



August 2010

# P H O E N I X

As we are about one month before the Annual General Meeting the associated notices are in this edition of *Phoenix*; Agenda, previous minutes and any reports to hand. Also, report and photos of our Exhibition in June plus July meeting minutes are included.

## ANNUAL General Meeting

Will be on Wednesday 14 September 2010 at 8.00pm

All welcome.



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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	Aug 11	8.00pm	Executive Meeting
President	Wed	Aug 18	7 30 pm	Work/Run
Mark Mills	Wed	Aug21&22	Caulfield	Exhibition
Vice President	Wed	Aug 25	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Dave Healy 5369 2396	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sept1</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Work/Run</b>
Secretary	Wed	Sept8	7.30 pm	Work/Run
John McClure	Wed	Sept 15	8.00 pm	Annual General Meeting , ord Mt
Treasurer	Wed	Sept 22	7.30 pm	Work/Run
Ian Barrett 5332 4168	Wed	Sept 29	7.30 pm	Work/run
Phoenix Editor	Wed	Oct 6	7 30 pm	Work/Run
Paul Richie 5332 1138	Wed	Oct 13	8 00 pm	Executive Meeting
	Wed	Oct 20	7.30 pm	Work/Run

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#### **Exhibitions**

Caulfield August21,22Caulfield Racecourse, Station Street. Open 9 00 am-6.00pm (Sat) 9 00am-5 00pm (Sun)  
Croydon-September 11-12 Lilydale High School,Melba Ave. Open-10 00am-5 00pm(Sat) 10 00am-4 00pm(Sun)  
Sunbury-October 30,31. Memorial Hall,Barkly Street. Open 10 00am-6 00pm(Sat) 10 00am-5 00pm(Sun)

## News & Notes

### AGM

The AGM will be held on 15 September starting at 8.00 pm. All nominations are to be in the hand of the Secretary at this time. Could all the reports be written so they can be included in the next Phoenix.

### 2010 Exhibition

Thanks to our exhibitors and the publicity we received from The Courier and WIN TV our exhibition was well patronized - more people than last year and a good variety of stands for everyone to enjoy. Thanks also to all the helpers who put in to make the exhibition a success.

### Exhibition Committee

The hall has been booked and at least 2 of the layouts want to return next year so we have a good start on 2011 Exhibition.

### HO Layout

Platforms have been installed at all stations. Train running has been enjoyed by many members on Wednesday evenings. We are working out changes to the power supply so cutouts can be fitted in several areas to reduce shutdowns when several sound locos are running. I am still waiting on suggestions for names for the stations on the layout.

### Exhibition layout Phoenix Electric

Mark is busy altering some track work so a large car barn area will be added for our next exhibition at Caulfield on August 21 and 22. New signs have been added and details are always being changed to keep the layout looking fresh for exhibitions.



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Meeting Open:** 8:01pm

**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 McLaughlin 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.

**Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc.**  
**General meeting**  
Wednesday 14th July 2010

**Meeting Open-** 20:10 pm

**Apologies-** D. Healey.

Moved to be accepted Ian Barrett, seconded Keith Parkinson, Carried.

**Present-** Paul Richie, Garry Kennedy, John McClure, Mark Mills, Ian Barrett, Keith Parkinson, Gary Newton, Denis Rowe, Rodney Featherstone, Max Mitchell, Len O'Brien, Andrew Pipkorn, Vaughn Prato, Ian Mitaxa,

**Minutes of Previous General Meeting-**

Moved to accept minutes of last meeting.

Moved – Keith Parkinson      Seconded- Ian Barrett.      Carried

**Business Arising**

Trees have not been trimmed. Follow up with Roland as to when this might be done. (John)

**Reports**

Treasurers- As submitted.

HO- Erecting platforms, working out where circuit breakers are to be placed. For DCC control.

N- During the last 6 weeks there has been considerable activity within the N Scale room.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of May the re-stumpers started work on the floor. Clearing out around the edge of the building and supporting the room where possible. Then replaced bearers and joists where needed, removed floor boards beside bearers to allow access to the stumps. After supporting the rest of the room with jacks levelling the floor at the same time. The old stumps were removed and holes dug for the new stumps. New stumps were placed in position and concrete poured around them, when the concrete had dried the jacks were removed, floor boards replaced and the following week a row of new sheeting was fixed to the area removed for access.

The week after the exhibition 2 men community service knocked the nails further into the floor in preparation for sanding. The following week the same 2 men filled the holes/gaps in the floor. The following week these two sanded the floor in preparation for sealing. Last week a team of 6 sealed the floor in about an hour.

The room is now ready for the layout to be leveled out and serious work started on progressing with the layout.

Exhibition layout- Modifications to enhance the running of the tram end before Caulfield exhibition. Wiring mods before 20 – 21<sup>st</sup> August. Let Mark know if you can help out with the transport and running of the layout on that weekend.

Library- No report available.

Building Maintenance- No report available.

Junior Layout – Quite a lengthy discussion was held about the junior layout and it's future. Wiring lighting , signaling will be the last of the work undertaken for some time as Chris said that he was no longer available to put in the work that he has done in the past and help and enthusiasm from other club members would be needed to work on it and run it at exhibitions.

Presidents – No report available.

June Exhibition – The exhibition was well received with the club making about the same as last year and the Scouts doing well, as well.

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## Correspondence

BRMA convention Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October (British Modellers of Australia).

NSMA (N scale Modellers Australia) bulletin.

SARMA Magazine for June.

City Council Rent notice.

## Outward Correspondence

Nil.

## General Business

Gift for caretaker of the exhibition venue- Voucher/gift card to the value of \$50.

Moved Paul Richie. Seconded Keith Parkinson. Carried.

Motion to reimburse Brad's father \$30 for the use of his sprinter for transport of layouts.

Moved John McClure. Seconded Ian Barrett. Carried.

Need to look at sponsorship within the next 2 months for next year.

Renewal of lease/rental agreement due? Follow up by John.

The Leisure centre hall is available again next year at this stage.

Club Trailer. A discussions was held concerning the purchase/hire/truck or trailer for the club to use when transporting exhibition layouts. There is currently nowhere to store it undercover at this stage.

The initial purchase and ongoing costs of a covered trailer could be prohibitive. This may be covered by sponsorship of the company involved? The club has insurance cover for the layout at \$5000.

John to follow up cost of a trailer, and the price to hire one.

A motion to undertake a cost analysis of hiring, buying, renting and the number of exhibitions we would attend per year.

Moved Chris. Seconded Rodney Moved.

Meeting closed at-20:46pm



# Some of the layouts at our Exhibition

