



September 2009

# P H O E N I X

## *President's Report*

The Ballarat Open Day along with the Club's Ballarat Exhibition were very successful this financial year, due mainly to the good planning and support of its members and the quality of the exhibits made available. A special thanks to those members who made it possible.

With this in mind I believe the club needs to think about the replacement for the Exhibition layout, as it will take some time to construct. We need to be thinking about it now. If you have any suggestions about a layout don't leave it to the few, come forward with your ideas so we can work them through.

The Executive is now relieved to know that the quote for the floor in the N scale room has been submitted to the City Council and is expected to be finalized shortly and, along with the roof replacement, will mean a lot of work in the N scale room and displacement while the roof is being repaired.

Our Secretary, John McClure, has noticed that the lease is up for renewal. This may mean some extra work with the City Council.

I want to thank everyone for supporting me during my term as President. Thank you all very much and I wish the new President and Executive Committee all the best in their endeavours for the new term.

...Tom Chambers.



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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

<b>CREW ROSTER</b>				
	Wed	Sept 9	8.00 pm	AGM plus Ordinary Meeting
President Tom Chambers 5339 5260	Wed	Sept 16	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Vice President Alan Carter	Wed	Sept 23	7.30 pm	Work/Run
	Wed	Sept 30	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Secretary John McClure	Wed	Oct 7	7.30 pm	Work/Run
	Wed	Oct 14	7.30 pm	Executive Meeting
	Wed	Oct 21	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Treasurer Ian Barrett 5332 4168	Wed	Oct 28	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Phoenix Editor Paul Richie 5332 1138				

#### Exhibitions

Correspondence should be addressed to:	Croydon, Sept.12 and 13, Lilydale High School, Melba Avenue (new venue). 10.00-5.00 Sat., 10.00-4.00 Sun.
Ballarat and District Model Railway Club Inc P.O.Box 267 Ballarat 3353	Shepparton, Sept. 19 and 20, St Augustine's Parish Hall, Orr Street. 9.00-5.30 Sat., 10.00-4.00 Sun.
	Sunbury, October 24-25, Memorial Hall, Barkly Street. 10.00-6.00 Sat and 10.00-5.00 Sun.

## News & Notes

### ***Building Manager's report***

The cyclone fence is now up to lockup stage but still requires some work to clip the cyclone fence to its supports and to run barbed wire across the top.

The light for the signal has been fitted and is working well. It is noted that the signal requires some minor painting to protect it from the weather. Some discussion was held on how the signal could be made operational and this project is ongoing.

Steps for the exhibition layouts have been made, but thought needs to be given as to how they can be made collapsible for easy handling. Anyone with any ideas, we would like to hear them.

We now have a new DVD PLAYER to replace the one stolen last Christmas - thanks to the generous donation from John Douglas. Thanks John.

Electrical repairs due to a faulty wire in a junction box sited above the toilets have been completed.

The new 'NCE' DCC unit is being utilized on the N Scale layout and should be put to good use once the floor is fixed.

I was informed by our Secretary, John McClure, that the lease for our building is up for renewal at the end of the year; this will mean negotiating a new Lease for the next ten years.

### ***Ballarat City Council Grants***

An application was forwarded to us by John Hartigan (Aerodrome Administrator). This is to replace the stumps and associated timbers.

The grant was for \$5,000, and was submitted 29/7/09. Council to provide a further \$5,000 to cover the quote.

We are now waiting on notification of grant approval.

Presentation to successful applicants is in September.

I would like to thank those who have helped to keep the building clean and tidy and remember that SAFETY is paramount.

Tom.

### ***Exhibition Report***

This year's Exhibition was a success thanks to the displays, layouts and trade stands on show. The public was happy with the quality of layouts. This time publicity is something we were happy with - thanks to WIN TV and the Courier. The only downside is the sponsors. Organising next year's Exhibition has already begun: Layouts invited, planning for sponsors, hall already booked. Thanks to all members who helped to make the exhibition a success.

Exhibition Chairman, Paul R.

### ***HO Layout***

This year the loco terminal off the old layout has been installed, building backdrops for the main station and a Walthers station building installed. Still a lot to do - platforms for the station and some rewiring to update some areas with altered trackage, more scenery and maybe some more buildings.

### ***Phoenix Electric***

This layout has been to 3 exhibitions over the 12 months. Sunbury, Geelong and Caulfield as well as our own exhibition. Scenery is being updated all the time, new track control system added, even some extra buildings to keep the interest going.

### ***Editor's Notes***

Thanks to all who helped to keep the Phoenix printed - articles, news and photo's.

Photo's in this mag are from the Caulfield Exhibition and at the club. Paul R.

# Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.

## *Minutes of the Executive Meeting*

Held Wednesday, 19 August 2009 Meeting Opened 8.35pm

Present: Tom C, Paul R, Keith P, Mark M, Alan C, John McC,

Apologies: Secretary - Dave Healy, Ian Barrett, Stephen Richards.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read over.

Moved to be accepted: Alan Carter, Seconded Paul Richie.

Treasurer's Report: Written report supplied and read in lieu of no report last month.

Correspondence received:

Ballarat and District Early Holden Car Club enquired about a day to suit all club tenants of the aerodrome having a "get together". Due to the clubrooms being re-roofed and hopefully the floor being re-stumped, November would not suit us. John to pass this on.

General Business Matters Arising:

Matting for the hall for exhibition. This is ongoing to be discussed with the caretaker.

Sponsorship. More effort and thought to be put into this over the next couple of weeks about a mail out.

Thankyou letter to WIN. John to follow up.

Signage. Ongoing, Tom to follow up. Include supermarkets?

Reports needed for the Annual General Meeting: Library - Tom, HO - Paul, Exhibition - Paul, Junior - Chris,

Ex Committee - Paul, Housekeeping/Maintenance - Paul.

Cupboard for saleable items (jumpers, shirts, caps, etc.) Notice to be put up asking for old cupboards.

John to follow up.

## **Exhibition**

Chair person/Manager for the exhibition - Paul.

Committee- Tom Chambers, John McClure, Mark Mills, Ian Barrett.

Sponsorship - Naming rights will cost \$1000.

Suitable layouts to be approached shortly.

### *General Business*

Working bee to clean up behind the HO room outside. Notice to be put up. To be done one Saturday.

More magazines were donated and Alan and Les are sorting through. Appears to be some copies we already have. Copies to be sold to members first. Establish a policy for the use of the books in the library.

Recommendation is that books not be taken from the building, anything may be copied for personal use at 5 cents per page.

Meeting closed 9:18pm

### Roadside signs

Tom C to contact Ian Mitaxa to ask him to arrange for the placement of the roadside signs with the City Council.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.

## 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	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.

# 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.

<b>President</b>	Tom Chambers.	Elected uncontested.
<b>Vice President</b>	John McClure.	Elected uncontested.
	Allan Carter	elected to fill the position of Vice President.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ian Barrett	Elected uncontested.
<b>Secretary</b>	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.

Motion moved to remain the same.



**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





