



December 2011

President's Christmas Message

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I would like to wish all members of the Ballarat & District Model Railway Club and their families a very Merry Xmas and a happy new year. If you are travelling on the roads please be careful and come back next year with an aim to making our club bigger and better than last year.

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I will be looking forward to next year with the possibility of maybe having a club function or two as well as our Exhibition this year and our open days at the club which I hope all members will support.

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I would like to end by saying that there will be a BBQ and get together 6:30 pm. on the 21st December 2011; bring your own steaks & snags and drinks and enjoy the company of other members.

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It has been an honor to be President of such a wonderful club. Thanks to you all.

Peter Roberts.

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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	Dec 14	8.00pm	Ordinary meeting
President	Wed	Dec 21	6.30pm	EOY Barbeque
Peter Roberts	Wed	Jan 4	7.30pm	Work/Run
Vice President	Wed	Jan 11	7.30pm	Work/Run
Dave Healy 5369 2396	Wed	Jan 18	7.30pm	Work/Run
Secretary	Wed	Jan 25	7.30pm	Work/Run
John McClure	Wed	Feb 1	7.30pm	Work/Run
Treasurer	Wed	Feb 8	8.00pm	Ordinary meeting
Ian Barrett 5332 4168	Wed	Feb 15	7.30pm	Work/run
Phoenix Editor	Wed	Feb 22	7 30pm	Work/Run
Paul Richie 5332 1138	Wed	Feb 29	7.30pm	Work/Run

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Exhibitions

January 14-15, Cowes Cultural Centre, 91 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island. 10.00am-5.00pm Saturday, 10.00am-4.00pm Sunday.

January 28-29, Corio, Geelong West Town Hall, Pakington Street.

10.00-4.00 Saturday and Sunday.

March 10-12, Kyneton, Sacred Heart College Auditorium, 10.00-5.00 Saturday and Sunday, 10.00-4.00 Monday.



News & Notes

N Scale layout December notes

More scenery has been added to the second peninsular. A plan for an engine service terminal on the right hand side as you enter the N scale room has been roughly laid out. Buildings and servicing facilities have been worked out.

Work has started on track work on the second peninsular west side. Cork has been laid points to be made and then track laid.

We are continually trying LED lights so that we can light up the first layer in preparation to start on the second layer.

HO layout-Some of the HOn3 track has been laid, we are waiting on some concrete to finish the floor of the back extension so the HO part of the layout can be finished. This would enable the planning for the rest of the HOn3 section of the layout. Over the last year members have enjoyed running trains which is what the layout is there for.

Results of survey of 20 members.

This is my summary of the results.

Q1 It seems everybody is happy with the club as it is at this stage.

Q2 18 members like the company of other members and the layouts provided by the club.

Q3 4 would like workshops to be organized & 6 had no comment ??

Q4 12 members had no comment???. The rest of the results were very mixed indeed from installing an A.T.M. to a lack of keys

Q5 8 members had no comment ??? the rest were mixed as well

Q6 14 members said they would take up an executive position (which I find very positive)

Q7 The Majority of members are in the 2-5 year bracket (which is encouraging as we lose some older members we gain in new membership)

Q8 All members supported a club function of some sort. (this is a great as maybe something can be organized in the new year)

Q9 19 members supported the Rotary Raffle (so please back up this result and sell as many tickets as you can)

Q10 18 members said they get a fair go running their trains

Q11 We have at least 10 members that can bring some sort of skill to the club (which to my mind is a great result all we have to do is tap into this resource)

Q12 5 members stated that our fees are too low, 10 members said the fees are just right (I think our fees should reflect the C.P.I. adjustments and be raised every 2nd. Year)

Q13 The night out was split 8 for and 6 had no comment (I think we could organize a night out but the time of year and the venue would be crucial I think.

Q14 17 members had nothing to add, but one member had a problem with the sex of the President !!!!

I would like to thank all the members who participated in the survey and it does show that members care, from the results you can see that there is some answers that were a bit different to what you would expected

Peter Roberts
President.

Club Survey 2011

Question 1. Are you happy with the club as it is?

Result. 20 yes 0 no 1 undecided

Question 2. What do you like about the club?

Result. 18 like the company & layouts, 2 no comment

Question 3. Can it be improved? If so how?

Result. 6 had no comment, 2 own our clubrooms, 1 wants an A.T.M., 1 winter heating, 2 more help at exhibitions, 1 sharing of skills, 1 less whining, 1 everything can be improved, 1 more members, 4 have workshops.

Question 4. What don't you like about the club?

Result. 12 had no comment, 1 asbestos in roof, 1 aisles are too narrow, 1 slow progress on layouts, 1 not enough doers, 1 council being more co-operative with us, 1 we have grown out of our available space, 2 lack of keys

Question 5. What can we do to improve the club?

Result. 8 had no comment, 1 make bigger and better club rooms, 1 more NCE controllers, 1 trips, 1 remove duck under, 1 training nights, 1 separate DC & DCC, 1 more space/BBQ's/Hot dog nights, 1 Instruction nights, 1 keep it the same, 1 share the work, 1 guest speakers & demo nights, more participation, 1 short of own club rooms satisfied with current direction.

Question 6. If you were asked would you take up an executive position?

Result. 14 yes 5 no 1 maybe.

Question 7. How long have you been a member?

Result. Up to one year = 2

2 to 5 years = 9

6 to 10 years = 1

11 plus years = 7

no answer

Question 8. Do you support club functions?

Result. 20 Yes

Question 9. Do you support Rotary club raffle

Result. 19 yes 1 no.

Question 10. Do you get a fair go at running your trains?

Result. 18 yes 2 no comment

Question 11. Are there any skills you think you could bring to the club?

Results. 5 no comment/5 no but willing to learn/10 skilled persons from Admin/ carpentry/Advice/all/machining/wiring etc.

Question 12. Do you think that the fees are too high?

Result. 1 too high, 5 too low, 10 just right. 1 need to adjust with CPI, 1 not applicable, 1 not sure, 1 no comment.

Question 13. If we had a club night out would you support it, would price be a factor in your decision or the venue?

Result. 8 yes 3 no 3 maybe 6 no comment

Question 14. Is there anything you would like to add?

Result. 17 no. 1 involved with more than 1 gauge. 1 looking for a benefactor.

1 problem with the sex of the president



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