

PHOENIX



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 | Dec | Feb | April | June | Aug |
|--|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| | Nov | Jan | March | May | July | Sept |
| | \$60 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 | \$20 | \$20 |
| | \$90 | \$90 | \$60 | \$60 | \$30 | \$30 |

Membership renewals are due on 15th October each year

TIMETABLE

CREW ROSTER

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

Exhibitions

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.

Correspondence should be addressed to:

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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 scened 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.

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 Airport users' group set a date after a lot of discussion for the 30TH November 2008 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 30th November 2008

Seconded John Mc Carried

A motion was moved by Chris W

To continue with the planned Open day on the 21st 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.

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| A | President | B | 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 promulgate changes.

