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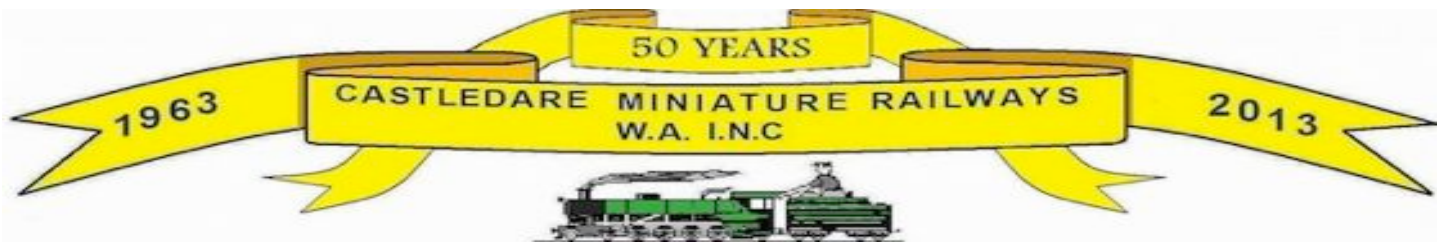
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**Cover page:** Merry Christmas

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## The President's Bit

Well here we are at the end of another if not very auspicious year. With such milestones as celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, the completion of a new signal box, the foot bridge, clubroom and diesel shed all receiving facelifts and other projects given big pushes, we have a lot to be proud of and can take a lot forward from this year's efforts. There is however one noticeable difference this year, with no special booking runs for Christmas. Quite hard to tell if there is a specific reason for this, we have never really advertised them in the past, maybe it's time we did?

With the new signal box project coming towards completion, the signals crew is working up a plan for the demolition of the existing B box, and some associated track re-alignment. Should this go ahead, several new sets of points will be manufactured, and the arrival throat of Niana Station re-arranged to allow better access to and from the yard, and at the same time, removing the double slips by a simplified arrangement.

As mentioned to members at the recent general meeting, pending an inspection, the committee has arranged for the purchase of an additional 6 wagons, similar to the existing yellow set. These have been made available at a very good price, and should provide a bit more flexibility to cover for other wagons out for maintenance in the future.

Work has begun towards the clean up and disposal of the ex WAGR Fillimore Street footbridge. Various metal recycling companies have shown interest, and this will be progressed as we are able to.

Looking ahead, we have a few things on the boil for which we will be putting the call out for help. Attention is required on 2 bridges, and a couple of track replacement projects (delayed by more pressing matters) and all will be programmed into the next year. When these calls are made, if you're able to assist, it will be much appreciated.

My thanks again to everyone who contributed throughout the year. The club is only as strong as the members and their unity in taking the club to where we all know it can be again, one of the best miniature railways in the country.

I'll take this opportunity, from myself and Damelsa, to wish the members (and friends) of the railway, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Remember, enjoy the holidays, but stay safe, we want to see you all again next year. And let us all look forward to a bigger and better year!

Till next month, for those with holidays over the Christmas period, I look forward to seeing the results of some Christmas workshop time next year!

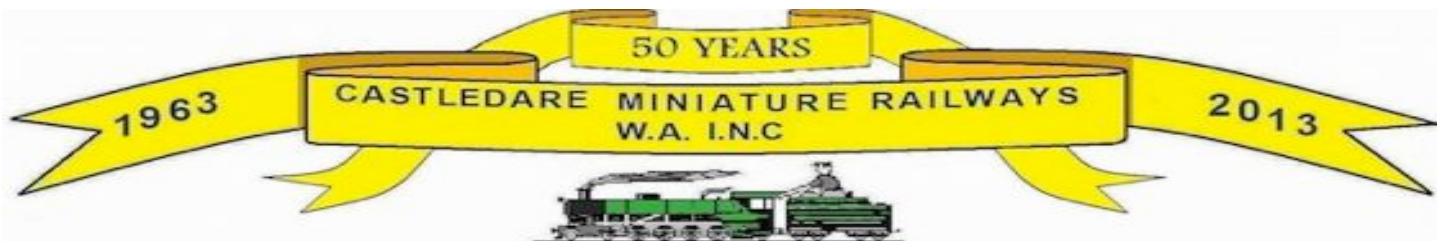
Craig

Where are they now????

While working towards the 50<sup>th</sup>, the question was posed by a member, what happened to xyz loco??? This question resulted in a good couple of hours musing over the prospect of the current status of some of the club's heritage, so the question then I put to the members; do you know of any older CMR locos and their current status / location / owner???

Craig Belcher  
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

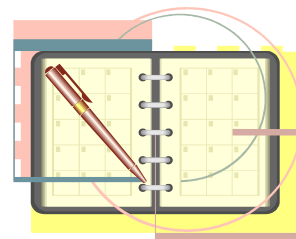
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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

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

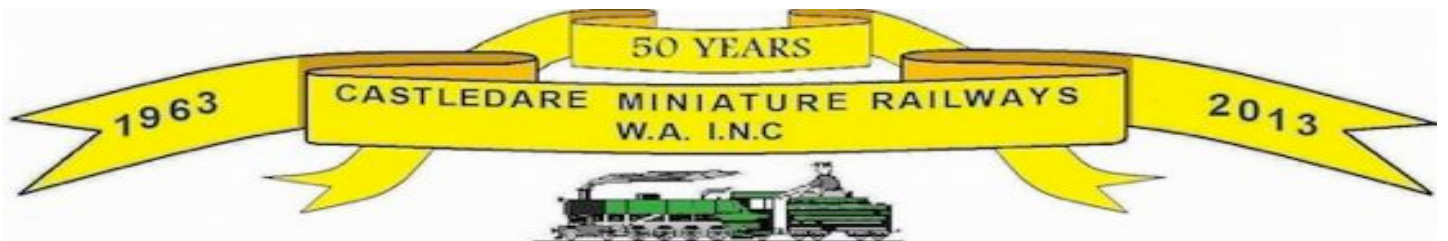
- Work progressing on foreshore management document required by the SRT – Richard Stuart & Les Smith working on this project.
- Paint is on hand for the bridges around the railway
- Retinitis Pigmentosa has requested a run day for April 2014
- Work is progressing on a replacement boiler for Denis P Moore – currently some parts are with the welder. Richard Stuart & Roger Matthews working on this.
- Committee is considering the CANCELLATION of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday run from Wilson in April 2014 as a result of this falling on Easter Sunday and quite a few members who are usually involved in this run day have indicated they will be attending the AALS Convention in Melbourne. Appropriate notices would need to be placed on both ticket boxes as of January 2014 so that patrons are advised well in advance.
- Christmas function for members – separate letter to be sent to members with information.



**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
DECEMBER	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	From 5.30pm		
	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>	Member's Christmas Function	From 4pm	<b>MUST HAVE RETURNED FORM AND MONEY</b>	<b>Evening BBQ meal – cost of \$5 per person</b>

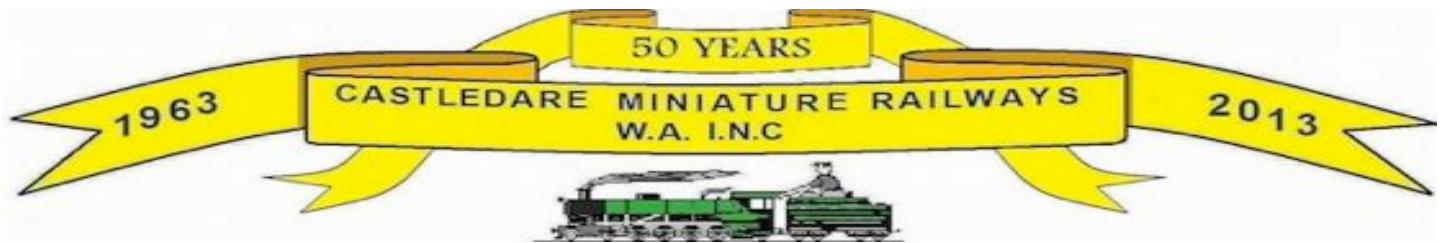


	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run from Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
<b>JANUARY</b>	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
	Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run from Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
	Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day			
	Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday			
	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Prepare the Railway & General Meeting	From 9am		
	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Public Run from Niana Station	From 9am	Judy Bowyer & Eddie Smith	Chris Doody

- If any member has a key to the clubroom building and intends to be at the club for any reason after 6pm any evening please contact the security control room [94275560](tel:94275560) advising them of your intent. The general rule for security is that the premises will be secured by 6pm each evening – if you are here after that time, PLEASE notify security of your estimated departure time.
- The auditor has requested an asset register be put in place - if any member feels that they would be able to assist in setting one up, please contact either Ken or Craig for more information
- **Just a reminder that there is no first Sunday run in January, third Sunday operates as usual**
- By the time you are reading this, you should have received by 'snail' mail, your membership renewal form for 2014 - Please complete this as required and return as soon as possible. Don't forget – if you utilise the electronic banking option for your fees you MUST still return the completed form.

#### ONGOING PROJECTS:

Carriage shed extension: Brickwork has now been completed, next step is to prepare the trackwork to be put in place prior to the roof being installed. Work on the metal frame etc. for the roof has been commenced in readiness for installation.



**Box culverts:** The groundwork for this project is almost complete, requires further levelling prior to the bases being installed. Once the bases are installed, the track will be put in place prior to the covers being lifted into place. When this has been completed, heavy duty plastic will be placed over the top and sand which is stored on site will be used as fill over the top of the culverts, particularly between the culverts and the oval and this will, eventually, encourage grass from the oval to spread across the top. Once this is complete, a metal gate will be attached to the entrance of the culverts creating a storage road.

**Full size footbridge:** A lot of time and effort has been put into sourcing a purchaser for these bridge sections on an as is/where is basis however there has been little or no response. To be disposed of as scrap means that the members of CMR will need to remove the bitumen and timber from the sections and this will take some time [and maybe a few more members offering to assist]. In due course the plan for disposal will be as scrap metal.

**Painting of the bridges of the railway:** Paint is on hand for this project – any member/s wishing to assist would be appreciated.

**Painting of diesel shed:** Clive Woodward has commenced this project and continues as time permits.

#### **CONVENTION 2014:**

This convention will be hosted by the Tullamarine Live Steam Society, Melbourne, Victoria. Details on all aspects of the convention, including registration forms, are available at this club's website:

<http://www.bullahillrailway.org.au/>

#### **WORK DAYS:**

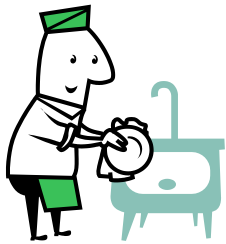
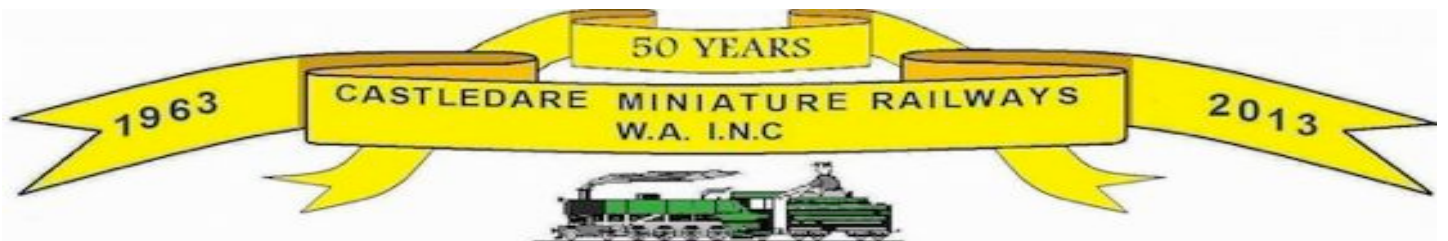
As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew, but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress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

Now that the clubrooms and breezeway areas have been repainted and tidied up, it would be appreciated if members would remember that these are 'common' areas for all members to utilize and in particular, the breezeway area is quite often a busy thoroughfare. **It is not simply an extension of the workshop or the containers, it is not the dumping ground for tools that you 'haven't quite finished with yet'** – please have the courtesy to put things away where they belong, clean up after yourself thus making our facilities able to be enjoyed by all.



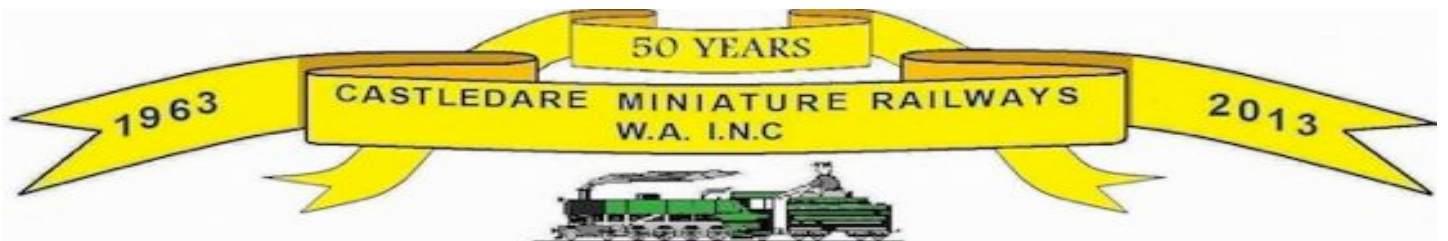
It is that time of the year again, 2013 is almost behind us and another will begin. It has been a very busy year for all of us in one way or another – be it working at the club in addition to our usual occupations, contributing to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary [quite a milestone for a club in anyone's language] or dealing with various health and family issues as they arise. We all have our life to live outside of the club but it is both our interest in all things railway and the future of 'our' club that brings us all together – in spite of our varying ideas and opinions. This year has proven that if we put our minds to it, we can achieve great things and continue to improve the facilities both for the members and our patrons who have supported us for so long.

On behalf of Sue and myself, I trust you will all have a great Christmas, enjoy time with your family and friends whether you will be at home or away on holiday and return to the club in 2014 with renewed interest and intention for 2014.

Cheers,  
Ken



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**Castledare through 2013**



Australia Day - Night Riders  
(Photo: R Matthews)



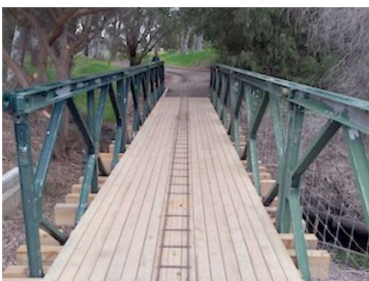
AGM – Clubman of the Year Award  
(Photo: R Stuart)



Easter Night Run  
(Photo: R Matthews)



New Signal Box  
(Photo: M Crean)



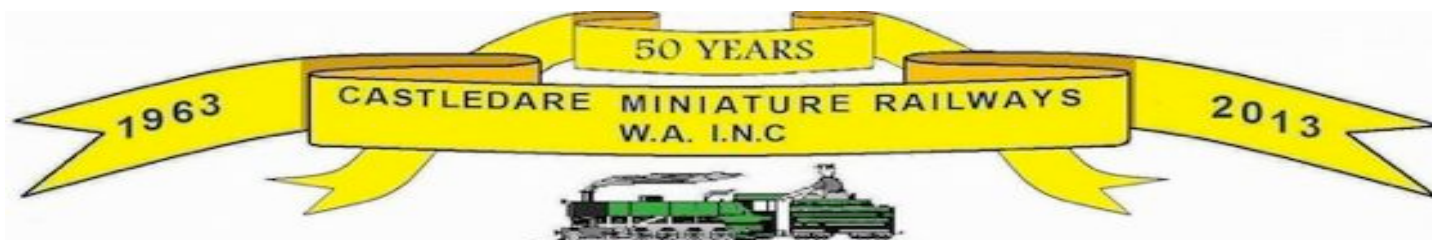
Bailey Bridge rebuild  
(Photo: R Stuart)



CMR 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Run  
(Photo: J Palm)

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*Merry Christmas to all members and friends of CMR*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

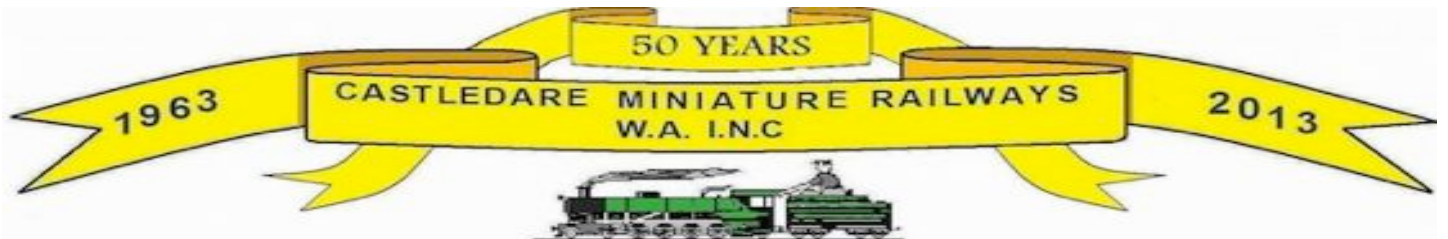
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Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on the page 2.

**Articles wanted for 2014, please think about contributing and sharing your stories with your fellow members and help make this magazine interesting as well as informative!!!!**

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