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On behalf of the Executive I wish all club members a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We hope all members enjoy the holidays so you will be refreshed and ready to work on all the things that need doing in the new year. May Santa bring some of the trains that you would like in his bag!



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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
Concessional: Persons older than 12 years but under 16 years at 15th October, pensioners and full time students.	\$60	\$60	\$40	\$40	\$20	\$20
Senior: 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 2	7.30pm	Work/Run
President	Wed	Dec 9	8.00pm	Executive Meeting
Tom Chambers 5339 5260	Wed	Dec 16	6.30pm	End of Year BBQ
Vice President	Wed	Dec 23	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Alan Carter	Wed	Jan 6	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Secretary	Wed	Jan 13	7.30 pm	Work/Run
John McClure	Wed	Jan 20	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Treasurer	Wed	Jan 27	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Ian Barrett 5332 4168				
Phoenix Editor				
Paul Richie 5332 1138				

Exhibition:

Corio, January 23-24th 2010, Geelong West Hall, Pakington Street.
10.00am-5.00pm Saturday, 10.00am-4.00pm Sunday.

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News & Notes

As this is the first *Phoenix* since the AGM there has been a change in the officials of the club. Tom Chambers has relinquished his position as President and moved to the Executive. Tom has worked hard keeping the building in good shape and the Club paperwork in good order, as well as giving us all a hard time on occasion. Thanks Tom.

Mark Mills has stepped up to the job as President and we all wish Mark well in this position. Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer remain the same. Thanks for the jobs done over the last year. Two changes in the Executive; Sue Oats and Tom are part and Steve has stepped down.

Christmas Break Up will be on the 16 December starting at 6.30pm. BYO everything. Hope to see you there.

Raffle. Our club has been rostered on for the morning of 13 December for the Rotary club raffle at the Trash and Treasure market.

Maintenance

- * We are in need for someone to help with regular grass cutting at this time of year.
- * The major jobs in the N room have been delayed as we have to go through the funding again. The roofing issue has been put off until next year.

Exhibitions

The information has been forwarded to the Sandown Exhibition and we are waiting on the information from them.

HO layout

At the moment I am completing the wiring of the locomotive depot before I finish the buildings and start to detail; should be before Christmas.

2010 Exhibition

I am about ready to send information to the layouts that have committed to come as well as the trade stands. So, if you want to display your layout and feel you are ready, let me know. We will be deciding soon how much room we have. I will be also sending information on Exhibition dates to magazines etc.

N layout

Trains have been running every Wednesday. Some water problems have arisen due to the heavy rain we have been having. These have been corrected. A big fix will be the new roof which is next year now as well as the floor/foundations.



Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.

General meeting

Wednesday, 11th November 2009

Meeting Open - 20:12 pm

Apologies - No apologies

Present: Tom Chambers, Paul Richie, Alan Carter, Garry Kennedy, John McClure, Sue Oates, Toney Oates, Les McLachlan, Mark Mills, David Healey, Ian Barrett, Ian Mitaxa, Stuart Mitchell.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting - Taken as read.

Moved to accept minutes of last meeting.

Moved – Stephen Richards Seconded - Paul Richie Carried

Business Arising

Garry Newton to follow up with Paul about static display for our exhibition.

John to submit grant application by end of November.

Follow up with John Hartigan about vents in new roof above toilets.

General Business

Bus trip to Steam Rail and Museum to be organized by those few members that want to go.

Break up for Christmas will be held on 16th December starting at 6:30 pm. BYO everything.

We have booked a morning at Trash and Treasure for the 13th December to sell raffle tickets. John to organize with those who have shown interest; a roster for the times people can make it. Those who have volunteered are, John, Tom, Sue, Toney, Ian M, Stephen, Les, Dave.

The grass around the building needs cutting again. Anybody who can spare the time to do at least some of this would be appreciated.

The necessary forms applying for a position at the Sandown Exhibition have been submitted. Waiting on a response to see whether we have gained a place.

Meeting closed at 20:31pm



Seasons Greetings



Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting. Wednesday 9th September 2009

Meeting Open- 8:01 pm

Apologies- Andrew Pipkorn, Stephen Richards, Tony Mason, Ron Woods, Lindsay Collins, Vaugh Prato

Present- Tom Chambers, Paul Richie, Ian Barrett, Peter Ervin, Alan Carter, Les McLaughlin, John Douglas, Allan Fraser, Garry Kennedy, Mark Mills, Keith Parkinson, Chris Walshots, Peter Perry, Sue Oakes, Toney Oakes, John McClure, Gary Newton, David Healey, Rodney Featherston, Ian Mitaxa.

Minutes of Previous AGM- Taken as read.

Moved-David Healey Seconded- Alan Fraser Carried

2007/2008 Yearly reports:

President's- Written report supplied in the Phoenix

Moved- Tom Chambers. Seconded- Sue Oakes Carried

Treasurer's Report- Written report read and supplied.

Moved Ian Barrett Seconded- Ian Mitaxa Carried

The following reports where moved, seconded and carried.

All Reports are presented in the Phoenix.

Phoenix HO Layout Exhibition Layout

Library- Hand written submitted at the meeting and read out.

N Scale Layout Ballarat City Council Grants-Building

Moved that the reports be accepted-Moved- Sue Oakes. Seconded-John Douglas Carried

N scale- This report is in the previous Phoenix.

2009/2010 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.

Les Mclauchlin took the chair to conduct the elections

Nominations for the following positions where presented.

President- Mark Mills. Elected uncontested **Vice President-** Dave Healey. Elected uncontested

Treasurer- Ian Barrett. Elected uncontested. **Secretary-** John McClure Elected uncontested.

Executive- (5 required) Paul Richie, Alan Carter, Sue Oakes, Tom Chambers and Keith Parkinson elected uncontested.

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

Motion moved to remain the same. \$90 for members and \$60 for concession

Moved- Ian Barrett Seconded- Chris Alshots Carried.

Motion for tea and coffee to remain at \$1

Moved- Alan Carter Seconded- Ian Mitaxa Carried.

Election of public officer

Paul Richie was nominated

Moved Alan Carter. Seconded- Ian Mitaxa Carried.

Meeting closed at-20:40pm

N M R A 25th Anniversary Convention

Paul R.

On Thursday, October 1 Kathy and myself travelled on the Sydney Limited Overnight train with Ian and Jan Mitaxa to Sydney to attend the 25th Anniversary Convention which was held at Oakhill College, Castle Hill. We stayed at the Hotel Ibis in Thornleigh. The Organisers had a shuttle bus for the participants.

There were several Guest Speakers from the USA – Allen Pollock, National VP NMRA, Charlie Getz, Tony Koester and Al Westerfield MMR who, along with many locals, presented information on various subjects pertaining to either prototype or model subjects of interest.

There were 3 layouts on display for the weekend.

MUSKRAT RAMBLE – a freelanced 2'6" and 3' narrow gauge railroad set in southern USA during the early part of the 19th century when steam was the main motive power. The area modelled is the swamps and cotton fields of the deep south. The mansion and the town of Atchafalaya are typical of this area. Photos are included. Layout built by George Paxton MMR, Keith McCarron, Dieter Chidel, Ray Walter, Geoff Nott, and Michael Flack. Scale is "O"

CHARGING MOOSE MINING CO. scale "O" 2'6" narrow gauge. Geoff Nott & John Montgomery – builders. A mining operation set in the mountains of the Rockies USA. Photos are included.

Denver & Rio Grande Western. "Sn3" Layout by Michael Flack
A lot of terrific scenes have been modelled on this layout. Photos are included.

The welcome address was by David Howarth followed by a short history of the Australian Division by Sowerby Smith (Aust President), then an address by the National VP Allen Pollock .
The opening session was by Charlie Getz well known as a writer for the NGSL Gazette among other things and an excellent orator.
The clinics I attended were "Government Regulations and car building" by Al Westerfield MMR a well known manufacturer of resin freight cars.

Operating with timetables and real waybills by Tony Koester, a well known writer for several US model RR magazines.

How to set up Decoder Pro and tune decoders by Gerry Hopkins MMR.

Model Photography by David Latham

These clinics were all I attended on the Saturday. A quiz followed, then Dinner and a presentation of 25 year members. Our after dinner speaker was Charlie Getz who was excellent.

Sunday started with contest awards then into the clinics.
First one was a talk on Multi-deck Model Railroad design by Tony Koester whose home layout is a multi deck.

Detailing Structures by Laurie McLean MMR

Signalling Systems for Model Railroads by Kelly Loyd

Scratchbuilding Structures by Ken Scales MMR

Modelling The Prototype D&RGW by Brett Payne was the last clinic I attended. I could have attended more, but I spent time taking photos of the layouts, catching up with friends and looking at the goodies that were on the Railcar stand.

I had entered 2 models in the competitions and picked up 2 awards which was a bonus.
All in all a very enjoyable weekend and worth the effort. I did not do any of the layout tours as we were leaving for home the next day.



Open Day at the Invermay Ballarat Model Engineers Society Track.

On Sunday, November 15 I decided to have a look at what this group were up to as we have several members of our club are also members of the BMES. The track is situated next to the local bowling club and near the CFA shed. The track layout looks like a folded dog bone main track with 5" and 7 1/4" gauges, another loop has 5" and 3 1/2" gauges and a smaller loop will have 3 1/2" gauge raised track by the looks of it.

On the day they had the use of the bowling club main room with displays of many large models and a display by Gary of his small live steam and a battery loco running on a short run. A display by Peter Theobald of some of his stationary steam engines running with compressed air. A display with a King in 5" gauge surrounded by several model Rotary aircraft engines all built by John Ramm.

Photos below.

