



Right On Track

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An overhead view looking down into the logging area and lake

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Coming Events

Sat/Sun 9th & 10th March

Old Reynella Festival of History.

Friday April 19th

Next Swap Meet



Facebook



If you haven't visited our Facebook page as yet, please do so and let us know what you think?

The address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/noarlungarailroaders>



Above: A photograph taken from the embankment above the logging siding looking up across the bridge toward the tunnel on the way to the saw mill at Wallaceton.

Right: The lake with the stationary engine in operation dragging logs up the slide ready to load onto railway cars.

Training course

The Reynella Neighbourhood Centre is holding training sessions for hobby electronics. The course commenced on Jan 22nd, but there are still 5 weeks left, being Feb: 19th, 26th and Mar: 5th, 19th & 26th.

The course enables participants to take the mystery out of transistor, LEDs, resistors, analogue and digital chips. The participants will begin with simple switching devices and progress to more sophisticated items.

The average cost per project is \$13.00 (incl materials).

If anyone is interested, you can contact Tony Lee on **8321 9234** for more information.

Aaron and John Cutler highly recommend it!

Club Layout

The usual "finishing touches" are being made to the logging line and the photos below, show the newest addition to the main layout.



A visit from SARMA – 12/12/12

If the CIA, MI6, or ASIO are ever looking for recruits who can carry out clandestine missions successfully, they need look no further than a member of SARMA who shall have the Code Name “Barrie”.

Peter Lynch of the NMRI committee was contacted by “Barrie” who said his social club would like to visit our clubrooms for their Christmas show and asked if we could provide a BBQ tea for about 50 people, as well as have members of NMRI run some trains during the evening.

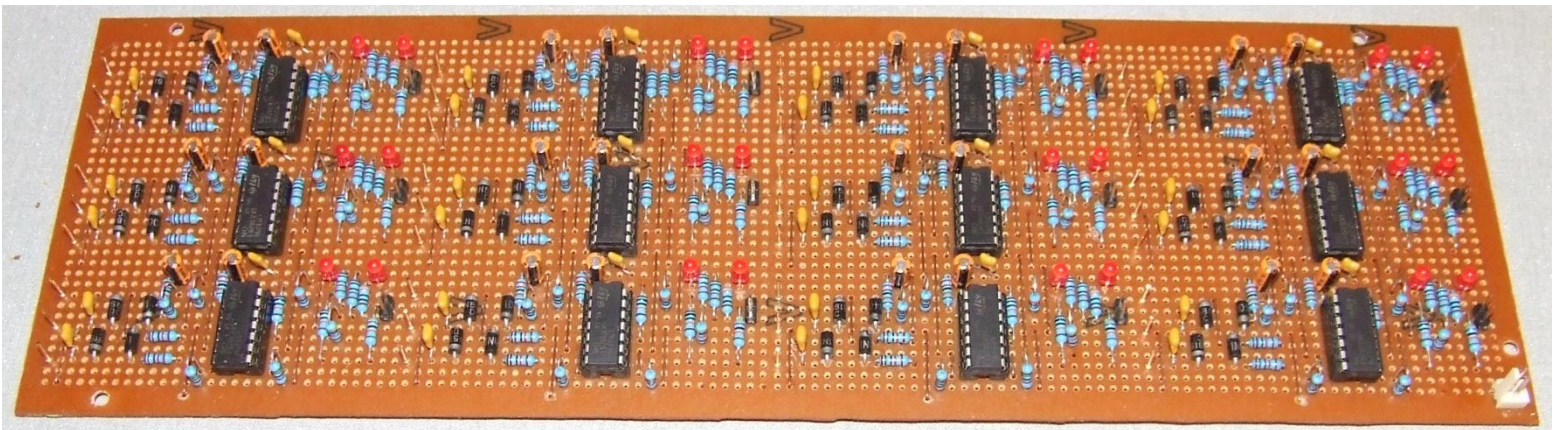
Despite being asked several times, “Barrie” held firm on divulging the name of the group until a few days before the event.

He explained the reasons for not advising Peter earlier was to ensure the venue for their Christmas dinner remained a “mystery” right up to their arrival. With a few people being members of both SARMA and NMRI, word would have spread quickly and spoil the surprise.

The evening was a great success with a BBQ tea, plenty of trains running, which encouraged debate. The opportunity was also taken to demonstrate some of the behind the scenes electronics of our various layouts, such an opportunity does not generally present itself at exhibitions. The design of our slow motion point motors, handmade decoders for these points, the decoder made for the DCC control of our turntable and the way we use iPod/iPhone control with or without a computer were all of much interest.

A Swindle was also held which the SARMA committee organised. Members of the respective committees discussed various issues facing each club and such exchanges can only auger well for the hobby.

A big thank you must go to Peter Lynch for the amount of work he put into organising the function and making it the success it was. Thanks also go to the many other members who assisted on the night.



One such example of the ‘behind the scenes’ electronics shown to SARMA – A quad-hex (24 section) detection board. This board enables each occupied section of the tramway will be indicated on the control panel, along with integration with the signaling.

2012 Open Day / Swap Meet

The Club’s annual Open Day / Swap Meet was held on Sunday 4th November with a reasonable gathering of traders and buyers attending on the day. The flow of people through the clubrooms was steady and although numbers

were down slightly on previous years, the feedback was good.

All available tables were booked out, which is a good indicator of the support for these events.

Article on model railway enthusiasts

The following article was passed onto our President (John Cutler) by a friend in Perth. The article comments on a program aired on BBC4 TV which investigated the hobby of model railways, as well as the people who are involved.

We found the article both amusing and interesting and hope you enjoy it.

A charming spotter's guide to Britain's model railways.

The world of model trains is revealed as one of surprising richness and depth, says Andrew Pettie.

From BBC Four's programme 'Timeshift', the intriguing history of the model railway (Alamy) was told.

The joy of train sets was a celebration of those suburban gods of small things, model railway enthusiasts. It began with a bold declaration by the narrator Stephen Mangan who announced: "This is not the story of eccentrics in duffel coats hiding in lofts. It's a reclaiming of railway enthusiasm as something to be proud of". That said, Mangan's bravado duly collapsed in an instant, as record producer and model railway nut, Pete Waterman, reminisced dewy-eyed about the days he spent spotting trains at Leamington Spa Station while his mother took his auntie to the shops. "I spent from 1951 to about 1963 at Leamington Spa. It's what I did". At least it got him out of the attic.

In fact Waterman was admirably candid about the monomaniacal dullards model railways typically attract. "Most people think we're a boring bunch of b----- they've ever sat with and I can tell agree with them. We are 'cos that's all we do..... we talk trains".

One couple bashfully admitted to investing 17 years of their marriage in constructing an agonisingly detailed model of a Sixties Breton town and branch line, all the way down to the dawdling French paysan forever five minutes late for his train. Their creation was

breathtakingly detailed but you had to wonder whether its painstaking construction had pushed the couple over the invisible line that separates hobbyism from lunacy.

As is often the case with Timeshift, a subject that from a distance appeared dusty and fusty, was revealed to have surprising richness and depth. The battle for supremacy between the pioneering manufacturers of model and toy railways (NB: do not enrage model railway enthusiasts by calling their toys "toys") was vividly described. Wenman Joseph Bassett-Lowke (1887-1953) became the early market-leader thanks to his beautiful scale models for the "scientific man about town".

Then Meccano millionaire Frank Hornby (1863-1936) began to produce sets that were smaller, cheaper and explicitly aimed at children and the middle classes. It was not until the arrival of Tri-ang's plastic sets in the fifties, that running model trains became a working-class pursuit. Trying its hand at amateur psychology, the documentary also speculated as to what was going through the minds of grown-up enthusiasts.

Those interviewed explained the satisfaction of making a world of their own and how their hobby let them "replicate the real world in an idealised way". Unsurprisingly, enthusiasts tend to model the type of trains that were in service during their childhood. This raised the intriguing question as to whether modern teenagers will one day model Virgin.



Various photos of the catenary masts being erected in preparation of the overhead wiring installation.

There will be several different styles of masts used on the project, in keeping with the surrounds and 'era' of overhead installation.



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Delivery can be arranged anywhere in the world and orders may be placed in person at the shop, via email, 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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