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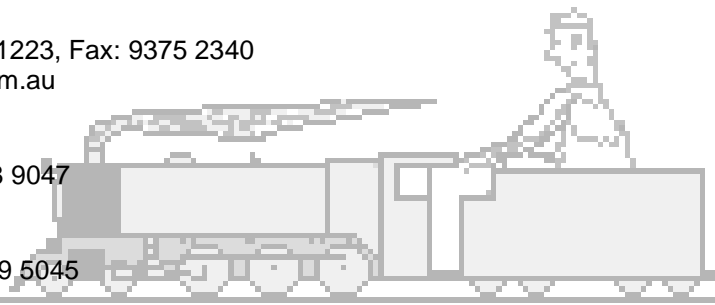
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## The President's Bit

Recent events both at the railway and other areas in my life have given me cause for some reflection. The members of CMR are a diverse bunch of people, coming together from many and varied walks of life and backgrounds, a range of age groups and professions. Yet still we all come together to enjoy our common hobby, of running a miniature railway, as and when we are able to according to other demands on our time. This also of course means that there are many and varied opinions on how, when and why different things should be done, indeed it is these ideas that often promotes spirited discussion round the clubroom table. ☺ The challenge for the committee and, the club as a whole, is to take these ideas and develop them into workable options that will take the club in the right direction to ensure we're here for another 50 years. Sometimes we come up short and need to re-assess the options, other times we land on our feet and keep running, either way as a club, ultimately, we are all responsible for the future direction and development of the railway and its surroundings.

A couple of general comments on housekeeping, before I get to some highlights for this month,

- Loco Owners, can you please ensure that an occasional sweep out and tidy up of your shed bay is carried out. We do have visitors through the loco sheds on occasion and we need to ensure that the area is safe, for both them and your fellow members, 5 minutes is all it takes for a quick tidy up of your area.
- In the workshop, if tools are being used, please remember to put them back where they belong. Members all come to the railway at differing times for various reasons, and the equipment is there for all to use.
- Members using the Metal cutting Drop Saw, please, unless weather is inclement, use this piece of equipment outside on the beam near the containers. This makes the workshop far more user friendly for the rest of us who are there at the time, and is generally easier to use.

And now for some good news.

The old Ballast bin has now been cut up for scrap, this being the case a scrap steel bin will be on the agenda in the very near future. This will also mean that the material and track stockpiles adjacent to the workshop are in for a spring clean and major tidy up. This MAY be organized for the workday on September 8<sup>th</sup>, but this will be advised at the next General Meeting prior to the September Running day.

There has also been some chatter of late about re-establishing the club's library facilities, long since forgotten. To go towards this, we have recently been the recipient of a large donation of books and magazines on railways, and mechanical engineering subjects from a deceased estate, as well as similar contributions from the collections of Bob Moss, and Ernie Nelson (both deceased). It will be possible to amass a relatively large collection for members' access in fairly short order, but as always the question is who will look after it and maintain it. Should anyone be interested in the position, please make yourself known to me, and we can get the ball rolling. To make room for this, it is envisaged that the work wagon may be relocated out of the breezeway into the steam shed, and the breezeway track removed. There is a lot to think about before this happens though:

- Lawn seeding of the picnic area seems to be working. The fenced off area has been rearranged and another section seeded.
- The old swing set has been removed from the Picnic Area
- The first stage of fencing work around the picnic area has been upgraded with additional posts, new mesh and strainer wires
- Recent batch of sleepers has been cut
- Maroon set of wagons has gone for painting, hopefully by the time this is being read, they will have returned and be getting fitted out for a return to traffic. Keep an eye out for a new colour scheme on this set. ☺
- We received some time ago a quantity of steel for new rail, it is envisaged that this will be rolled for use on the September workday.

The club has for sale one garden mulcher. The machine has had little use since being purchased, as we are able to obtain mulch in bulk quite readily, and is therefore in very good condition. If any members are interested, it can be seen at the railway, in the compressor room. It is for sale by tender, with bids to the secretary.

For those of you with too much time on your hands, remember, there are usually people on site working on all manner of projects each Wednesday, most Saturday mornings, and some Friday afternoons. If you're not sure what's on for any given day, just yell, and we'll be glad to see you there.

My bit has been a bit longwinded this month, so I'll wrap up with one last item and leave you all in peace 'til October.

Many of you will recall last year we held a run from Wilson to support research into Juvenile Diabetes. I am pleased to say this will be run again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September, from Wilson Park Station, if you're able to lend a hand on the day, it will be appreciated.

'til next month,

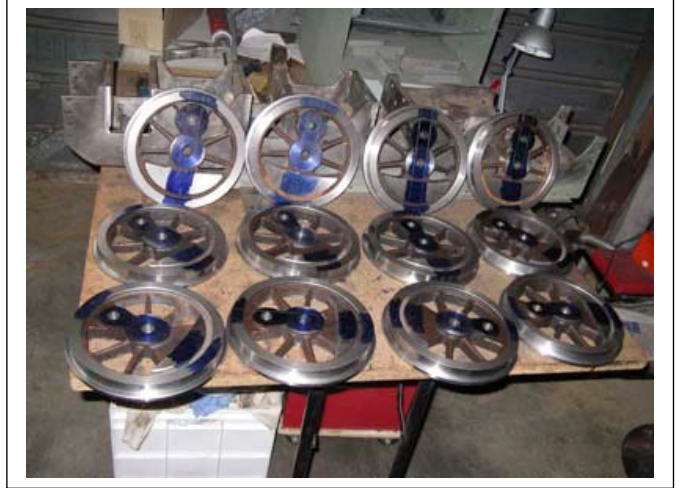
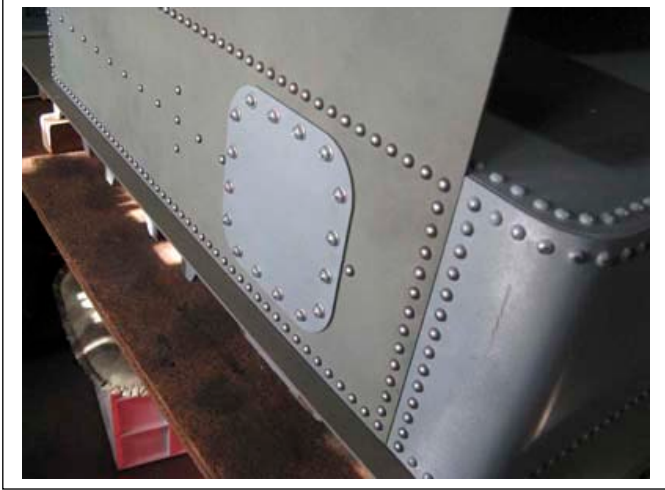
Craig Belcher  
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

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## MSA Garratt No. 499 "CARMEL".

### Building Progress Report.

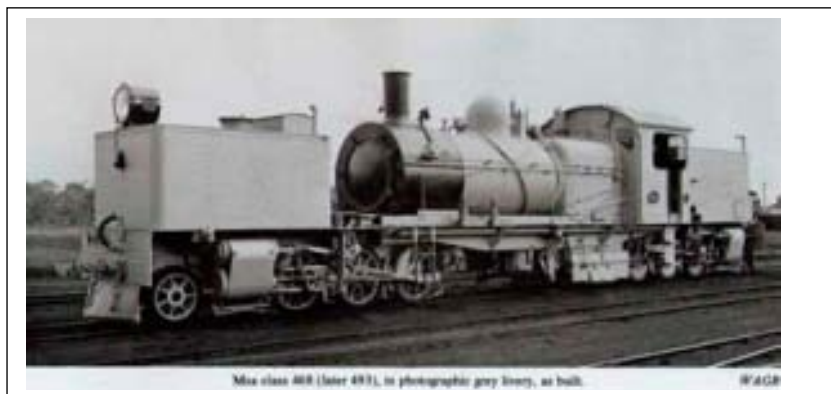
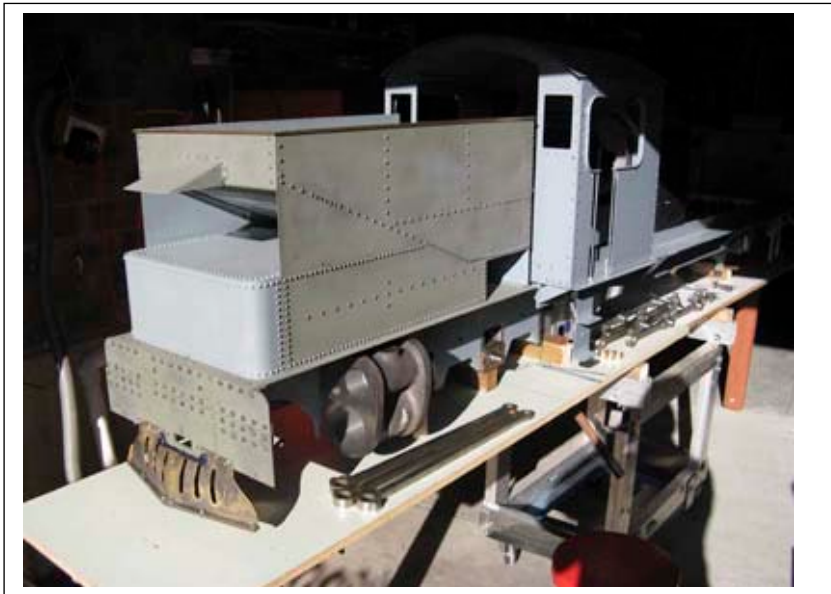
A few photos to show some of the work Judy & I (plus lots of help from others) have done.



These engines were designed and built in the Midland Workshops in the 1930's, a total of 10 were manufactured. This engine is being built 4.74 times smaller than original. The drawings we are working on are dated 1928 and the main assembly drawings have lots of detail and are 1.6 m wide. When complete the engine will be about 12 feet long.



The boiler will be a steel locomotive style boiler and will have a round top above the fire box. The belpaire shape will be a dummy.



The engine should look something like this when complete.  
Hope this is of interest... Don and Judy Bowyer.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Notes from the last Committee Meeting – these are only a brief summary of some of the items discussed.

- Reminder that General members meetings now to be held quarterly – the next being September 2012
- Maroon set of carriages is currently at Thornlie TAFE for repainting - should be back at the club in the near future
- Work on Dependable is an ongoing project – the electrical side has been completed – work on the body is progressing with a thorough clean up and then the loco will be re-assembled and then put into test
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – flyer sent to all AALS clubs – planning is progressing. Logo has been selected for the event.
- Sub committee formed to work through matters raised by SRT during recent on site visit – further meeting held with SRT staff and all matters progressing satisfactorily at this stage. As a result of these meetings, members are reminded that the site we occupy is under the primary control of both the SRT and the Dept of Environment & Conservation and accordingly there are protocols in place that must be adhered to when working around the grounds. It is important that members do not disturb earthworks without prior consultation with either your President or Secretary. These matters are still ongoing with the Secretary now in discussions with the W A Planning Commission.
- Roster forms for both Duty Officer & Canteen staff for the next few months have been sent – thank you to those members who have responded to the call.
- Work in the picnic ground is continuing – more slabs have been put in, mulch put in place, and most of the fence has been repaired. There is still more to be achieved here and the work is progressing slowly, however it is subject to the approvals process.
- Committee in the process of planning meetings re the future direction of the club and its infrastructure, etc.
- Quote for construction of new signal box obtained – further quotes to be sought prior to proceeding with this project.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

| Month               | Day       | Date             | Event                                    | Times    | Canteen | Duty Officer |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|--|----------|---------|--------------|
|                     | Sunday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Public Run from Wilson Station           | From 9am |         | Trish Stuart |
|                     | Wednesday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Work day                                 | From 9am |         |              |
|                     | Wednesday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Work day                                 | From 9am |         |              |
| <b>September</b>    | Saturday  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Preparation of Railway & General Meeting | From 9am |         |              |
| <b>Father's Day</b> | Sunday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Public Run from Niana                    | From 9am |         | Chris Doody  |
|                     | Wednesday | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Work day                                 | From 9am |         |              |



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|  | Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Committee Meeting                | From 5.30pm |  |  |
|  | Saturday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Major Work day                   | From 9am    |  |  |
|  | Wednesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Work day                         | From 9am    |  |  |
|  | Friday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Work night                       | From 3.30pm |  | Evening fish & chip meal provided to those in attendance |
|  | Sunday    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Public Run from Wilson Station   | From 9am    |  | Trish Stuart   |
|  | Wednesday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Work day                         | From 9am    |  |  |
|  | Wednesday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Work day                         | From 9am    |  |  |
|  | Sunday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Member's only day at the Railway | From 10am   |  | BYO lunch – either bbq or picnic                         |



**And the planning continues towards October 2013 !**

**WILL YOU HELP ???**

*It is planned to produce a DVD depicting the club's history and this is where you, the members can assist. Do you have any photos, video, film, etc. taken over any of the previous 48 ½ years the club has been operational? If the answer is yes, are you prepared to make a copy and allow it/them to be included in the DVD?*



*Ideally, any photos, etc. should include a brief but explanatory description of the location and also, an idea of the date the image was taken. Acknowledgement will be given to the owner/s of private photos as part of the DVD.*

*This project can only be achieved with your help – can you and will you assist preserve the club's history? Obviously the more material that is made available, the better the DVD can be. If you are able to contribute, please contact me to discuss the options available.*

*A few members have already offered copies of material they have so this is looking positive for the production of the DVD.*

## **DESIGN THE LOGO !!**

The logo design for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has been selected by our independent judge. The results will be presented to the next Committee meeting and from there work will continue towards the production of some souvenir items utilising the logo. Again, my thanks to those members who took the time to enter.

A flyer has been sent to all AALS clubs inviting them to join us for a weekend of relaxed running of trains on our railway. A copy of this flyer is included here for your information. There are still some details to be finalised and as we get further into the organising, more information will be made available.

There will be NO CAMPING on site during the weekend – the local accommodation listing is in the process of being checked prior to distribution to those who may be interested.

Just to remind members – keep the date available – this is the proposal:

- The first Sunday will be normal public running – I am hopeful of inviting some additional ‘entertainment’ type of attractions to make it a little more interesting for our patrons.
- The second weekend the railway will be operating as a ‘long weekend’ – Friday, Saturday & Sunday - which will be closed to the public. For this weekend, invitations will be sent to members of other AALS clubs to join us for three days of relaxed enjoyment of our railway. I do have some plans in mind so that it will not be just ‘running trains around the track’ but more will be revealed in due course. This weekend will culminate in a catered lunch on the Sunday with the appropriate speeches, acknowledgements, etc.
- Both members and visitors will be required to register for the second weekend’s activities.
- The third weekend will, as usual, be the public run from Wilson. As Wilson was not ‘on the horizon’ 50 years ago, this will be a normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday run day.
- Visiting locomotives and their owners will, of course, be invited to extend their stay and participate in both public run days.
- Don Bowyer has very kindly agreed to update the DVD previously put together by him. All offers of material to be included gratefully received and will be acknowledged. My thanks to those members who have already contributed.

More information as it comes to hand.

Sue Belcher,  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Co-Ordinator

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### **WORK DAYS:**

As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress can be made on these days with various projects.

If any members are on holidays from work, or simply want to contribute and help their club progress, don’t wait for an invitation – simply turn up on a Wednesday and join the crew. All help appreciated and will benefit your club.

### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Just a note to **ALL** members – when utilising the facilities in the clubrooms – tea, coffee etc. – **PLEASE clean up after yourself** – other members are not there to clean up after you. If we all look after and clean up after ourselves, the clubrooms will be a much more pleasant place to visit.

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**COME AND JOIN US**  
**CELEBRATE THE MILESTONE**  
**THAT IS**  
**CASTLEDARE MINIATURE RAILWAY'S**

**50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



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**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER. 11, 12 & 13th 2013**

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Approx. 5km 7 ¼" gauge and 500m dual gauge track

Coal, Fuel and Oils supplied

Road Vehicles and Model Engineering displays welcome

**TEA AND COFFEE ALL WEEKEND, Catered Lunch on Sunday**  
**Night running Saturday night, NO Public running on these three days**  
**however for those holding current AALS certifications and who wish to**  
**participate, the CMR public open days are Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> October**

**NO BOILER CERTIFICATE, NO RUN!**  
**Spark arrestors and secure ash pans are a must**

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More information as it comes to hand – BOOK THE DATE NOW !!!!!  
E-mail: [cmr1963@tpg.com.au](mailto:cmr1963@tpg.com.au)

## Notice Board

### Garden Mulcher

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If you wish to submit an article for inclusion in Cinders and Soot, please note that the closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The format should be Word, Arial font size 10.

Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on the page 2.

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## **STOP PRESS!**

Yesterday (19<sup>th</sup> August) was our Wilson Run Day and it coincided with the science expo event at the Eco Centre in Wilson. This generated a lot of interest in the railway, hence we hauled a record number of passengers – 905.

My thanks to the members who did a great job manning the four trains, signals, station and ticket box.

If any other members are able to spare the time for the third Sunday Wilson runs, it would be very much appreciated. We have slowly built up the patronage at Wilson and it is becoming as large an operation as the Niana runs.

Thanks in anticipation ☺

Trish Stuart  
(Wilson DO)

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