new approvals this month, welcome to; Keneth Smith, Keith Turner and Wayne Fyfe Please make them all feel welcome and a part of our club.

## **Swindle Prizes**

It is now less than 6 months away and these things come around fast, so members are asked to once again dig out items suitable as swindle prizes at our exhibition next October. I have seen some items arriving so thank you to the donors of them.

We also would like some people to volunteer to make some cakes etc for sale through the canteen and for use in the exhibitor lounge.

Don't forget to fill in the helpers list for this event, there is also a box to tick if you wish to attend the Saturday night meal and swindle.

## **Opening Times**

The clubrooms are open

Tuesdays from	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturdays from	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursdays from	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

A key holder may offer to stay back late on a Saturday night and an evening meal may be decided on, but members are requested to clean up after.