



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.

G 42 waiting at Belgrave, See pages 3 and 4 for the full story.



Puffing Billy

As part of our trip over to the Sandown exhibition we also did some rail-fanning on the Puffing Billy Railway. Aaron had been quite sick over the weekend and was putting up with the symptoms as we drove to the Belgrave Station. His mood soon changed when we arrived as waiting to pull our train was the Garratt, surely a sight to improve the mood of anyone. Looking at the rake of carriages extending the full length of the platform the Garratt would be needed to get us up the grade ahead. We rode in the front carriage to get a good view and ear full of the locomotive at work on the uphill climb.



Soon after boarding, the signal changed and we were on our way past the Locomotive Depot and almost immediately trundle across the trestle bridge over Monbulk Creek.

On the steep and twisty track the load on the Garratt could be heard in the change to the beat of the exhaust from an almost hiss on the flat to solid chuffs on the hard bits. Along the way scenery changed from narrow cuts through the forest, sharp bends past the site of the landslide that closed the line in 1953, to a open view to Port Phillip Bay just before stopping at Menzies Creek.

On arrival at Menzies Creek we had climbed almost 76 metres in just over 6 kilometres, it was here our locomotive was uncoupled and moved to a siding to allow a change of motive power, 8A backed down and coupled onto the train which had by this time been divided in two for the next stage of the ride. Obviously the other part would later continue to Emerald Lake behind the Garratt. We could not see this as we were now on our way enjoying the passing views. A little further along the trip we pulled in to Emerald, the highest station on the line and took the left hand line as there was another train waiting on the right.



We stopped and the call for “All change” rang out. After a few quick photos we climbed aboard behind locomotive 7A for the third leg of our journey.

Now descending we passed Lakeside and then crossed over three wooden trestle bridges, the last, which crosses over Cockatoo Creek, is also the lowest point on the line and is the start of a 5.2 km climb at 1 in 30 to the highest point on the line which is just before Gembrook, the end of the line and time for lunch before returning the way we came. This was a most enjoyable trip on a delightful railway.



Above: 7A simmers at Gembrook

Below: Models on display at Gembrook Station



Above: Some kids just never grow up



Right: Water tower and service pit at Gembrook



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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Facts and Figures

These are US statistics but show the consequences of accepting 99.9% as being good enough

12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped/year.

18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled/hour.

2 million documents will be lost by the IRS this year.

2.5 million books will be shipped with the wrong covers.

Two planes landing at Mascot airport will be unsafe every day.

315 entries in the Oxford dictionary will be misspelled.

20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions will be written this year.

Engineering Help List

1. All pipes must be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic, with a hole at either end.
2. All pipes must be hollow throughout.
*CAUTION do not use holes of different length than the pipe.
3. The inside diameter of the pipe must not exceed the outside diameter; otherwise the hole will be on the outside.

The following was sent via email, the writer's name is suppressed by request.

Ode to the Yella Peril

A yellow ray of sunshine
Has gone out of my life
It's so much worse for me
Than even losing my wife

My dear beloved Volvo
Has finally bit the dust
No more to take me somewhere
Now to sit and rust

We've been together for years
They just don't understand
We've travelled many miles together
In this big open land

Much ribbing at the Club
About my trusty friend
On broad shoulders it fell
But now it's the end

Laugh no more
At my trusty steed
For I have found another
More suited to my need

Your memory will live on
We all have to die
You'll be back someday
In the form of a Hyundai

Goodbye ol' friend.....R.I.P

Exhibitions

If you read page 2 you would already know that the Stawell exhibition is confirmed as 12th – 13th July and that we will be attending.

The Renmark and District Show Society Inc. have asked us to do a display at the Renmark Show on Saturday 25th 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

WWW

For those with access to the big wide world check out this link <http://www.dieelectric.org/> for a different outlook on using electrical outlets

Our website has once again moved to a new server, this time because the host moved and upgraded the system at the same time. We now have much more space, 100 Gb and 500 Gb of bandwidth to play with.

As far as I can tell the move went very smoothly the only small hiccup was that the url rewrite for our Member's gallery tripped up. This lets us use short links when telling people how to find a file in the gallery. A quick chat with the host had this fixed very quickly; apparently it was not turned on at the server end.

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.

For Sale

The 8 X 4 layout that is currently at the clubrooms is not required by the club and therefore is up for sale as is to the highest bidder. Bids in writing can be handed to any Committee member or sent to the club post box 707 Morphett Vale SA 5162. Bids close 31/5/08

New Members

A few new members have joined our ranks this month, Thomas, Gordon and James and their respective coaches and wagons were all purchased for use at exhibitions and displays to keep the younger members of the public entertained. We will build a custom transport box to protect them and keep them together

Swindle Prizes

It is now less than 5 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.

Stop Press

AMRE have had a change in their plans and accepted us for the June long weekend exhibition at Greyhound Park so get your names on the list ASAP if you will be running the layout.