



Right On Track

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Send items for inclusion in this newsletter to the Editor via e-mail at admin@noarail.com

This newsletter is 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.

Some under floor detail for the scratch builders, this happened somewhere on the Union Pacific. It was a boxcar before the sudden stop in this precarious position.



Management Committee

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

Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 6th April 2009

Steam Up at Pichi Richi

April 2009

Saturday 25th 12:00 – 5:30

Sunday 26th 9:30 – 3:00

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Full details on the noticeboard alongside the availability list, so get your name on it or this will be cancelled due to lack of interest, there are not enough names on the list yet to make this work.

AMRE Exhibition

6th – 8th June 2009

Greyhound Park

An application has been sent and we are awaiting our acceptance.

Swapmeet

Friday 24th July 2009

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

NMRI Clubrooms

Please notice that this is a Friday night event
 Numbers will be limited by available space.
 \$10 per 900 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance. Bookings events@noarail.com
 Strictly one person entry per table.

Sunshine Exhibition

August 2009

This is only a maybe at this stage.

Mildura Exhibition

September 20th – 21st 2009

This is a live entry event which runs with the model and other details as they become known. An attendance list will be on the noticeboard.

Loxton Show

October Long weekend 2009

4th - 5th Sunday + Monday

Loxton Show grounds

This is a possibility for a two day display, details as they become known.

Open Day and Swapmeet

Sunday 8th November 2009

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

NMRI Clubrooms

Please notice that this is a Sunday event
 Numbers will be limited by available space.
 \$20 per 1800 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$10 if paid in advance. Bookings events@noarail.com
 Public entry at 10:00 am \$2

Pilbara Rails Recent Crash

80 cars 10 Million Damage



10th Anniversary

On December 6th we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the official opening of our club rooms at Old Reynella adjacent to the old railway line. Previously we had met for over 5 years at a member's home. We combined the anniversary with our Christmas dinner at the Aberfoyle Tavern. It was great to see so many wives in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals.



The committee had agreed to present some Certificates of Appreciation to Maurice Arnold, Vivien Crossley and Graham Harvey. These people were really surprised when called out to accept their awards, but even more surprised were Frank Crossley and Ron Weeden as unbeknown to them the rest of the committee had decided they also were worthy of the certificate.

Front
Maurice Arnold

Left to right
Vivien Crossley
Frank Crossley
Ron Weeden



Unfortunately due to ill health Graham Harvey was not present but received his certificate at the clubrooms during afternoon tea the following Saturday.



At the end of the evening when everyone was enjoying coffee Graham Hall was given a "small" cup of coffee. He could near go for a swim in the cup but made short work of it much to the delight of the rest of us.

In all a great social night was enjoyed by all.



Abt Railway

After a 46 year hiatus the Abt Railway Society ran an Australia Day Picnic Train between Queenstown and Strahan, Tasmania. The Editor requested an article from our trip, and being a person of few words and following the saying 'A picture is worth a thousand words', therefore, here is a small montage of many thousand words.

What a job, they get a salary, annual leave, sick leave and superannuation.

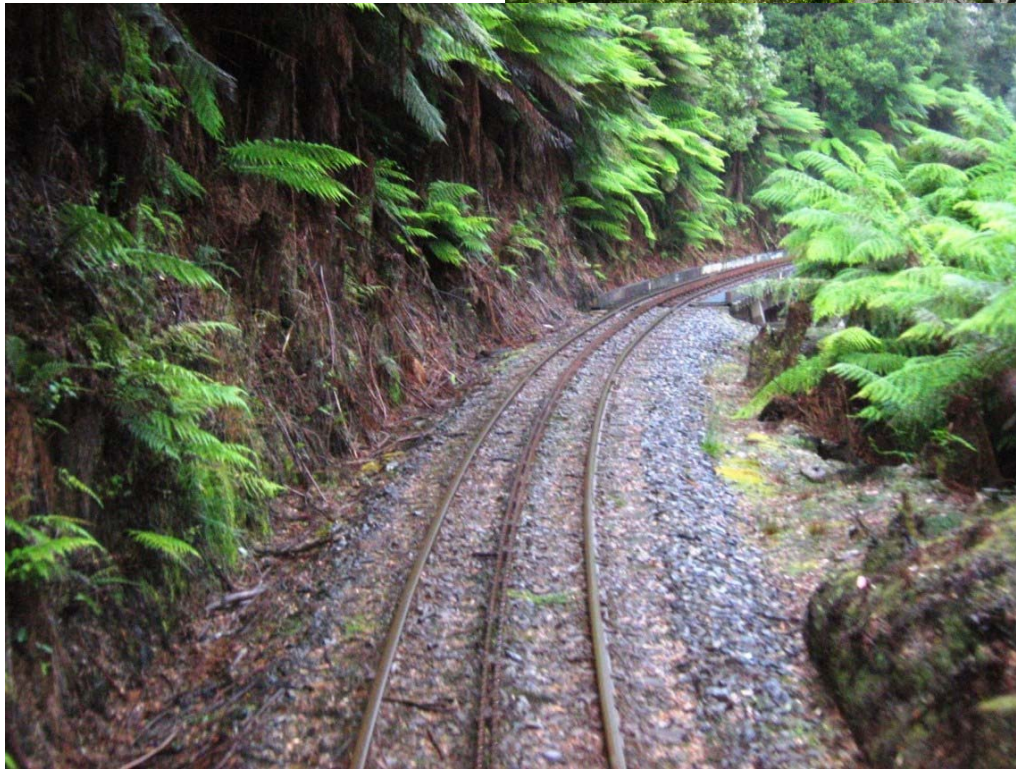


And look at the view from their office.

The Society was supplied with rare Double-Headed Abt Engines for this trip.



One of the many King River gorges that the railway line skirts above.



The line with the centre rack on the 1 in 16 grade crossing one of the 46 bridges.

Keryl loved the top of the huge tree ferns. (I included this picture under duress).



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

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Wee Georgie Wood at Tullah,
Tasmania

To quote Keryl, "Not even 3 hours in
Tasmania and you have found a
working steam train to ride on".

Lots more photos and some videos in
John's gallery on our website
<http://noarail.com/members2/v/John+II/>



Events and Exhibitions

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

Current on this list are:

Morphett Vale Railway

AMRE (Adelaide) June

Sunshine (Vic) August (maybe)

Loxton (SA) October

Please remember that club shirts/windcheaters should be worn at all official events. Some shirts are in stock at \$25 see any Committee member for these. If you want a windcheater buy one in the same grey as the shirts and the club will get the emblem done at cost. Be proud of your club and wear the uniform.

Club Events

At the recent committee meeting it was discussed that most club events require a commitment from committee members plus the assistance of usually **ONLY TWO CLUB MEMBERS**. As a result a list of regular helpers has been made, prior to each event a committee member will approach two people to assist and inform them of the required start time. This will be done close to alphabetical order until everyone had been given an opportunity. Remember: If you have not been asked, your help is appreciated but not required at the coming event and unfortunately you will have to pay the small entrance fee.

Bushfire Appeal

The club ran a special sausage sizzle for the bushfire appeal; we had signs to let the public know that their money was being donated and a tin for those not buying sizzles. A cheque for \$175 was sent to the Red Cross Appeal being the total profits from the day.

Thanks to the helpers and the public

Editor Wanted

I would like to take a break from editing this newsletter and am therefore offering the job of Editor to anyone that would like to have a go. It is not a difficult job but does require some basic typing skills and ideally access to the internet. I will supply the base files and any fonts that are required.

Website Update

I have updated the coming events page to include a list of other rail oriented events and will add to this as the information is made available to me. This is a free service with the proviso that the event must have some railway interest. So if you know of an event send me the details and I will add it. http://noarail.com/coming_events.htm

John has uploaded some photos from his trip to the apple isle including some rare triple headed steam and now some videos.

The Members' Gallery can be found at <http://noarail.com/members2/main.php>

New Member

Welcome to James Phillips who has bought his ticket to ride the NMRI railway.

Soldering

The soldering 101 (beginners) course will be run by John in the next week or two so see John for times and dates.

Trams

Part of the redevelopment of Rome Station will include tram tracks, the exact positioning is still to be decided but they will lead to the golf course.

Survey

Included with this issue is a survey for members about rolling stock please fill it out and return it.

Latest TCS Newsletter

Warning, from December to February TCS sent out a number of CN-GP decoders where the black and blue wires are swapped. If you solder the wires in the standard fashion on a decoder with this issue the decoder will burn. Please reference the picture on the front and the diagram on the back of your decoder literature to confirm that the wires are in the proper location. If your wires are swapped on the front board, simply swap them when you solder them on the backside, use the diagram on the back to make sure you properly swap the wires and achieve the intended electrical connection. There is no need to return the decoders as long as you are aware of the situation before installation and you avoid burning them.