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Hills Rail Time

We start this issue with what's happening with exhibitions.

Blacktown Hobby exhibition will be held on 2nd April - Smugglers Cove to attend

Forestville exhibition to be held on 5/6th March - Smugglers Cove to attend

Castle Hill exhibition to be held on 30/31 July

Again, this year at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion Castle Hill show-ground. All members are expected to be in attendance over the week-end and remember many hands make light work.

More details to follow.

Malkara exhibition (ACT) to be held on 6/7th August with Springfield in attendance.

Beecroft exhibition to be held on 13/14th August and again Smugglers Cove will attend.

Remember we need other clubs and exhibitions at our exhibition, so lets help and support them.

Committee seeking information.

Would you like the committee to try and attend the 2016 AMRA exhibition? -

Let us know if you would like us to try to run clinics on Wednesday nights or maybe on Saturdays. What would you like them to be? Any suggestions? Do not limit your thinking to just club members, we might be able to arrange guest presenters and also open them up to other societies.

If Saturdays, maybe a BBQ could be considered.

These are just some things in consideration, if you can add more points, please do so.

Please attend the society rooms with enclosed shoes, they are to be worn at all times in the club.

If you have your own DDC controller? Please let Bruce know so its number can be added and recorded in our cab address lists.

Everyday is a gift.
That's why we call it the present.

If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.



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 publicofficer@hmrs.org.au with your ideas and any information you would like me to list.

I STILL NEED IT

The Christmas Party in 2016, will be held at Northmead Bowling Club on Saturday 10th December from 7pm.

This is not a BYO function.
Mark your calendars now.

Same place, same time.

Layout damage. We still need to remind members of things that seem to be ongoing within the society with our layouts. Again, we 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.

Our **Facebook** page is up and running.

What we need is photographs of your layouts if you have one or your models etc.

Forward your photo's or anything to your committee for approval..

We value your input.

For information. When accessing the **Members page** of our web site, follow these instructions. Your **password** is the e-mail address supplied by you when the system was set up. If you have changed your e-mail address, or have forgotten it, contact our web master or the secretary so we may have it

corrected. The user name is the same for everybody. It is HMRSmember (note upper and lower case sensitive).

Requests. Could all members please send / reply by e-mail to the Public officer (Ron Mcl) some sort of confirmation that you received this news letter. I am updating our contact lists.

When you send any articles or photographs, for the news letter, please send them in a word document or attachments to a word doc from your computer not telephones and I pads.

Your Health.

For most of us this is very important.

Exercise for over the 50's.

1. Take a block of wood and place it on the floor.
2. Walk around the block two times.
3. Sit down and relax
4. When asked, why are you resting say: "I've just walked around the block twice"

Question. You are on a horse galloping at a constant speed, on your right side is a sharp drop-off, on your left hand side is a elephant traveling at the same speed as you, directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it, behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo,

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

.Answer. See page 4.

Can anyone tell me anything about this P6 class C32 number 518. Is it at Tenderfield or Armidale and when? Any links?



Lets return to the November newsletter in 1985.

HOT NEWS

"Have just been advised of Council approval for a larger room. We should be there by AGM night so come along and see our new home."

"There is a lot of noise coming from the club room these days. Work has started (who said 'at last') on the "N" gauge layout and the Pommie lads have started to build an exhibition layout as well. By the way, the original layout we all slaved away on is in need of a little repair.

We now have 30, yes that's right 30 members.

We still have got new members coning through our doors and new contacts are being made all the time."

I will continue quoting little bit from various newsletters in coming issues.

It happens all the time with someone's rolling stock.



Also in April 1985 (31 years ago),

Now for a commercial break!!

Ala Lee's Model railway Shop is now open:

Woodpecker Model Railways

8/7 Joyce Street Pendle Hill
3145 (Opp railway station)

Phone 636-3855

More next newsletter.

MWMuster - The Hills Model Railway

Bob Parkinson



At the invitation of Bob Best, the monthly muster was at the Balcombe Heights Community Centre, Baulkham Hills, home to the Hills Model Railway Society.

Thirty members gathered on a hot spring day to view the model trains. There were four layouts operating, the South Bend and Hilltop (N gauge) layout, the Springfield Junction (HO gauge), a partly constructed HO gauge layout featuring Australian rolling stock and a smaller N gauge layout. The level of detail in the scenery and buildings was outstanding.

A number of members had brought their rolling stock to provide the action. These trains were digitally controlled and it was possible to have two sets operating on the same road (train talk for track to us philistines). Digital technology also brought realistic sound effects emitted from each train. A model of a Canadian self-powered passenger train featured conductor announcements in French and English.

Two locos attracted attention. A small loco operating on the small layout had been donated to the group by Bronwyn Skewes' father. He had constructed the very detailed loco from brass sheet and being N gauge (small), the degree of difficulty was very high. A second loco attracted my attention, an HO Shay steam loco. It was actually bait set by the owner, Bob Best. The Shay was unique; it had three vertical cylinders that drove a common shaft to gears on four axles (eight wheels). These locomotives were used to carry the product from the Shale oil facility at Newnes to Newnes Junction on the private Wolgan Valley Railway in the Blue Mountains. The Shay was used on the steep grades because all wheels were driven and all the

weight helps tractive effort. Also the high ratio of piston strokes to wheel revolutions allowed them to run where conventional locomotives would suffer wheel spin and loss of effort.

A railway society member had an MGB displayed in front of the building. It was his wife's car and it was for sale to fund their retirement activities. Ten MGCC members gathered around and gave a considered and detailed appraisal of the vehicle. One member showed a little more enthusiasm but was put back in his box by the domestic treasurer who closed the matter with the words "and where is he going to put it?"

A big thank you to the Hills Model Railway Society for opening the rooms and to Bob and Carol Best for providing the makings for coffee and tea.

Bob



Where was this taken?



Answer to question, page 2

Quietly get off the merry-go-round and go home.

WE'RE ON THE WEB – WWW.HMRS.ORG.AU

Email: secretary@hmrs.org.au

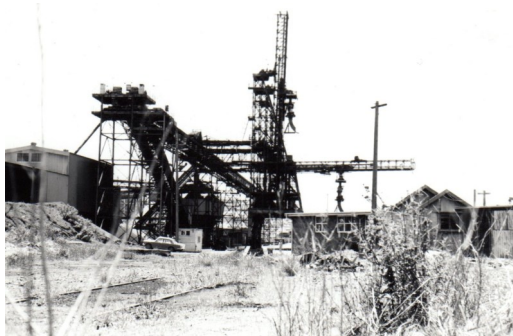
Do you know where this photograph was taken?



Answers next issue.

*Answers to the quiz in the last issue.....
Just outside Young NSW*

Taken 1971, The old Balmain Coal Loader is in the left photograph and when you swing to the right you would have found the old ICI Sulphur and Wheat wharf Glebe Island and railway storage (coal and wheat).



Your Committee members for 2016.

Ron Seddon, Chairperson - Grant Harris, Secretary - Robert Peterson, Treasurer, Roy Orton, Geoffrey Hope, Doug Bouchier, Bruce Roberts - Committee and Ron McIntosh Public Officer.

A couple of points from the 1984 AGM.

It is the clubs wish to have an official opening of the new, enlarged clubrooms in February 1985.

A set standard to be maintained as high as or higher than the current club layout. There are no set rules on who can or can't work any particular layout. Our motto this year More Learning, Less Hurry!!