



Right On Track

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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.

Below: "We just pulled back the bushes and there it was" The old mine on the permanent layout



Management Committee

President	John Cutler
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Membership Manager	David Morley
Events Coordinator & Security Officer	Tony Mikolaj
Almoner	Ron Weeden
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**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 4th February 2008**

Card Table Swap

**Friday 15th February 2008
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Numbers will be limited by available space.
\$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.
Strictly one person entry per table.

Mount Compass Display

**Sunday 6th April?
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Mount Compass Oval**

This is only a guess at the moment just to let you earmark your diary

Southern Craft Fair

**Sunday 27th 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

AMRE Exhibition

**7th – 9th June 2008
9:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday
9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday
Greyhound Park**

We are not displaying at this event as Paradigm will be on display at Ballarat.

Ballarat Exhibition

**7th – 9th June 2008
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday
Eastwood St Leisure Centre, Ballarat**

We will be taking Paradigm to this event. Hopefully the semaphores will be to a stage where we can have some working for this weekend, no promises but we can try. There is a list on the noticeboard for members to show their interest, please tick the box or add you name if it is not already there.

Stawell Exhibition

**12th - 13th July 2008 I think
9:00 am– 6:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am– 4:00 pm Sunday
SES Hall – Sloane St Stawell Vic**

I hope to have more information for this event by next edition.

Swapmeet and Clubrooms Open Day

**Sunday 27th July 2008
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. Prices per table to be advised, early bird discounts will apply. Maximum two people entry per table.

Our Exhibition 2008

**11th – 12th October 2008
9:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday
9:30 am – 4:00 pm Sunday
Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre**

Swapmeet

**Friday 7th November 2008
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Reynella Fair

At the follow up meeting of the Reynella Fair Committee there were many items for discussion, the first and best was that the fair had made a profit. This was the first time in five years.

Improvements/changes discussed for next time included

A better PA system

One item of entertainment at a time and positioned in the centre of the oval

Keeping each item of entertainment down to 15 minutes each

Each community group responsible for their own sign for name, items for sale and prices

The Reynella Fair Committee are obviously prepared to run the fair again next year some changes to the format in that most of the public left early even though there was still entertainment going on so it may finish at around 2:30 – 3:00 pm. A tentative date was put forward but this will need conformation later.

The final decision will be with the Lions Club when they meet in February to discuss their projects for the year. The current Reynella Fair Committee Chairman is moving to Queensland and this will cause a change to the Committee. A local school will be celebrating an anniversary and may look to incorporate it into the fair; this could also extend it into a two day event. More details will be available in April when the Lions club have made their decision.

3640 tickets were sold for the raffle, our club is usually the highest ticket seller but this year we slipped to third position, still a good effort. Two of our members bought winning tickets.

2007 Reynella Fair Raffle Results		
Prize Number	Ticket Number	Winner
1	0485	S Walsh
2	4551	M Lethbridge
3	3119	C Burkitt
4	0539	R Miller
5	2621	J Coombes
6	4762	D Bowden
7	2176	L Doody
8	0457	M Miller
9	0207	P Littler
10	3021	D Cox
11	4314	S Iverson
12	2217	G Barker
13	2086	S Willson
14	2793	J Cutler
15	1272	P Westwood
16	3773	M Menzies



Above: Scratch built railway worker's house near the turntable on the permanent layout

Below: Sand & Metal yard, a recent addition to the permanent layout



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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Late Night Run

Another of our popular late night runs was held on 22nd December, as usual this carried on from the normal Saturday afternoon get together. While not as well patronised as other late night runs, probably due to the proximity of the arrival of the man in red, there were enough people to make it a worthwhile exercise.

It was good to see the main layout track with four or five trains running at once and passing each other throughout the night. This is not a difficult exercise and I would like to see more members utilise all the facilities that are available rather than just waiting in turn to just go round and round, the layout looks better when properly utilised and all members will have longer running times. Don't say "I don't know how, just try it. It is surprising how quickly you will learn the controls by using them, all the control boxes are setup in the same method so by learning one you will learn them all.

Sustenance was, as usual by BYO or takeaway with the club shouting a few drinks during the night.

Cleaning up

To share the workload of cleaning around the clubrooms a roster will be set up. All members will be on it and expected to do their bit.

Ravens BBQ

Thanks to the helpers for the Xmas break up barbeque for the employees of Raven Products on Friday 21st December. This short but very busy day went without a hitch and all customers were well fed and complemented us on the effort.

Swapmeets

15 folding tables and two large shelters are now in our possession so we are close to being ready for the next development of combining an open day with the July swapmeet. The start and finish times for the daytime swapmeets will be set back one hour and run from 10 am – 1 pm to help us cash in on the lunchtime trade at the sausage sizzle.

On this day we will require extra helpers to escort the public around explaining about the club and member benefits and some to operate the main layout. Have a look on the noticeboard for the usual list for volunteers to help at the swapmeets this year

Club Shop

This is now operational with a small range of stock including, but not limited to, Kadec couplers, screws, drills, and other various spare parts, other items will be added in the near future. See John Carli for a complete list and pricing.

Ballarat Exhibition

The Committee has decided that the club will attend the Ballarat exhibition on the June long weekend.

We are also hoping for an invite to the Stawell exhibition July 2008. Stawell is always a great exhibition even if it does sometimes get a little cold.

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

Xmas dinner

About 30 members and their families had a night out at Fresh Choice on Saturday 8th December, from all reports they had a good time.

Sausage Sizzle

It would be nice to see some new faces helping out at the sausage sizzles. Now that we have three teams it is only a few hours every third week, there are a couple of vacancies and if we get enough helpers a fourth team could result meaning it would only be once a month.

Where Is That?

The permanent layout and some of the stations and scenic areas on it need names, some stations and one or two areas ie. Rome, Sedup, Fhrus Station and Midvale are quite well set in folklore but others have only a working title just so that they can be identified. What is needed is your input so that these areas can be officially recognised, that way place names can be put on the area and everybody will know what they are called. It is a bit easier than directing someone to the "corner on the end" and it will also help the local inhabitants to receive and send their mail. Names can be serious, or tongue in cheek, whatever takes your fancy, if it is deemed suitable then it will be used. Put on your thinking cap and get some recognition.

Phone

The phone at the clubrooms is primarily for club business; members may use it for private calls but please remember to also drop some money in the box next to the phone to help with the bill.

Swindle Prizes

Yes, it is still 9 months away but 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 a few items arriving so thank you to the donors of them.

Website update

Our website noarail.com now has an updated member's gallery the old one is still there for those who have links set but all links on the site now point to the new one. Movies, .pdf, PowerPoint slide shows, Excel and similar files can now be uploaded by users. Aaron has taken advantage of this by uploading a large amount of DCC and electronics info to his album and Mike, a new user, has many photos from SteamRanger and an extensive list in Excel format of loco numbers in his album.

Any member that wishes to have an album should see Tony or send an email to admin@noarail.com we have heaps of room for all your photos etc. there is no cost involved simply you must be a member. If you don't have internet access at home then it can be arranged at the club for you.

Opening Times

The clubrooms are open on Tuesday nights from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 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.

Later this year John intends to reinstate the Thursday afternoon running sessions so see him for details and times.

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.

Happy New Year to all readers