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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a good year for the club. The Exhibition layout has attended a number of exhibitions and received the usual good reviews.

September saw the first of two open days, although not very successful financially, we managed to attract new members. So that made it worthwhile. We had a large number of people through the doors and all had a great day.

Club members enjoyed a successful weekend at the Sunbury Exhibition held in October. Typical of country activities we certainly enjoyed good food and fellowship. To top it off, OUR Exhibition layout was voted "Best Layout" by the general public. Congratulations to all who made this possible.

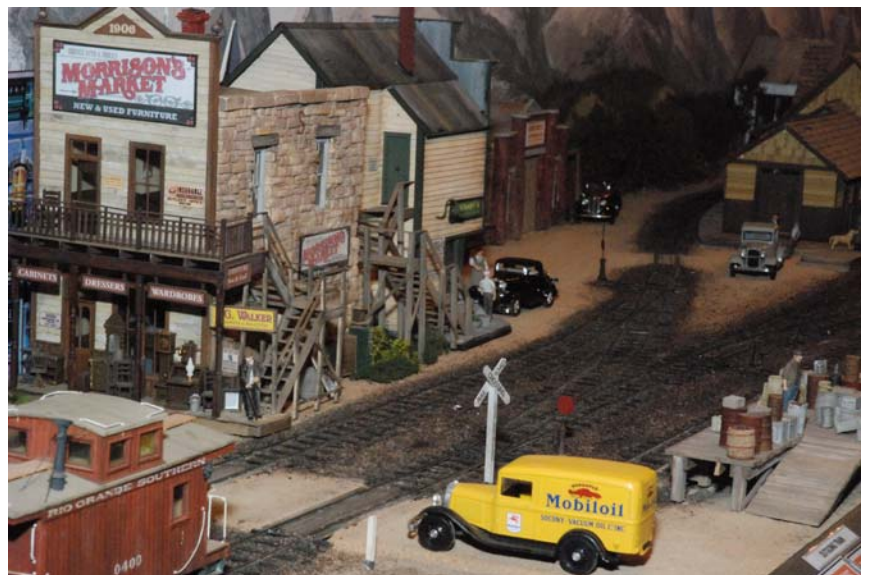
Unfortunately although our club attendance was low, the airport open day went very well, with a big crowd eyeing off our clubrooms and what we do. Due to other clubs' poor planning the B.B.Q was well patronised thanks to Gary and his team.

I would like to thank all those who supported our club during the year and on behalf of the Executive, I would like to wish all our members and their families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous, peaceful and safe New Year.

Looking forward to a fun filled and rewarding 2009 within the Model Railway Club.

Captain Chaos (Tom).

*Seasons Greetings*



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## BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB INCORPORATED

Membership is open to all who are interested in model railways. Why not join us?	Oct	Dec	Feb	April	June	Aug
Fees if joining during the month of :	Nov	Jan	March	May	July	Sept
<b>Concessional:</b> Persons older than 12 years but under 16 years at 15th October, pensioners and full time students.	\$60	\$60	\$40	\$40	\$20	\$20
<b>Senior:</b> Individual membership includes family members.	\$90	\$90	\$60	\$60	\$30	\$30

### Membership renewals are due on 15th October each year

#### TIMETABLE

CREW ROSTER	Wed	Dec. 10		Ordinary Meeting
President.	Wed	Dec. 17	6.30 pm	End Of Year BBQ
Tom Chambers 5339 5260	Wed	Jan. 13	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Vice President	Wed	Jan. 20	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Alan Carter	Wed	Jan. 27	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Secretary	Wed	Feb. 3	7.30 pm	Work/Run
John McClure	Wed	Feb. 10	8.00 pm	Ordinary Meeting
Treasurer	Wed	Feb. 17	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Ian Barrett 5332 4168				
Phoenix Editor				
Paul Richie 5332 1138				

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#### Exhibitions

Corio, Australia Day weekend 22nd, 23rd, 24th, Jan at the Geelong West Town Hall

Open 6.00-9.00pm Friday, 10.00-6.00 Sat., 10.00-5.00 Sun.

**Our club will be exhibiting Phoenix Electric layout at this exhibition.**

## News & Notes

### *Editor's Report*

Over the last year we have seen progress on several layouts, attended 3 Exhibitions and had 2 Open Days.

Next year could be busier as we will be exhibiting at the Geelong Exhibition in January and our own Exhibition in June. There is one invitation to be decided on as well.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

...Paul R.



### *Geelong Exhibition*

Phoenix Electric will be exhibited at the Geelong Exhibition over the Australia Day weekend in January. If you would like to help, let the editor know a.s.a.p.

### *HO Layout*

The turntable and roundhouse from the old exhibition layout has been installed on the HO layout which has required the track work to be changed in the yard area. This is nearly finished. There is a wood Walthers coal stage (assembled by Keith) to be installed near the turntable when it is finished. A start on the construction of the passenger platforms for all the stations is one of the first jobs for next year as the main station is nearly ready to be installed.

### *Pacific Electric*

Now all the major track changes are done, we are concentrating on extra details for the layout. The oil derricks and pumps have been fitted. More people are to be added and replacing those which have fallen off, maybe some lights and interior in some buildings. Just enjoying running the layout!

**Photos** are from the Sunbury exhibition, and of one of our layouts for next year!





## N SCALE MUTTERINGS - NOVEMBER 2008

### WHAT WE'VE DONE SINCE LAST TIME

All main line on the bottom section has been laid and 2 no. 8 points have been made and installed. This allow trains to run on the bottom section, with the aid of 2 reversing units borrowed from Paul.

Building more prototypical buildings for the paper mill are now in progress and will add some character to the area for the Open Day.

Yards around the bottom of the second helix have been completed.

Now awaiting ballasting of the main line and some yards.

### IN GENERAL

All work in the N gauge room is at a standstill, as current information about the floor is that the entire floor may have to be ripped up to repair the rotten stumps and bearers. We have several quotations to date for the cost of repair for the walls and floor. These will be submitted to the Council with the application for a grant. The grant is in the initial stages of submission and this will be passed to the Council representative for comment. Once we have this back we can update the application and submit the final document.

We still aim to help or hinder in the HO room until N gauge room situation is known. (We are out to convert).

John McClure  
(N Scale honcho)



# Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**Meeting Open-** 19:12 pm

**Apologies-** Ian Mitaxa, David Healy, Peter Roberts, Ron Woods.

**Present-** Tom Chambers, Stuart Mitchell, Paul Richie, Ian Barrett, James Tournier, Peter Ervin, Alan Carter, Les McLaughlin, Vaughn Prato, Brad Johnston, Tony Mason, John Douglas, Allan Fraser, Garry Kennedy, Mark Mills, Stephen Richards, Keith Parkinson, Lindsay Collins.

**Minutes of Previous AGM-** Taken as read.

Moved-Alan Fraser                      Seconded Stephen Richards                      Carried

## 2007/2008 Yearly reports

**President's**                      Written report supplied in the Phoenix  
Moved Tom Chambers                      Seconded Stephen Richards                      Carried

**Treasurer's Report**                      Written report read and supplied.  
Moved Ian Barrett                      Seconded Paul Richie                      Carried

The following reports were moved, seconded and carried. All reports are presented in the Phoenix.

**Phoenix**

**HO Layout**

**Junior Layout**

**Editor's Report**

**Exhibition Layout**

**Library**

Moved James Tournier that the reports be accepted.                      Seconded Peter Ervin                      Carried

**N scale** This report is in the previous Phoenix.

## 2008/2009 Annual Elections

As per convention, the secretary acts as returning officer. All nominations to secretary who keeps them confidential. Secretary tallies votes (except for any position he/she stands for) and reads results.

Peter Ervin took the chair to conduct the elections.

Nominations for the following positions were presented.

**President**                      Tom Chambers.                      Elected uncontested.

**Vice President**                      John McClure.                      Elected uncontested.

Allan Carter                      elected to fill the position of Vice President.

**Treasurer**                      Ian Barrett                      Elected uncontested.

**Secretary**                      No nominations.

**Executive** (5 required): Paul Richie, Stephen Richards, Alan Carter, Mark Mills and Keith Parkinson elected uncontested. (Allan Carter resigned to take on vice president's position). No other person nominated for the executive and the position was left pending the outcome after asking David Healy. David said he would accept the position, and this will be verified at the next committee meeting.

At this stage a secretary was still not forthcoming. John McClure resigned as Vice President and nominated for secretary. He was then elected uncontested.

The resignation of John McClure then left the position of vice president vacant. Alan Carter resigned from the executive to become vice president. A position was then available for the executive. As there was no forthcoming nominations, David Healy will be asked to fill this position.

**Consideration of Entrance Fees, Subscriptions and Levies** - There were no proposals to change the fees or levies.

Motion moved to remain the same.

Moved- Alan Carter                      Seconded- Keith Parkinson                      Carried.

Motion moved not to proceed with a joining fee.

Moved- Alan Carter                      Seconded- Keith Parkinson                      Carried.

**Election of public officer**

Paul Richie was nominated

Moved Ian Barrett.                      Seconded- Stephen Richards                      Carried.

**General Business-**

Library

Indexing magazines, and indexing for layouts, plans, ongoing. Completed certain magazines with more to follow, as on ongoing project.

Reference indexing book is now available in the library.

Financial or non financial members- Not knowing who is or is not financial when using club facilities is to be overcome with the erection on the notice board of a list of all financial members. To be updated every month. Secretary and treasurer to be responsible.

A question was asked of time given to pay fees- The answer being in our constitution. This is to be looked up and confirmed.

After looking through the Statement Of Purposes of the Ballarat and District Model Railway Club Incorporated rule 4.5 states the following. Entrance fee and annual subscription – where a member fails to renew his subscription on or before the fifteenth day of December, he shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member on that date, and the secretary shall make an entry to this effect in the register of members.

Meeting closed at-20:38pm

**Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.**

Ordinary Meeting Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**Meeting Open-** 20:20 pm

**Apology** - Mark Mills

**Present-** Tom Chambers, Paul Richie, Ian Barrett, James Tournier, Alan Carter, Brad Johnston, Tony Mason, John Douglas, Allan Fraser, Garry Kennedy, Stephen Richards, Keith Parkinson, John McClure, Peter Perry, Ian Mitaxa, Peter Roberts, Dave Healey, Sue Oates, Toney Oates, Frank Williams, Rodney Featherston,

**Minutes of Last General Meeting**                      Taken as read.

Moved Tom Chambers                      Seconded Paul Richie                      Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence-** Lindsay Collins sent a report on his open day and an associated cutting out of the local paper. An invitation to Corio exhibition in late January.

Information from Workshop Railway Museum in Queensland.

Buffer Stop sent their newsletter.

Moved that correspondence be accepted: Keith Parkinson                      Seconded Ian Barrett                      Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report will be supplied next meeting.

### **General Business**

Open day. Money made to be finalised for next meeting.

Look after donations, and answer questions.

Need people as guides, and to supply information.

Next open day 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Catering for the open day. Look at combining with the Air League. This may depend on members available.

Tom to explore this option with the Air League, and bring findings back as soon as possible.

Moved Ian Mitaxa      Seconded Sue Oates      Carried.

Need a list of jobs for the open day. Members to put names beside what jobs they can commit to.

Toilets cleaned.

Meeting room cleaned.

Check hazards.

Clean outside wall and paths.

Computer. The power supply in our current computer has failed, and is integrated and cannot be repaired due to its age.

Need information off the hard drive.

It was recommended to buy off a reputable dealer.

Sue donated the laptop she had with her to the club.

Sunbury exhibition: 23<sup>rd</sup> October. 7 members prepared to travel with the layout for the exhibition.

We need to verify times for setting up, leave, meet prior to departure.

Bus trips. To Rail Museum, Steam Rail, and hobby shops. Notice to be put up to establish dates to suit, who can go, to which venues, and costs involved.

Club fees are now due.

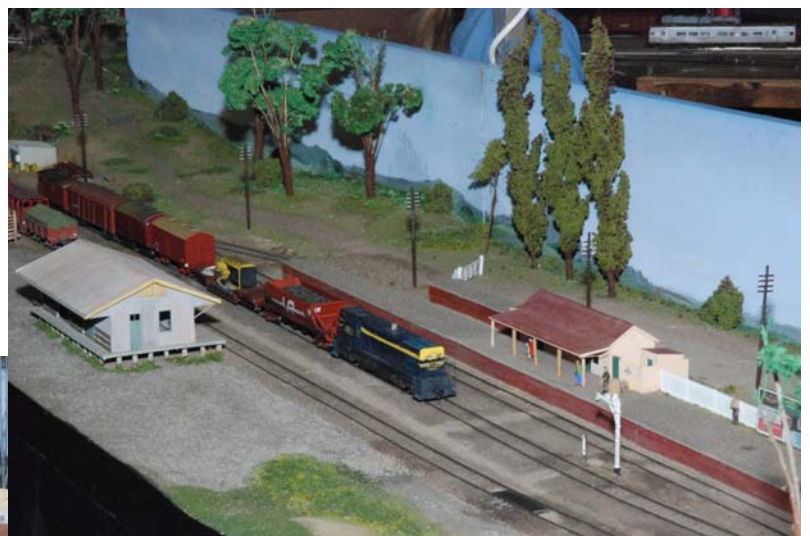
A list of financial members to be put up on the notice board.

Corio Exhibition- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Paul is going to follow up to verify whether we need to run on Friday night. This will determine if the club can attend.

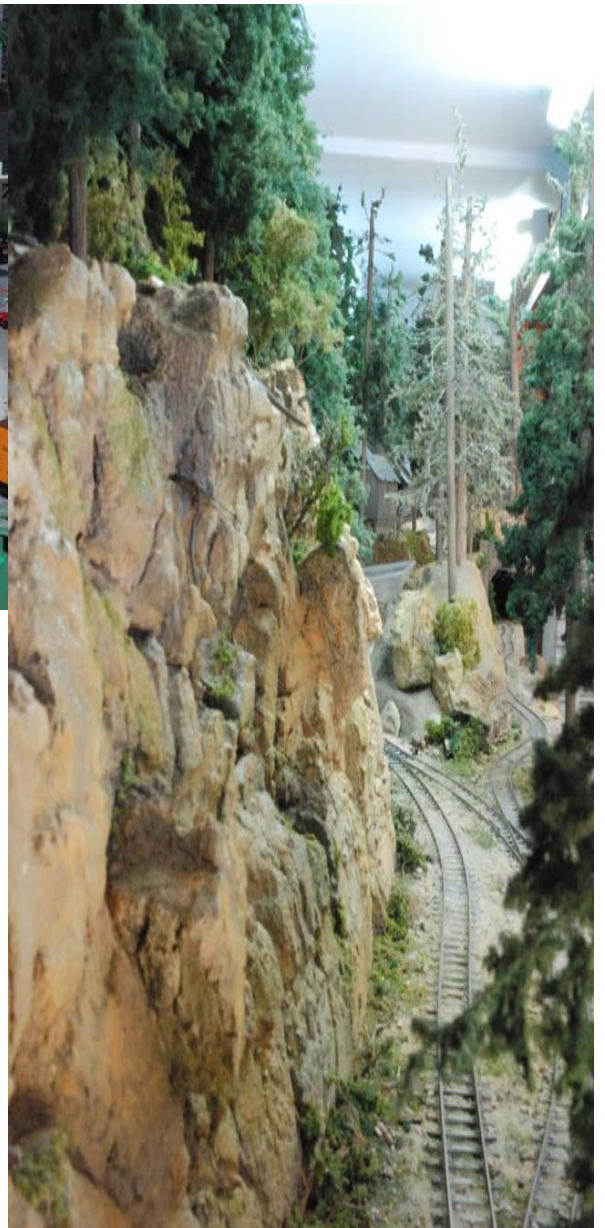
We will tentatively accept for now.

Send a thank you to Colin Pinkerton's family for the railway items donated to the club.

Meeting closed at-20:45pm







*Merry Christmas*

*To all*

I hope you have enjoyed  
the photos over the year.  
Paul R.