

# **Hills Model Railway Society Inc.**

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## **Hills Rail Time**

Sunday 25th January 4.20pm and it's 41.3 Deg. centigrade outside and I'm sitting inside and the temperature is a pleasant 26.2 Deg. While watching the tennis (nothing else on) Barbara and myself were talking about the society and the conversation got around to the newsletter.

Naming of the Hills Model Railway Soc. Inc. newsletter / publication was discussed and '**Hills Rail Time**' came to mind and Hills Rail Time was born.

By the time you receive your copy of this newsletter the society rooms have been cleaned out of rubbish and the council has removed it all.

I thank all our helpers on this occasion and we would like all members to ask the committee for permission to leave your used goods on site and not just leave it there for someone else to dispose of your unwanted goods.

### **Exhibitions**

#### **Major Fundraiser. Castle Hill.**

Our annual Model Railway Exhibition will be held on 18/19th July this year at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion Castle Hill showground. All members are expected to be in attendance over the week-end and remember many hands make light work.

Set up from 5pm on Friday 17th July.

On the weekend of 28/29th March your society will be attending the Canberra exhibition with the HO layout Springfield. We will be leaving on the Friday afternoon for set up on Friday night and returning sometime after dark, late Sunday. We wish the travellers a safe journey. For further details, contact the layout coordinator.

#### **Location.** Canberra

U&C High School

104 Baldwin Drive. Kaleen

Man and turtle are very much like. Neither makes progress without sticking his neck out.



### **What do I need?**

I need feedback from our society members, your ideas, your articles, and what you would like me to investigate and what you would like published, so the feedback is important. I may be contacted at [publi-cofficer@hmrs.org.au](mailto:publi-cofficer@hmrs.org.au) with your ideas and any information you would like me to list.

### **More Exhibitions.**

We will be taking Smugglers Cove to the EMRC Model Exhibition at the Brick Pit on the long week-end 6,7 & 8th June at Thornleigh.

Our 'N' scale will attend the Bungendore exhibition on 17th and 18th October.

**Layout damage.** We need to remind members of things that seem to be ongoing within the society with our layouts. Again, I ask, please be careful with the layout scenery and buildings etc. as on a monthly basis there is more damaged. If you damage it, report it to the layout coordinator or committee for repairs.

**Refusal often offends.****Take Note.**

It has been noticed that on several occasions, members and visitors are not wearing closed in footwear. In our society's Protocols there is a section on footwear and if you do not comply with the section you will be asked to leave the premises. (Sent home) It is mandatory. See the flowing copy from our Protocols.

**Footwear.**

Closed in footwear is to be used whilst in the clubs rooms and when attending any exhibi-

tion on behalf of the society.

If due to a medical condition which does not allow the wearing of closed in footwear, a doctor's certificate shall be sufficient evidence to wear sandals for that member. An indemnity form shall be signed by the member upon submitting the medical certificate. This is the only exception to this rule and will be only accepted when the doctors certificate has been sighted and a record has been filed with the members application form.

**Parking.**

We have limited parking around the society rooms and its been noticed on many occasions that members are taking up more space than required. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle.

Parking under the trees, park at 45deg angle, next to the door of the annex there is space for 4 vehicles at 90deg angle.

There has also been damaged to the building and other vehicles, be careful.

**Hints and Tips.**

In the April 2007 Newsletter we asked for feed back on Hints and Tips, (from memory I received one). With so many members in the society now, allow me to re-introduce a section that could assist all members with some short cuts and ideas not readily known. In the future we might be able to put them all into one small published article.

Turn on your computer or sharpen your pencils, put the pencil to paper and feed back to the editor.

Just for starters, here's a simple one.

Paint inside and outside rails with a rust colour paint before you ballast the track. It will look a lot better when finished.

**Wanted.**

The small push buttons on top of Aerosol cans are required for lights on the NSW layout.

They will be modified to take led lights and used as indicators on the side of track work. Please remove the buttons from the cans before recycling.

The top that the guys prefer are the ones from the auto spray systems for bugs and air fresheners.

By the time you read this you would have received the e-mail request of 7/2/2015.



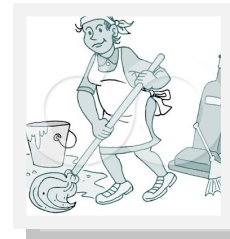
Seven new members joined the society in 2013 and applications from a further seven in 2014.

We welcome the new members and hope that you enjoy our facilities.

Our membership is growing strong with sixty three.

There is no use whatever trying to help people who do not help themselves.

You cannot push anyone up a ladder unless they are willing to climb by themselves.



**If we all just  
lend a hand  
we can each  
lift a heart**

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

*Allow me to wish all a late Australia Day and also allow me to ask 'What does Australia Day mean to you?'*

*I put this together some time ago and would like to share a bit of history with you. So, just think about it.*

While most of us associate Australia Day with 26 January, in 1915 that date was celebrated as Foundation Day and only in New South Wales, as each of the colonies had their own commemorations for their founding. During the First World War, the concept of a national 'Australia Day' was instead part of a wider fund-raising plan where money was raised by declaring a special 'day' on which events such as auctions, stalls, performances and street collections were held to encourage the community to contribute to the war effort.

The success of 'Australia Day' in 1915 saw a repeat of similar events in 1916, this time on 28 July, and in the subsequent years of the war.

Australian people during other fundraising days saw an 'Australia Day' as a way of drawing on the pride of Australians in their soldiers' recent achievements at Gallipoli. 30 July 1915 was the date agreed upon, and events were held across all of Australia. Ribbons, badges, handkerchiefs,

buttons and other items were sold to raise funds, with phrases such as 'For Australia's Heroes', 'Help Our Wounded Heroes' and 'The Turks Struck their Match in the Australians' which appealed to people's sense of pride and patriotism. From a population of just under 5 million people, the day raised over 311,500 pounds in Victoria and more than 839,500 pounds in New South Wales. Today, that figure would be close to \$623,000 and \$1.7 million respectively.

Australia Day, celebrated on 26 January to commemorate the arrival of the First Fleet, was originally known as Foundation Day. It was not until after the Second World War that the Commonwealth and state governments agreed to rename the celebrations on 26 January as Australia Day.

Back in 1915, it was then a much generalised nominated name for any chosen date by any State to help raise funds to support our war efforts. A simple Google search on how Australia Day, as now celebrated on 26th January, came about explains all (Foundation Day became a national Australia Day, but it wasn't back in 1915). It became nation-wide only in 1935 but an official national public holiday from 1994 – so recent!). If anything, a real

"Foundation Day" would be, or should be, 1st January (from our federation in 1901). A Foundation Day is a designated date on which celebrations mark the founding of a nation. This day is for countries that came into existence without the necessity of gaining Independence, which is what we did. Prior to that we were just 'colonies' called states.



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Do you know what years the following happened?

The 4.6km Yass Tramway was opened in ??????? and operated from the Yass Town to the main line at Yass Junction. Passenger services ceased in ??????? And the track was fully closed to all traffic in ???????.

Answer next issue.

The photograph in the last issue was taken on the eastern end of the Zig Zag Railway, Clarence.

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### **Stop Press.**

We have been informed that Council will be replacing the roof of the Annex from 2nd to 10th March. Please keep the rooms clean.

### **DCC TRACK TESTING**

YES—it does work in two directions, on the same track, at the same time.

