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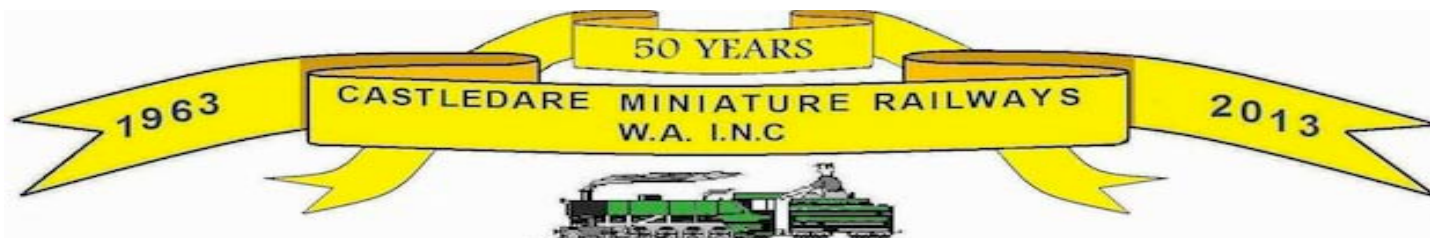
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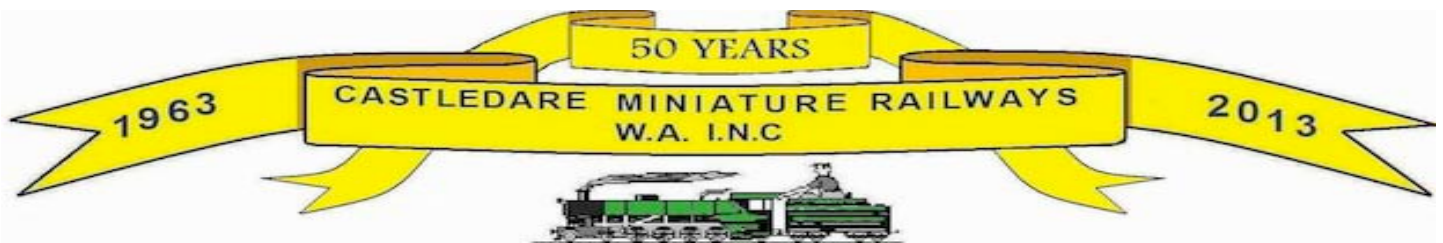
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**Cover page:** The new Niana A Signal Box nearing completion.

**Photographer:** Supplied by Mike Crean



## **The President's Bit**

The project management plan submitted recently to the Swan River trust has been approved. This now paves the way for us to make moves on progressing some of the projects that have been waiting in the background to really kick off. This includes the overhaul of two major bridges on the railway, firstly, the re-decking of the Bailey Bridge is to be carried out over the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. More on this one further down. The other project that will get underway very soon is the physical work on Bayou Bridge. As always, many hands make light work.

Since our last edition, it has been very pleasing to see yet more progress around the railway. Most notably, the new Niana Signal box is at lock up stage with electrical work underway. Progress so far looks fantastic, and the guys will soon be fitting out the new point and signal control system. In time a new lever frame is envisaged, with all point work being operated electro-pneumatically. Track work in the yard has been getting a facelift, with track re-aligned (including the relocating of one set of points), large numbers of sleepers replaced and a lot of leveling work carried out to combat the issue of tree roots. While there is scope for a lot more work in the future, what has been done so far is a vast improvement. The Clubroom has been completely emptied and repainted, with work progressing on new doors to separate clubroom and breezeway. By the time this is being read, work will be well advanced towards the repainting of the breezeway itself.

On other fronts, this afternoon saw the first part of work carried out on the Bailey Bridge to completely overhaul and replace the deck. Track has been lifted and set aside and all ballast and roadbed removed, exposing what was left of the timber bearer structure (not a pretty sight). This timberwork is to be replaced, along with a repaint of the steelwork on the bridge. All being well this will be finished for the Father's day run in September, in the slim chance this deadline is missed, run day traffic will be diverted via Fern Rd to Wilson.

We currently have an application in progress via the council to allow the expansion of the carriage shed to proceed, as well as the installation of a storage bunker for some rolling stock on the site previously occupied by the ballast bin. As with anything like this, it's unknown how long this process will take, however it is hoped that approvals will come in before the month is out.

In light of fresh information from the Swan River Trust, and some discussion at a recent general meeting, the decision has been taken to dispose of the steel footbridge sections obtained some years ago from the PTA and instead, look at long term maintenance and overhaul programs on the existing bridge. Various options are being examined for this and we are hopeful that the steel footbridge will move on for future re-use within railway preservation circles. Similarly, the full size lever frame located near the Bailey Bridge will in the future be departing for re-use by Hotham Valley Railway, in their Dwellingup operations.

With this being the second last issue before the big event rolls around in October, a couple of things to be noted. Firstly, after much debate, the decision was made at the last Committee meeting to waive the \$5 registration fee for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday weekend. Costs however will still apply for the main meal as originally stated. Secondly, with a lot things on the go, and a target of the birthday to achieve some of them, please keep an eye on your e-mails and or letterboxes, as the occasional alerts may pop up with updates on various things. As always, your help in these projects will be greatly appreciated, from wielding a paintbrush to installing decking on a Bridge. These alerts will give details on what is happening, when and who is coordinating the project. If at all possible, please bog in where you think you're able. The club will be the better for it.

Till next month, this week promises some more workshop time and hopefully some progress. I hope he doesn't mind me mentioning this, but one person who has been making progress is Roger Matthews. After 18 years, congratulations are due on the birth of a bouncing baby steam engine, which had its





first steam up this weekend. Builder and engine are doing well and looking forward to the birthday celebrations...

Craig

### **Club facilities clean up:**

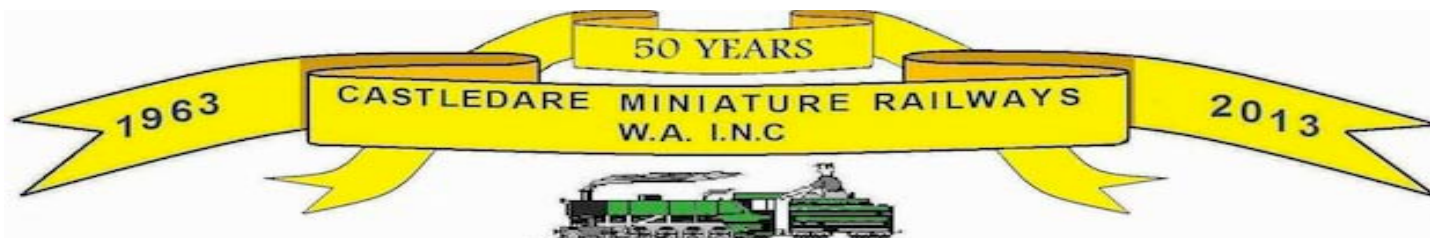
As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the following is a small list of projects that need attention in the coming few months. It's pleasing to see a few items have been taken up as projects by members. While they don't all need to be done by the time the club's 50<sup>th</sup> comes round, it seems logical to use this date as a goal by which to achieve a major spruce up of our facilities. Many of these items can be done solo or by a group, so if you think there's something you think you can take on, as mentioned I'd love to hear from you.

In no particular order of priority:

- Painting of Bailey Bridge (tied in with a project to re-deck the bridge later this month -24<sup>th</sup> &25<sup>th</sup>)
- Repaint Steam shed exterior wall
- Lay 2 additional sidings alongside carriage shed
- Establish a longterm solution for water supplies to Canning steaming bays and station area. In the interim, facilities may be needed for the 50<sup>th</sup> weekend at the very least.
- Prepare flagpole for re-location
- Continue Ballast work for line and level improvements, and expansion joint replacements/improvements.
- Repair timberwork in canteen awning (material on hand for this)

Craig Belcher  
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

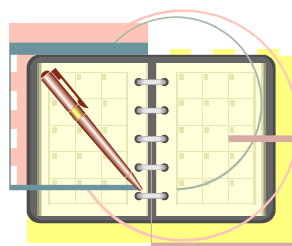
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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

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

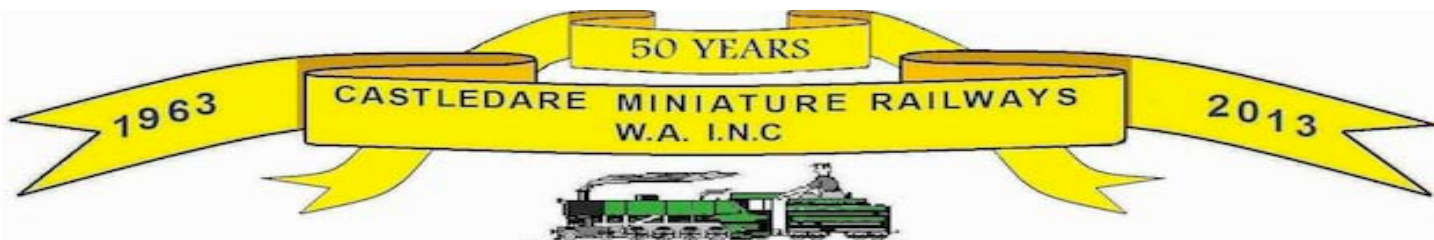
- Safety Management System will be displayed on notice board in the clubrooms when the painting, etc. has been completed
- Quote accepted for contractors to paint the fences in and around the station area – as a bonus they have offered to give the ticket box a fresh coat of paint in return for placing some signage at the railway.
- Work has continued on the clubroom / breezeway upgrade and should be very near to completion by the time you are reading this.
- Painting of Bayou Bridge is in hand.
- SRT approval for our Project Management plan has been received.
- Work progressing on foreshore management document required by the SRT
- 2013/14 15 month calendars have been ordered
- The construction of the new signal box is well under way and hopefully completed in the next month or so – still quite a bit of work to do.
- Conductive Education will benefit from the proceeds of our normal first Sunday run in December – this will be in lieu of a special run for that group which we have operated for a number of years now.
- Development application lodged with City of Canning for approval to extend the carriage shed and install the concrete culverts [currently on the oval] adjacent to the fuel shed.
- Discussions are under way with another organization that may be interested in taking and utilising the steel footbridge sections – nothing finalised as yet.



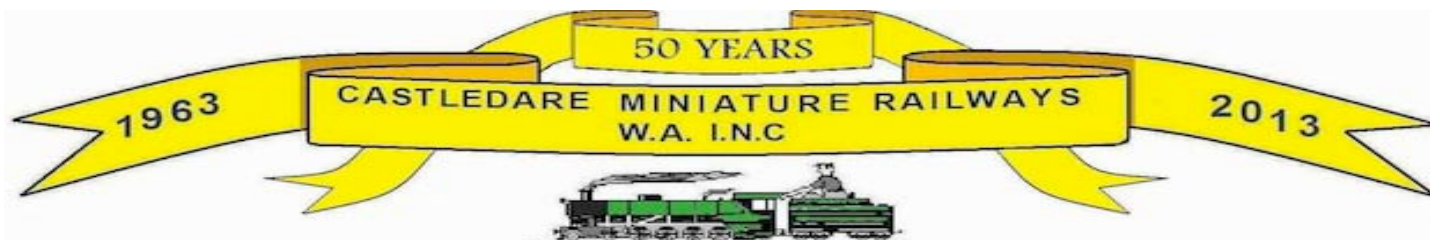
**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Please mark these dates in your diary, with a note on the fridge or even in your mobile phone – whatever works to remind you of what is happening !!

Month	Day	Date	Event	Times	Canteen	Duty Officer
August	Saturday	24	Start work on Bailey Bridge	From 9am		
	Sunday	25	Continue & complete Bailey Bridge	From 9am		



	Wednesday	28	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	31	Prepare the Railway & General Meeting	From 9am		
<b>September</b>	Sunday <b>Father's Day</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Public Run from Niana Station	From 9am	Judy Bowyer & Sue Belcher	David Lyons
	Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	5.30pm start		
	Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Work night	From 4pm		Evening meal provided
	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run day – Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Member's day	From 10am	<b>BYO LUNCH</b>	
<b>October</b>	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Prepare the railway	From 9am		
<b>EXPECTED TO BE A BUSY DAY</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Public run day – Niana Station</b>	<b>From 9am</b>	<b>Kathy Watson &amp; Julie Hamann</b>	<b>David Edwards</b>
<b>MUST</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday weekend</b>	<b>NO PUBLIC</b>		<b>MUST</b>
<b>BE</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday weekend</b>	<b>NO PUBLIC</b>		<b>BE</b>



<b>R E G I S T E R E D</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday weekend</b>	<b>NO PUBLIC</b>	<b>LUNCH MUST BE PRE BOOKED &amp; PAID FOR</b>	<b>R E G I S T E R E D</b>
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### **And we are almost there: October 2013 !**

The Registration Form for the birthday weekend is now available on the CMR website. From the website you can download the form, complete and return it to the relevant address.

Commemorative badges have been ordered and these will be available on a 'first come first served basis' – limited number to be offered for sale primarily by ordering one on the registration form. This logo is also the Builder's Plate and was designed by club member, Trish Stuart, and selected by our guest judge for the project. The Committee has agreed that as these are a 'limited' edition, those left after the event, if any, will be on sale to the general public. They can be ordered and paid for on your registration form and will then be made available for collection in October.

The other souvenir item with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo on it has now been received and is also available for sale via the Canteen.

Extended advertising is being planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday run in October so that our patrons can enjoy the railway's anniversary with a few special things happening on the day. 4 / 5 kindred organisations have indicated a willingness to set up displays on the oval, a young lady will be in attendance to provide a 'face painting' service for our patrons and a local primary school will be running a sausage sizzle.

The committee has endorsed my proposal for a number of "Super Trains" to be run on the day – these will be triple header trains with a double consist of carriages and will complete a full circuit of the CMR track. Passengers will be able to purchase a souvenir ticket to participate on these journeys for a small additional charge to our normal ticket price. The tickets will be limited in number – first in best dressed. A small number of souvenir tickets will be made available to members should they wish to purchase one – again, first in best dressed.

Registrations have begun to come through, if you require one it can be downloaded from our website or if you prefer, let me know and I will post one out to you via snail mail.

The program for the second weekend of October is currently being put together – if you have any positive comments or proposals to put forward, now is the time to speak up and let me know.

I look forward to the participation of all members in whatever capacity you are able to offer.

There is a flyer at the end of this magazine if any member is able to print off and put it on display in their local shopping centre, library or wherever to assist with publicity, that would be great.



I am pleased to advise further that at the Committee meeting held August 9<sup>th</sup> it was resolved to remove the \$5 daily registration fee previously advertised, however it is still important that the registration form is completed and returned.

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

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**WORK DAYS:**

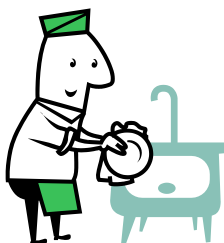
As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress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

If you are unable to join in on a Wednesday, there is also a small band of members who are regularly at the club on a Saturday morning – don't wait for a personal invitation – it is your club, feel free to come down, participate in some routine maintenance type tasks and enjoy some social interaction with fellow members.

If any members are on holidays from work, or simply want to contribute and help their club progress, – simply turn up on a Wednesday or a Saturday morning or come down on the Friday night prior to the mid month run day and join the crew. All help appreciated and will benefit your club.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

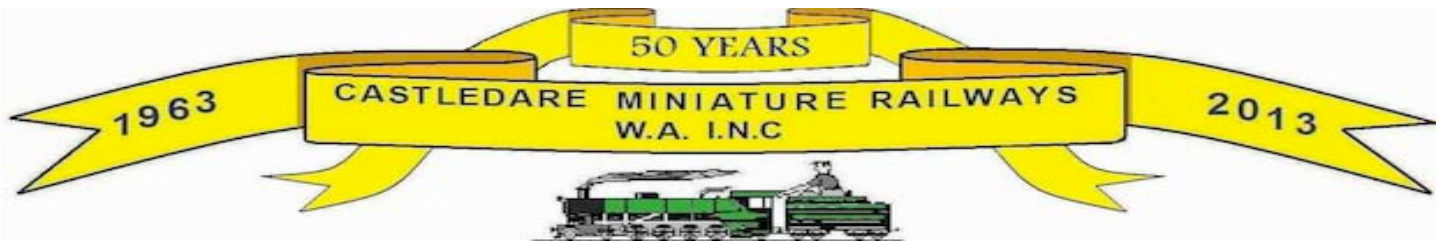
Just a note to **ALL** members – when utilising the facilities in the clubrooms – tea, coffee etc. – **PLEASE clean up after yourself** – other members are not there to clean up after you. If we all look after and clean up after ourselves, the clubrooms will be a much more pleasant place to visit.



**Do your own dishes + Put your rubbish in the bin = Everybody Happy**

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**REMINDER TO LOCOMOTIVE DRIVERS:**

Drivers are to observe that the turn-out to WILSON off the FERN ROAD main is in the form of a passing loop and should not be taken at track speed. A speed reduction of 33% is necessary. Gentle power can be applied as the locomotive exits the curves, although it must be kept in mind that a stop may have to be made at the entry to the DUAL BRIDGE. Please note that your view of approaching trains from WILSON is restricted and drivers are to listen for the sound of the horn from an approaching train, and be prepared to stop.

A similar speed restriction applies to the 'S' curve just after the Fern Tree Bridge.

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**Niana A Signal Box Upgrade**  
 Photos by Mike Crean



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## Yard Track Refurbishment

Photo by Roger Matthews

Our junior members, Curtis and Dylan, assist fellow member Clive with ballasting in the yard.



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## **Notice Board**

### **Microwave at Wilson**

This is a notice for the Wilson crew; we now have a microwave in the ticket box for use by members on run days. So if you feel like heating up your lunch, go for it – that is of course if we have the luxury of time to stop for lunch ☺

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Wilson crew.

Trish Stuart  
Wilson DO

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

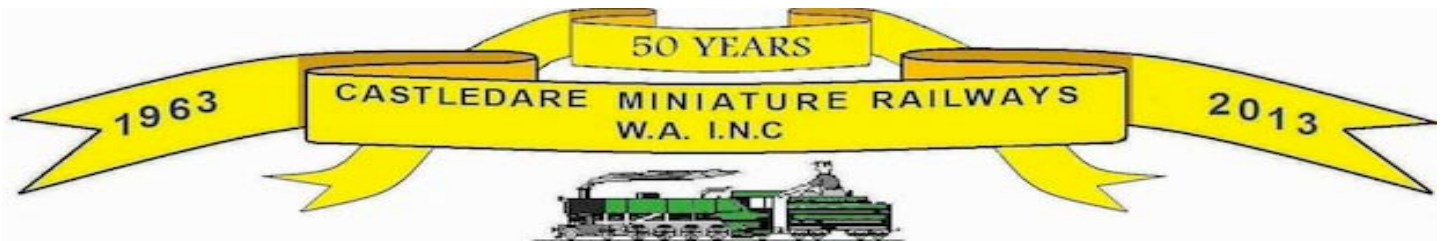
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Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on the page 2.

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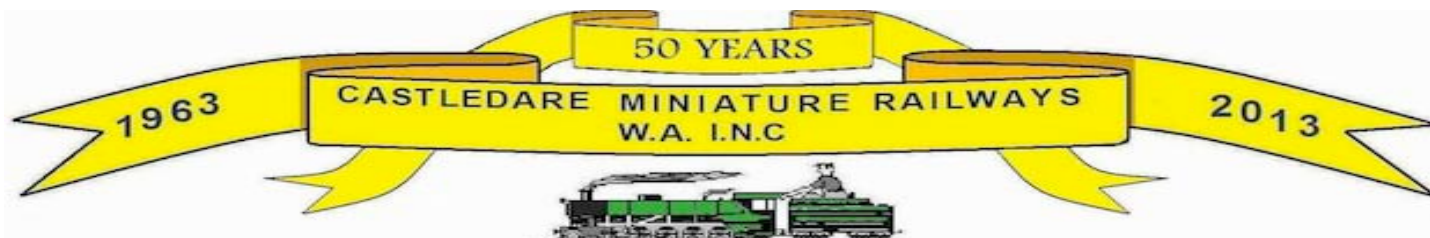
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### **Invite Castledare Miniature Railway Members**

To celebrate twenty-five years running

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Miniature Railway track, later to become the  
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We invite you to a fun weekend at our track on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am to late  
And Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 4.30pm

### **On Saturday it will just be for invited guests and their Locos To play trains.**

Rolls, sandwiches & cool drinks can be bought for lunch  
**with a BBQ in the evening.**

Sunday is our normal run day and we invite you to help us give rides to the general public. If you have carriages you can bring that would be a big help.

Rolls, sandwiches & cool drinks can be bought for lunch.

Our track is 7¼ gauge and we have a secure loco shed, turntable and steaming bays - coal provided.

**Must have a current Boiler Certificate**

Cost for the weekend \$20.00 per person for both days

Tea & coffee on tap all weekend.

**Saturday night BBQ \$20.00 per person, to cover meat, salads & sweets.**

Hotel, Motel, Bed & Breakfast accommodation in Katanning,  
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### **BELOW IS A LIST OF ACCOMMODATION IN KATANNING:**

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#### **MOTELS**

New Lodge Motel. 168-172 Clive Street. Ph 08 98211788 Fax 08 98211364

Katanning Motel 38 Albion Street (2 minutes from Miniature Railway)  
Ph 08 98211657. Fax 08 98211930.

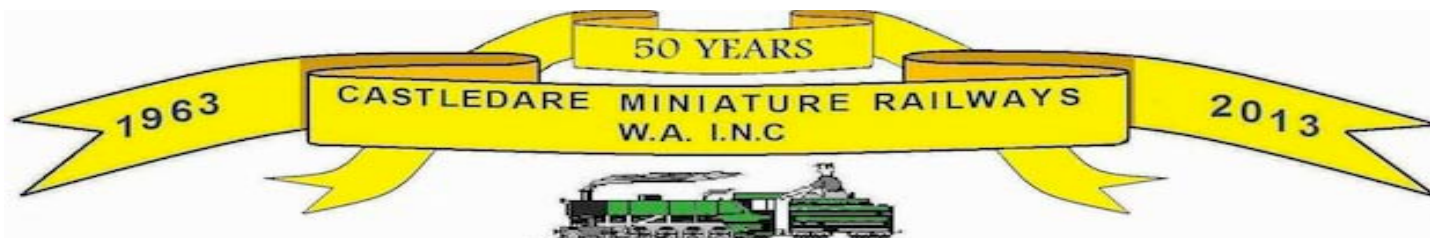
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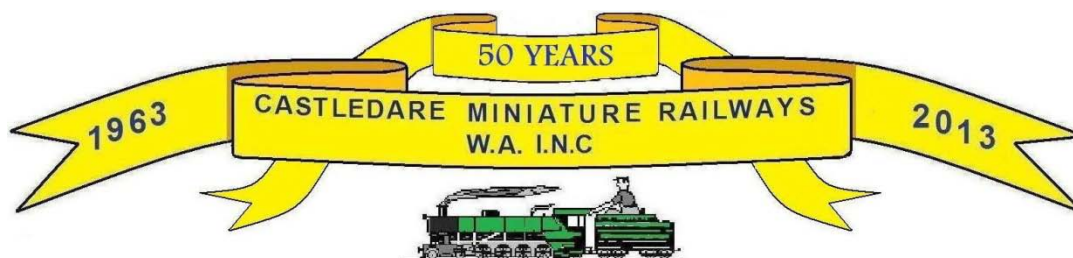
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The **“SUPER TRAINS”** will carry limited passengers per train and will complete a full circuit of the track [approx. 7¼ km] of the Castledare Miniature Railway - each passenger will be provided with a ‘souvenir’ ticket to mark the occasion.

Fee per ride on the **“SUPER TRAIN”** is \$8.00 per adult & \$5.00 per child.

Tickets available on the day on a ‘first come first served’ basis.

**BOOK THE DATE NOW !!!!!**

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