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## **Hills Rail Time**

### **Exhibitions**

### **HMRS 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.**

**This year we will be exhibiting Smugglers Cove.**

#### **More Exhibitions.**

On the weekend of 1st and 2nd August a small band of members will be exhibiting our Springfield Junction HO Layout at Malkara in the ACT.

Assistance is required on Wednesday night 29th July to load the trailer for the 3 hour + trip to Canberra on Friday.

We will be leaving on the Friday afternoon for set up on Friday night and returning sometime after dark, late Sunday.

Down the track, our 'N' scale will attend the Bungendore exhibition on 17th and 18th October.



#### **Supplies.**

##### **Cork Underlay**

Portugal Cork

2/36 Binney Rd Kings Park. 96768400

##### **Plywood.**

MyPly

2/21 Groves Av  
McGraths Hill 45774211

#### **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.

**I STILL NEED IT**

By the time you read this, it is hoped that you have paid your yearly subs to the treasure.

**IF NOT, THEY ARE OVER  
DUE - PLEASE DO SO  
ASAP.**



**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.

At the June committee meeting your HMRS committee discussed the possibility of creation of a Facebook account.



They value your input, so could you let them know what you think, and if there is any member who knows anything about Facebook and would like to volunteer their time to oversee the operation, please let us know.

### **Christmas Party.**

This years Christmas Party will be held at the Northmead Bowling Club, Windsor Road on Saturday 12th December. It will be fully catered for and will take the form of a Buffet meal from 7pm.



Menu and full details will follow. Due to Bowling Club regulations, **THIS IS NOT** a BYO function.

### **AGM.**

November is the month of our AGM. Would you like to be on the Society's committee, if so, you can be as all positions on the committee will be open for election.

### **Modelling Competition.**

November is also the cut-off month that entries of the competition need to be submitted by.

Dates and details of both the above will be listed on the notice board and in the September newsletter.

Results will be announced at the Christmas party.

**No Hints and Tips this month. Has not happened, no feedback.**

Are you travelling or on the move around this great state of NSW, if so, here you'll find some information that's been given to me that might be of interest.

If your 'on the move' take a look at Burning Mountain Shop at Wingen on the way to Tamworth. It's worth a drop in to see the books, trains, model figures and much, much more. Telephone 65450235

When in Tamworth, drop in on The Regimental Tailor (67669277) 7/56 Dowe Street Tamworth. He has models, ribbons, military memorabilia, model soldiers and yes, he can also tailor your uniforms.

If you're still 'on the move' go to Uralla where you will find Jill and Garry at 88 Bridge St (67720092) where they sell antiques, trains, model soldiers, farm pieces, glassware books etc.

You will also find that Hassett's Military Museum is located on the New England Highway Uralla NSW (67784600 - Ah 7784837) Darcy Hassett is the keeper of this museum.

Do you have an interest in Toy Soldiers, if so, contact Mr Ron Brown 0401 500 408 and he will be only too happy to talk with you about his collection and probably sell you some.

A Great Model Soldier Shop moved from Bowral Bookman Store to the Victory Theatre at Blackheath so if you are going anywhere in the Blue Mountains drop into "TJ Shop" where you'll find HO Hornby Rail Accessory's, figures, rails, buildings, fences, wild west boxes of soldiers, farms and zoo animals. Drop in as well to Trains, Planes and Automobiles who were at Mt Victoria and also moved to the Victory Theatre Antiques, 17 Govetts Leap Rd Blackheath (47876002).

**Society Rooms.** The council has just about finished our room upgrades. New floor covering has been installed in the kitchen and ladies toilets. A new cupboard has been installed in the kitchen and all painting completed (we think). All the brickwork around the building has been treated with some new anti-graffiti product, to clean it off we are told, just wash it off with water. (lets hope that we don't need to, only time will tell).

I was waiting in a queue at the ATM the other day when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.



**Visit to N.S.R.M.A. 2015**

On Saturday 20th June, Ron, Bob and myself, along with many members from the Epping Model Railway Club, attended the running day organised by the North Shore Railway Modelers' Association at their Collaroy Plateau club room. The club room was previously home to a local Soccer club and is on the upper level floor of this Community building, accessed by external concrete staircases.

Dungog, the DCC layout, was the main attraction of the day, and the majority of the room accommodates this layout. The layout had constant activity during the day with most of the 17 holding yards and 4 side yards in use, putting a heavy demand on the single Branch Line that circuits the layout. Timing and communication between the operators was important as consists were running up and down the Branch lines at different times, but luckily there were no head-on collisions this day!

Bullo Dock is a new 'O' gauge DC shunting layout under construction, which had some unique steam Loco's in action on it. The method of shunting was very enjoyable to watch, as it involves different lengths of chains connected between the Loco and carriages and strategically placed bollards, enabling Loco's traveling in one direction to pull carriages in a range of other directions, including right angle and the completely opposite direction, often into short staging yards, which would otherwise be inaccessible. In the dock area, was a beautifully hand crafted timber sailing skiff as well.

Valley central, the Clubs 'N' gauge DC layout is undergoing some major track surgery and was not able to run in its current condition. Hopefully this patient will bounce back to full oper-

ating strength following the procedure and a period of rehabilitation.

Space in the Club room was at a premium and these layouts certainly consumed it well. There was some discussion of a layout for the Club's junior members to become involved with as well in the future.

When the layouts are taken to Show's, carrying the layout segments down the external staircases for transporting certainly is a challenge, so it's understandable that they aren't displayed more regularly at other Model Railway events, outside of the clubs' annual show.

There were some great discussions had during the day between the members of all three clubs, making it a very enjoyable day. Thanks go to the N.S.M.R.A. Committee and members for hosting the day and also providing a fine lunch of Pizza's and refreshments throughout the day. It was certainly worth the drive there, and I'd recommend this to all



H.M.R.S. Club members when the opportunity to visit is offered again in the future.

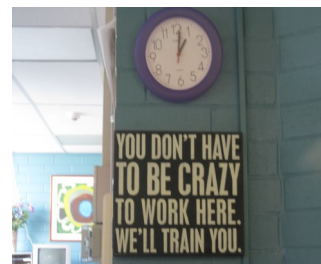
Lindsay McEwan.

Thank you Lindsay for the report. It seems that everybody who attended had a good time.  
Ed.

We start them young these days. These photograph was taken at the Canberra (Kaleen) exhibition in March 2015.



The start of a future model railway enthusiast. The HMRS old folk need assistance by anyone who can.





*To fill in some spare, I was thinking that you might be interested in some Celebrity Modellers.*

*Jimmy Barnes, Scottish-Australian singer.*

*Johnny Cash, American singer and songwriter*

*Winston Churchill, British politician.*

*Eric Clapton, Musician.*

*Tom Hanks, American actor.*

*There are many more that could be added.*

*A cowboy came into town on Friday, stayed three days, and left on Friday.  
How did he do it?*

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*Do you know where these photographs were taken? What I will tell you, taken in NSW and the number is 444 on the mile post.*



*Answer next issue.*

*Answers to the quiz in the last issue. ...  
1892 ... 1972*

*Our flat overlooked the railways, directly onto the roundabout, or turntable, and it was interesting to watch the steam engines, or puffing billies, as they were called, shunt onto the turntable, do an about face and move off to the water tower where they would have the boiler filled, and take on more coal fuel before proceeding to hook onto the old time, dog box carriages, which in winter had foot warmers in each compartment.*

*The railway was a hive of industry in those days, not only for the traveller but also for transportation of googs, metal from the quarries and milk and livestock from neighbouring farms. Even the circus arrived by train. Bullen's Circus made visits to Kiama in the late fifties and were well known. They would unload on the Western side of the station and many families would have a preview of the animals.*

*Taken from ... My Kind of Town Revisited by Molly Estelle Mackie.*

*A reminiscence of changes in the town of Kiama over the period 1937-1999.*

***Oops,  
better get  
a move on***

