



September 2008

# **Annual General Meeting Special Edition**

If your report is not here, you forgot to get it to me in time for this edition.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Even without an Exhibition this year it has still been a busy time at the club. The Exhibition layouts have had major alteration and additions to them and are almost complete until the next think tank! The HO layout, thanks to the N scale being out of the loop, is progressing quite well with the help of that group; with most of the planned track replacement completed. Members now have an opportunity to hone their skills on ballasting and scenery. What a good opportunity to practise our skills.

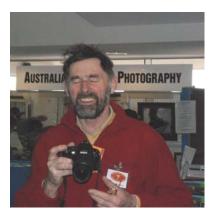
Club members have had the opportunity to attend a number of Exhibitions this past 12 months with some really good shows being presented. The club has had as usual very good revues when attending with our layouts and a lot of fun has been had by all.

Some good news re the N scale room and the roof. After a meeting with John Hartigan of the BCC, I can report that the roof has been rescheduled for late spring 2009, this will give us time to have the floor repaired. We have been given a verbal guarantee that the funds will be available and assistance will be given with regards to the application for a grant.

Our next major advent will be the SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY; let's make it a good one and everyone have a great time.

Again, I would like to thank all those members who have supported and assisted me in my term as president.

...Tom







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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? Fees if joining during the month of: Concessional:Persons older than 12 years but under 16 years at 15th October, pensioners and full time students. Senior:Individual membership includes family members.	Oct Nov \$60	Dec Jan \$60	Feb March \$40	April May \$40	June July \$20	Aug Sept \$20
	\$90	\$90	\$60	\$60	\$30	\$30

# Membership renewals are due on 15th October each year

#### **TIMETABLE**

CREW ROST	ER	Wed	September 10	8.00pm	Annual General
President.					Meeting
Tom Chambers 5339 5260		Wed	September 17	7 30pm	Work/Run
Vice President	<del>-</del>	Sunday	September 21	10 am to 4 pm	club Open Day
Dave Healy	5369 2396	Wed	September 24	7.30pm	Work/Run
Secretary		Wed	October 1	7.30pm	Work/Run
Peter Roberts	5342 8418	Wed	October 8	8.00pm	Executive meeting
Treasurer		Wed	October 15	7.30pm	Work/Run
Ian Barrett	5332 4168	Wed	October 22	7.30pm	Work/Run
Phoenix Edito Paul Richie	r 5332 1138	Wed	October 29	7.30 pm	Work/Run

#### **Exhibitions**

Correspondence should be addressed to:

Ballarat and District Model Railway Club Inc P.O.Box 267 Ballarat 3353 **Ballarat & District M.R.C.** *Open Day* 21 September, Ballarat Airport, 10.00am-4.00pm.

**Sunbury**, October 25/26, Sunbury Memorial Hall, Barkly Street. Open 10.00am-6.00pm Saturday, 10.00am-5.00pm Sunday.

Reminder! We are Exhibiting Phoenix Electric at Sunbury so come along.

# **News & Notes** P Richie

# The AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 10th September. Nominations for all Executive positions are to be handed to the Secretary before the meeting.

Following a short interval an Ordinary Meeting will take place.

# **OPEN DAY Sunday September 21,** 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The clubrooms are to be open on this day with a gold coin entry for the public. We would like a large turn up of club members so all the layouts can be manned and running, with enough to man the doors and provide some security and help direct the public.

# Layout reports

HO Layout. Over the last year several parts of the layout have been worked on and due to the N gauge not being worked on we have had several extra helpers. As open access is required for our open day, the section across the doorway can now be opened down thus making the outside loop a point to point section when the doorway is open, some trackage has been rearranged in the yard on the right and this is where the loco terminal off the old exhibition layout will be installed after alterations. The centre yard has been changed to make a larger yard with the silos against the backdrop and the station at the front with a team track. The branch point is after the yard tracks, thus better accessibility for both the main and the branch trains. This also required relocation of part of both the mainline and branch tracks in this area.

The Port area is being worked on as well to smarten it up for the Open Day.

**Phoenix Electric.** This layout has been to two exhibitions and has another two to go to this year. Over the last year several improvements have been made to this layout - Hill Street has been widened then double tracked and the old fiddle yard has been altered and sceniced as countryside with a store, farmhouse and barn as a contrast to the busy city on the rest of the layout. Next to be added are oil pumps and rigs on one end which is also typical of a part of Los Angeles.

*Junior Layout.* New street and building lighting has been provided. A digital train counter has been installed to count each train. New town buildings have been added with new roads and tracks. Works are now completed - layout completed at this stage.

Thanks to Sue, Toney, James and Chris.

*Editor's Report*. This has been a busy year despite not having an exhibition for some members as layouts are prepared for the several exhibitions we are exhibiting at during the year and our Open Day. I am starting to invite layouts for next year's Exhibition so preparations start soon for the other requirements that will be needed. So set some time aside for our next exhibition please. Photo's in this magazine are our own club layouts and the Caulfield exhibition.

#### Library Report 2007-2008

It has been a good year for the library with the excellent assistance of Les in organising the years of magazines and sorting out the extras which can be sold for Club funds.

Donations have been coming in at a regular rate and we are grateful for these. Lending again will begin when the proper organising is finished. At the moment members are welcome to read in the library itself. Thank you to everybody for their co-operation with this matter. ....Alan Carter, Librarian.

#### BALLARAT & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB INC.

27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – 12 September 2007

**Meeting Open** – 19:59

Apologies - Peter Ervin; Mark Mills; Ian Mitaxa; Colin Pinkerton; Stephen Richards; Ron Woods

Moved – Alan C Seconded – Chris W Carried

**Present** – Ian Barrett; Alan Carter; Tom Chambers; Lindsay Collins; Allan Fraser; David Healey; Gary Kennedy; John McClure; John McCrae; Les McLaughlin; Stuart Mitchell; John Morris; Keith Parkinson; Peter Perry; Mark Pritchard; Paul Richie; Peter

Roberts; Ian Sartain; Chris Walshots **Minutes of Previous AGM** –Taken as read.

Moved – Paul R Seconded – John McC Carried

#### 2006/07 YEARLY REPORTS

**President's** – Written report supplied.

Moved – Tom C Seconded – Peter R Carried

**Treasurer's** – Written report supplied.

Moved – Ian B Seconded – John M Carried

#### Secretary's

Yet another interesting year which sees the end of my current tenure as Club Secretary. Though I expect that I will again be on the Executive Committee at some point in the future, I have decided to take a break from it for the next year. I think the incoming committee has many challenges facing it in the coming year. These include; maintenance and upgrade of the buildings and infrastructure (which is a project undergoing considerable progress now), maintaining and increasing membership, increasing the level of active participation by club members in club matters and maintaining and improving all the layouts in our possession. Probably my biggest regret in leaving this job has been my inability to raise the level of active participation by club members which I think is still considerably lacking. In any event, I wish the incoming committee luck and I would ask all members to give them their support.

Moved – David H Seconded – Ian B Carried

**HO Scale Layout** – In the Phoenix.

N Scale Layout – Written report supplied.

Moved – John McC Seconded – Chris W Carried

**Exhibition Layout** – In the Phoenix. **Junior Layout** – Verbal report given.

Moved – Chris W Seconded – John M Carried

Housekeeping & Maintenance – Written report supplied.

Moved – Peter R Seconded – Chris W Carried

**Exhibition Committee** – In the Phoenix.

**Library Report** – There has been a considerable increase in the number and quality of the magazines, periodicals and books that have come into the Library over the year. Thanks to Les for indexing the years of magazines and beginning the vast process of labeling everything. A brief overview of the total collection in the Library has shown it to be around \$12,500 in value with some items as yet being unpriced (and possibly unpriceable!), which is why we have placed a temporary ban on items being borrowed until cataloguing is completed. All donations will continue to be gratefully accepted.

Moved – Alan C Seconded – John McC Carried

#### 2006/07 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.

**President** – Tom Chambers. Elected uncontested.

**Vice-President** – Peter Roberts. Elected uncontested. As Peter withdrew, David Healey nominated from the floor as Vice-President. Paul Richie seconded this.

Treasurer – Ian Barrett. Elected uncontested.

**Secretary** – Peter Roberts. Although he was elected as Vice-President, he elected to stand down and be nominated as Secretary. This was approved and he did so.

**Executive (5 required)** – Alan Carter; Tom Chambers, Mark Mills, Keith Parkinson, Paul Richie, Peter Roberts, Chris Walschots. As Tom C and Peter R were elected to Officer positions, their nominations as Ordinary Members of the Executive were withdrawn. This means all other members are elected uncontested.

Consideration of changes to Fees – There were no proposals to change the fees. Peter R made a motion to keep the fees as they are, seconded by Alan C. Carried. Chris W passed a motion that the Joining Fees be set at zero. Seconded by David Healey. Carried.

**Nominations to Honorary Membership** – None

Alterations to Rules – None.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

None

Sub-committees may be appointed at an Ordinary Meeting and need not be discussed at this one.

Meeting Closed -20:32

#### Minutes of Ordinary meeting, 13th August 2008

Meeting opened 8.20pm

Present- Tom Chambers, David Healy, Paul Richie, Mark Mills, Ian Barrett, Peter Ervin, Keith Parkinson, John McClure, Brad Johnson, John Douglas, Tony Mason, Vaughan Prato, Sue Oakes, Toney Oakes, Craig Gillard, James Tournier, Chris Walschots, Stephen Richards, Peter Perry, Les McLaughlin,

Apology: Ian Mitaxa,

Minutes of previous meeting – Taken as read and accepted.

Moved by – Steve Richards Seconded – Craig Gillard Carried

Correspondence

Inwards a Invite from AMRA SA to attend their Exhibition next year to be held on the Queen's Birthday W/E

b Sita account

c Rent is due for payment

Outwards In the absence of our Secretary, no outwards correspondence to report

Financial report. Not available.

Other reports As reported in the August 2008 Phoenix and taken as read.

Move by – Steve Richards Seconded by – John McClure Carried

General Business

Airport Open Day

It was reported by Paul that the Committee set up by <u>Airport users' group</u> set a date after a lot of discussion for the <u>30<sup>TH</sup> November 2008</u> and this conflicts with the date set by our club.

It was also reported that as day will be advertised as a free open day It will be difficult to charge an entrance fee. The committee is looking at the possibility of charging a small parking fee to be divided up between participating clubs.

A motion was moved by Chris Walschots

That that the club open for the proposed day 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Seconded John Mc Carried A motion was moved by Chris W

To continue with the planned Open day on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008

Seconded by Ian Barrett Carried

It was reported that Tom met John Hartigan at the Airport users' group meeting and had a discussion about the building. As a result John Hartigan has sent documents to study for a grant for the floor. He has advised he will help us with the grants documents and informed Tom that the club will get financial support for building repairs to the floor.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next meeting -10th September 2008 after AGM.

#### Exhibition 2009 Report

At this stage several invitations have gone out and some replies have been returned. We still need a lot more layouts if we are to fill the hall. We may need extra banners to be painted to use at the exhibition. We need to use as many local layouts as possible to display our club's members expertise in all areas of our hobby, even though it may make manpower a bit short over the weekend. The interaction with the public is always a way to gain more members.

I am about to check if the club has a lot of the old railway posters which can be arranged around the hall for 'atmosphere'.

So, if you have some at home, let me know.

...Paul R.



# **Agenda For Annual General Meeting.**

- 1. Opening and attendance
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of previous A.G.M (included in this magazine)
- 4. Confirmation of minutes
- 5. Reports:



As these reports are the only documentation of what has happened during the past 12 months and as part of the A.G.M. are posted in the minutes book, all chairpersons are reminded that these reports should be presented to our secretary in a written form.

A	President	В	Secretary
C	Treasurer	D	HO layout
E	N layout	F	Exhibition layout
G	Exhibition Report	H	Housekeeping
I	Junior layout		

- 6. Elections. Nomination of a member to chair meeting during the election.
  - A President
  - B Vice President
  - C Secretary
  - D Treasurer
  - E Executive
- 7. President takes Chair
- 8. General Business:

A Annual membership fees

B Any other matters (non-constitutional)

Constitutional changes cannot now be made at this meeting as there is insufficient time to promul-

gate changes.





