



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

New Website

We now have a new website www.noarail.com this is our new and permanent web address, even if we later change hosts the domain name will stay the same, so reset your browser. The old web1000 site will remain up for some time and will then be set to divert to this new one. We changed because while the old one was free, it had many limitations. Some people had trouble downloading this newsletter. There is very little information supplied to the webmaster (me) on visitor statistics. If the file name or path were wrong, they serve up an advert. We also had to put up with an advertising banner, something that at the time of signing up was promised would not happen!

Using our new host, Dot 5 Hosting, will fix these problems and open up much more control over the way everything looks and works. The first of these changes is that we now run frames, something that we could not do before, as it does not work with Internet Explorer on the old server, something to do with their advertising banner.

One or two areas may not work properly but I will get them fixed as I find them, so if something is awry let me know and I will fix it. We now have a lot more room, not that the site is very big but it is growing all the time with an ever-expanding photo gallery.

Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 7th October 2006 9.30 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 8th October 2006 9.30 am - 4:00 pm

Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre 1284 South Road, Clovelly Park

Bus stop 24A South Road. Ample onsite free parking.

26 operating layouts and displays both local and from interstate, trade stands
Free door prize and colouring competition, sausage sizzle and canteen facilities.

More details
www.noarail.com

Fares:

Children	\$2
Adults	\$5
Families	\$12

Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers.

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 2nd October 2006

Our Exhibition

7th – 8th October

9:30 -5:00 Saturday

9:30 -4:00 Sunday

**Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre
1284 South Road, Tonsley Park**

We have a full venue with 26 excellent displays; six of these are from interstate, plus a good selection of traders so this will be another great exhibition.

Exhibition update meeting for ALL helpers 23rd September at the clubrooms after afternoon tea, to bring everyone up to date and make sure all know what is expected.

See the notice board at the clubrooms for a helpers list and book for the meal and swindle. Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers.

Family Fun Expo (Open Day)

Sunday 22nd October

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

NMRI Clubrooms

This will be run in conjunction with Reynella Neighbourhood Centre. Our part in this event will be to have an open day to show the public what we have to offer and maybe impress some potential new members.

This is confirmed as an official event and an attendance list is on the notice board.

Card Table Swap

Friday 3rd November

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.

AGM

Saturday 4th November

2:30 pm Saturday

NMRI Clubrooms

These positions will be declared vacant

Vice President

Secretary

Three Committee members

This is your chance to have a say in the running of your club. Nomination forms are available at the clubrooms; please return them to the Secretary before the start of the AGM.

If you have anything that you would like discussed please put it in writing and give it to any Committee member as soon as possible.

Reynella Fair

Sunday 12th November

All day

A busy and full day of sausage sizzling, raffle books will be available shortly, see Vivien, the club makes a good cut out of these so put on your best selling face.

There is a helpers list on the notice board.

Xmas

?? December

A suggestion is that we go out for a meal like last year. What do you think?

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.

October Exhibition at Mitsubishi - Update

We will have 22 operating layouts and 4 displays with 6 of the exhibitors from interstate, some of these are new to South Australia and many are new to us, a couple are entirely new to the exhibition scene, one is just nearing completion ready for its debut. We will be using all of the available space this year as we have more to display. The local model shops are supporting us by having sales stands and some specialist traders both local and from interstate have joined in. Model Mania has come to the party as a sponsor with a door prize and Graham's Corner have supplied a Thomas the Tank set for the colouring competition. We thank them all for their support. Work is in progress on a new method to enter for the door prize and to gather the relevant information from our customers.

Costs and Pricing We have kept the entrance prices the same as last time \$2 / \$5 / \$12 (Kids / Adults / Families) and the Saturday night Meal will be subsidised to cost only \$5 again, which considering the plateful of food and drinks supplied last time is excellent value. Sausage Sizzle and Canteen prices will also be about the same so that everyone can afford to have a good time. With constantly rising prices all a round us, this is actually equivalent to a price reduction.

Saturday Night Meal and Swindle Some quite good prizes have been donated for the swindle, thanks to those who have chipped in already, I'm sure Judith would like some help to roll the prize tickets when the time comes. We still need more railway related items so keep your eyes open for any opportunity to get businesses on our side. We have a couple of NR locos from Austrains that we will use for the silent auction, this proved very popular last time.

Trophy New this time will be a trophy for the best display; this will be as voted by all exhibitors and traders. Thanks to Evright Trophies and Engraving for supplying this at a special sponsor price.

Advertising Fliers have been printed and distributed to the model shops, if you know anywhere else that we can distribute them please let me know. I will contact the local radio stations to get the exhibition on their community listings and to try to get some time on air. We are already listed on several websites, including ours. The venue is listed on Google Earth as are our clubrooms. Set your GPS to 35°0'31.00"S 138°34'24.00"E and for the clubrooms 35° 5'41.00"S 138°32'20.50"E

We have ordered some extra advertising signs. These will be spread around the suburbs to get the maximum penetration for our money. If on your travels you see a fence or suitable position to place a sign let me know so that we can let all of Adelaide in on the best model railway exhibition.

Helpers This is where you, dear reader, can do your bit. A helper list is on the notice board please tick the appropriate boxes so the good feeling of helping out can be shared equally. If you want to take part in the meal and swindle then don't forget to also tick that box so that we can get the catering organised. One of the best things that can be done is to tell everyone you meet about the exhibition; word of mouth is the best advertising. There are signs to put up, fliers to give out to all and sundry.

On the Friday we need many helpers, jobs required are

- To clear the tables and chairs from the venue
- To help with marking out the setup
- To hang power cables
- To unload supplies / fill fridges
- Put up signs
- To setup BBQ and cook and sell egg and bacon sandwiches and sausage sizzles
- To help exhibitors and traders carry equipment and setup their displays
- Whatever else crops up

Throughout the weekend there will be other jobs to do including

- Restocking the sausage sizzle
- Servicing the Exhibitors Lounge
- Cleaning tables
- Emptying rubbish bins
- Providing assistance as necessary to the paying public

On Sunday afternoon, we need many helpers for the clean up to

- Take down signs
- Pack up the BBQ
- Empty fridges
- Help exhibitors and traders carry equipment
- Take down the power cables
- Replace the tables and chairs

There will be a helpers meeting on 23rd September at the clubrooms after afternoon tea to bring everyone up to date with all planned activities and expectations and some time for any questions you may have.

Let's make this even better than our last great effort. Remember club membership does not automatically get you free entry.

Eveleigh Workshops to Close

While in Sydney recently I learnt that, like Islington rail workshops, the old NSWGR workshops at Eveleigh are to be demolished for inner city housing. The difference is that these buildings still house a number of historic locos both steam and diesel that are privately owned and run most weekends for enthusiast special trips. Commissioner's carriages the Queen's royal carriage and dozens of other historically important carriages and maintenance equipment will be without a home when their 20 year lease expires on 1/11/06. The NSW Government plan to re-house it all at Thirlmere rail museum which is some 2 hours south of the city.

I was lucky enough to gain entry and be shown through the whole collection. I spoke with the volunteers who maintain, drive and manage the whole operation. The sad fact is that all of these people will not be going to Thirlmere; all of their expertise will be lost as will the chance for the young apprentices at the NSW transport workshops to gain experience. All lost.

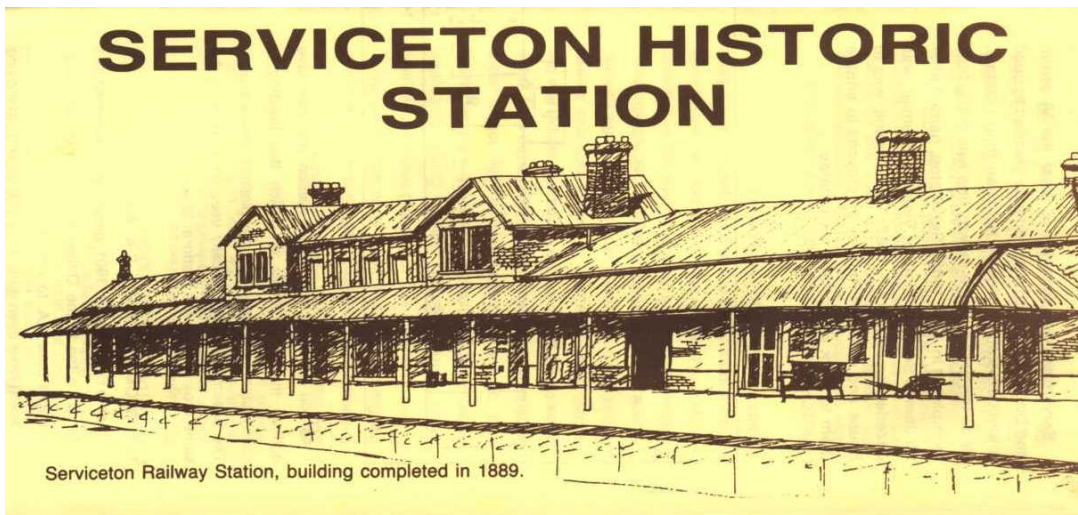
Sitting in the engineer/drivers chair of 3801 a streamlined C38 parked next to 3823 an un-streamlined C38, and the only other C38 still working most weekends while talking to the old driver was a highlight for me. I used to go to school on the old C38 trains and that is more than a couple of years ago.

In gratitude for their hospitality I have brought back to the club details of their petition to have the Government decision changed, also dates of planned trips etc anybody interested please see me, librarian ken.

On the way back via Melbourne I looked at the old Serviceton historic station who advised that they are catering for car clubs etc to use it for functions, I could not see much opportunity for us to hold a running there, but if anybody is interested I have some pamphlets from them also.

Ken

Pick up the pamphlets shown here from the club



**KEEP THE WHEELS
ROLLING
SAVE
3801**

the museum to face an uncertain future. 3801's heritage carriages are to be listed for disposal by State Rail and the Redfern home of locomotive 3801, the historic 1880's built Large Erecting Shop, is planned to be demolished to make way for a new high rise development.

3801 Limited has requested the State Government to renew its lease of locomotive 3801 and save its historic home so it can continue to care for locomotive 3801 and operate heritage tours. 3801 Limited needs your help to petition the State Government



Locomotive 3801 and its train of historic carriages have been maintained and operated for the past 20 years by the 3801 Limited company. The Company was established in 1985 to restore locomotive 3801 and support its operation for the enjoyment of the people of NSW. Prior to its restoration, locomotive 3801 was stored unused and rusting in a museum. In November this year, the lease of locomotive 3801 from the State Rail Authority will end and it is scheduled to be returned to

to extend the lease of locomotive 3801, save the historic Large Erecting Shop from demolition and secure the operating future of Sydney's heritage trains.

Please contact your local State Government member, the Minister for Transport, the Premier of NSW and Members of the Opposition and tell them you want 3801 Limited to continue to operating tours for the people of New South Wales with locomotive 3801. Thank you for your support, we hope you will help us save 3801.

Late Night Run

About 20 members took advantage of the late night run on Saturday 2nd September. Many trains were run and it was good to see the Frustration area being utilised. A mixture of takeaway kept everyone sustained for the evening. The last of us turned off the lights and departed in the wee hours

Mobile Phone

The club phone has been moved to the other side of the toilets. This will allow a shelf for tools to be placed over the workbench and also brings the phonebook and somewhere to take messages and the phone together.

Paradigm Changes

The harbour area of Paradigm is being updated, the old area has been completely removed and a new base fitted. This work has been planned for some time but only now is there a long enough break in the exhibition schedule for it to proceed.

Below: Work on Paradigm



Open Day

This will be run in conjunction with Reynella Neighbourhood Centre. Our part in this event will be to have an open day with lots of trains running and perhaps some small building or scenery work to show the public what we have to offer and maybe impress some potential new members.

This is an official event so please wear your club shirt. An attendance list is on the notice board.

Reynella Fair

Sunday November 12th will be a busy and full day of sausage sizzling; we expect to sell over 60 kilos so it is a good fundraiser for your club. We usually help out with the parade and also the gate if there are enough helpers. Before the day there are raffle tickets to sell, books will be available shortly, see Vivien, the club also makes good cut out of these so put on your best selling face.

There is a helpers list on the notice board.

A Warning from Police

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. Then you lock all doors, start the engine and shift into REVERSE, you look into the rear-view mirror to back out of your parking space and you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift the gear stick back into PARK, unlock your doors jump out of the car to remove the paper (or what ever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of the car, which is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off! Your engine was running, you would have left your purse in the car and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

BEWARE OF THIS PLOY BEING USED IN SYDNEY - WHICH COULD SPREAD ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

Just drive away and remove the paper that is stuck to the window later, and be thankful you read this warning! Pass it on to friends and family. A purse contains all identification, and you certainly do not want someone getting your home address, especially when they already have your HOUSE KEYS!

On the Notice Board

Attendance lists:

Family Fun Expo at the clubrooms
October 22nd Sunday
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Exhibition – Ours at Mitsubishi
October 7th – 8th
9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Reynella Fair
November 12th All day

If you are interested in attending / helping, fill in the relevant details to help with the organising.

Get Well Soon

Robert McDonald is recovering in the Hampstead Rehabilitation Hospital. If you feel like dropping in to say “Hi”, I am sure he would be happy for the company.

New Member

Welcome to a new junior member, Daniel Birch-Smith who has just joined our happy crew. Please introduce yourself and help him settle in.

AGM

Our AGM will be on Saturday 4th November 2:30 pm at the clubrooms.
Positions declared vacant are:
Vice President
Secretary
Three Committee Members
Nomination forms are available at the club. Please return the completed forms to the Secretary before the start of the meeting.

Social Day

Would you like to have a social day out? Possibly have a BBQ and a game of tennis or just sit and talk. The idea is to have a day without anything to do with trains so that the better half can join in and enjoy it. Let Peter Lynch know your thoughts so that we can get something organized.

Wanted

Someone out there to write articles, comments, ideas, reviews etc. for inclusion in this newsletter. I am sure that I am not the only one that can do this and it would be nice to have a different point of view for a change. While it would be easier if things were submitted electronically, I do not mind typing out a hand written article.

Clean Up

There have been many used cups, takeaway containers, drink cans etc. left lying around the clubrooms. This practice must stop immediately as the rest of us are tired of cleaning up after you, you do not get away with it at home, nor will you at the club. Any person caught will win the job of cleaning up.

The same deal applies for mess left after working on layouts etc.

While we are having a bitch-session please do not put your train boxes on the layouts as it damages the scenery. John has made trolleys to hold your boxes safely off the floor, please use them.

Clare

This is on again this year but only the activities by the lake as there was not anybody available to organise the models. There is a flier on the notice board.

Strathalbyn Exhibition

Andrew is investigating the possibility of running another small exhibition in Strathalbyn sometime around October 2007.

New prices

Due to the increased cost of all chocolate bars, they are now \$1.20 each

Special Diet Coke cans are now 70c each, only while stocks last.

Note, all other drinks are still \$1