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**The Castledare Miniature Railway is sponsored by:**

Coal Supplies: The steam locomotives at the Castledare Miniature Railway operate with coal supplied by Premier Coal

**Cover page:** Clive Chapman and his 5" gauge Torquay Manor crossing Stanbridge. The first 5" engine to do so in nearly 5 years.

**Photographer:** C Belcher

# President's Report

*Due to our President's absence (he's on holiday enjoying himself) there is no President's Report this month.*

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## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Following are some of the items that have been discussed at Committee meetings and they are listed here in an endeavour to keep members informed of the current goings on. If any members have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member. Contact details for all members of the committee are published elsewhere in the magazine.

From the Committee meetings held:

- ⇒ Convention sub committee progressing towards 2009 AALS Convention at CMR – relevant information now posted on the CMR website - blank registration forms are in the club rooms or on the web page – if you are unable to access a registration, please contact the Secretary to arrange for one to be posted to you. Registration forms are coming in on a regular basis – please check the CMR website for updated information as it comes to hand. All CMR members who wish to attend the convention must complete the registration form and pay the required fee.
- ⇒ Roster forms for the Convention weekend have been distributed to members and are also available on the CMR website – these should be completed by all members who are willing to assist with the managing of the weekend
- ⇒ Painting has commenced on the new 5" steaming bays
- ⇒ Guttering has been replaced in front of the steam and diesel sheds
- ⇒ Copy of the new rule book is now available from the secretary
- ⇒ Bricklayer has been contracted to build the walls as required

Members are reminded:

There is still some cause for concern at the speed which some members are arriving and / or departing the grounds. Please remember to slow down when entering the railway premises – in particular when driving your vehicle over the level crossings.



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

### Public Run Days

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| Sunday | 1 <sup>st</sup> March – Public run day - Niana Station   |
| Sunday | 15 <sup>th</sup> March - Public run day - Wilson station |
| Sunday | 5 <sup>th</sup> April – Public run day - Niana Station   |
| Sunday | 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Public run day – Wilson Station |

## 2009 Convention

Time is running out if you wish to register for the convention which will run from the 10<sup>th</sup> of April thru to the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. If your registration is to include the evening meal – the form and appropriate payment must be received on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March - See you there

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the club this year will be held at the Braibrise Hall (Braibrise Rd, Wilson) It is anticipated that the evening will begin at 6.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April with a light meal, followed by the Annual General Meeting. At the conclusion of the formal meeting, members present will be invited to participate in a discussion as to the future direction the club should pursue. At the end of this newsletter, members will find the listing of positions on the Management Committee that will become vacant, together with a nomination form. **Completed nomination forms should be received by the Secretary on or before MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 5P.M.**

### Work days / nights – all members welcome to participate

Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> March – workday
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> March – workday/night
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> March – workday
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> March- workday
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> March – workday/night
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> March – workday
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> March – workday/night
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> March – workday
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March- workday/night

### General Dates for inclusion in your Diary

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> February - Prepare railway for run day and General Meeting at 11am
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> April – Prepare railway for run day and General Meeting at 11am

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – MAJOR WORK WEEKEND to clean up and tidy the railway in readiness for the AALS Convention. This is an important weekend and the opportunity for all members to rally together to ensure the Convention is the success it should be**

The club will provide a BBQ lunch on the Sunday so please contact the Secretary and register your intention to attend the weekend so that numbers for catering can be finalized.



## Situations Vacant

Anyone who has a green thumb and can assist with the maintenance of the gardens around the club grounds please contact the Secretary.

Members to assist with the general upkeep of the grounds please contact the Secretary.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The positions that will be vacated at the 2009 Annual General Meeting are:

Positions which will be declared vacant this year are as follows:

Vice President	Retiring	Vic Jones
Secretary	Retiring	Ken Belcher
General Committee	Retiring	Craig Belcher
	Retiring	Tania Watson
	Retiring	Richard Stuart

All retiring members are eligible for re-election if willing to continue and are so nominated.

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**CMR Statistics 2008**

Date	Trains	Passengers
Jan 6	32	670
Jan 20	20	333
Feb 3	34	570
Feb 17	18	260
March 2	36	825
March 16	20	290
March 22	17	408
March 23	21	360
April 6	58	1171
April 20	30	441
May 4	59	1206
May 18	25	420
June 1	41	504
June 2	42	635
June 15	0	0
July 6	63	1385
July 20	40	523
Aug 3	58	1251
Aug 17	37	500
Sept 7	60	1445
Sept 21	21	212
Oct 5	85	1623
Oct 19	48	669
Nov 1	57	1049
Nov 16	43	602
Dec 7	47	845
Dec 21	15	230
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>18427</b>

**Station Totals**

Niana	13179
Wilson	4480
Charter	768
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18427</b>

**TOWARDS 2 MILLION..... 105,928**

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## Castledare Gallery



New point blades - the CMR point blade milling jig in action  
(Photographer: R Stuart)

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## Notice Board

### Annual Licence Review:

The annual licence review is to take place on the February and March run days. Please bring any tickets you hold and be prepared to show them to Fran so that she can check them against club records. This information will be entered into a database so that future checks will be easier.

### Private Parties:

Please note that Private parties, held on Public run days, MUST operate from the designated station of the day.

### Security:

Members are reminded not to leave valuables on display in parked cars. Vehicles parked on the top car park have been broken into recently.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Please do not forget to advise us if you change your email address. This will ensure that you always receive your Cinders and Soot notification. Thanks.

If you wish to contribute an article to Cinders and Soot, please note that the closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on the page 2.

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF CASTLEDARE  
MINIATURE RAILWAYS OF W.A. INC.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ **hereby nominate** \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of  2  years.

I accept this nomination and if duly elected, agree to serve on the Management Committee of Castledare Miniature Railway.  
[signed] \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be received by the Secretary no later then 5pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

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