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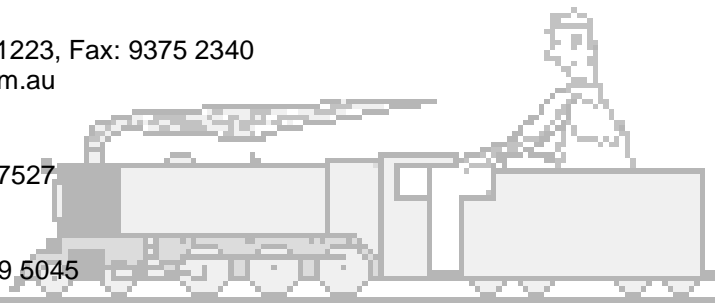
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## President's Report

This is now my second attempt to write this month's Cinders & Soot report thanks to Colin Barnett's latest power saving method, which has been to cut off the power on a regular basis, never mind not turning on the air con. Problem was I had not saved what I had already written before he pulled the plug! So off we go again, fingers crossed ☺.

As members know, the second Sunday in the month is set aside as Member's Day where we can play trains in whatever way we feel free to do within the confines of safety and common sense and also enjoy a bar-b-cue lunch for those that bring it with them. Attendance over the years has been, on the whole, poor. It's hard to know why as it's been said over the years that CMR is all work and no play. And yet given the chance to just have a day at the railway without doing work members don't use the opportunity. Personally this to me is not a concern as whenever I have attended these days I have always had a great time.

However, as you also know Sue Belcher put forward a proposal of a more organised member's day to be held on the second Sunday in the month where there are five Sundays in that month, which is four each year. Unfortunately there was nil response to her proposal but your committee has decided to at least give it a try. The next month with five Sundays in it is April. However the second Sunday in April is Easter Sunday so it was decided to hold the first event on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be the week after the AGM which is to be held on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>, details of this are somewhere else in the issue. For this event we shall be doing reverse running with more details in the next Cinders & Soot. I should point out that the second Sunday in the other months will still be known as Member's day and if only three members turn up as happened last Sunday then so be it. I should remind members that on Member's day you can drive any of the club locos and also member's children over a certain age, if supervised, can also drive club locos.

There was a better than usual turn out on the Saturday morning before the last run day to help clean away the tree bark and leaves that cover the tracks and other areas of the railway especially around the Niana Station area and picnic ground. Thanks to those that were there and also to those who were there the Saturday before and thanks to the Wednesday crew for all their hard work.

The following Saturday workday was reasonably well attended and some re-sleepering was done from canning junction in the convention loop and also some ballasting at Fisherman's Bend. There may well have been other work carried out but I was busy in the picnic ground so not sure exactly what was done. Thanks to those that were there.

Roger Matthews  
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.

- 3 gondolas which are currently stored in workshop are to be rebuilt - work progressing
- Reminder that General members meetings now to be held quarterly – the next being March 2012
- Carriage shed extension proposal has been approved and work has started – this project is now in the hands of a contractor
- Recycled plastic picnic tables to be purchased for the picnic ground – one already on site
- Maroon set to be sent to Thornlie TAFE for repainting (This project will now wait until 2012)
- The future of the club Member's day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month discussed. Previous proposal submitted by member to be re printed in C & S for member's input and suggestions. If nothing forthcoming from the general membership, the Committee will then make a decision – very little comment received from the membership therefore Committee has decided that the second Sunday will continue and where there are 5 Sundays in the month some activity will be organised. Further information elsewhere in the magazine.
- Refurbishment of the picnic ground – work on this project is ongoing – work will continue once the cooler weather is here.
- Work on Dependable progressing
- AGM will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at the ECO centre Wilson Park
- Re-sleeping project nearing completion
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration plans discussed – Mrs. Belcher to continue with planning as outlined



**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Month	Day	Date	Event	Times	Canteen	Duty Officer
<b>February</b>						
[Meal provided for those in attendance]	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Work night	From 4pm		
	Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run Day Wilson Station	Members needed from 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Work Day	9am – 3pm		
	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	9am – 3pm		

<b>March</b>						
	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Preparation of Railway + General Meeting	From 9am		
	Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run day Niana Station	From 9am	Gill Davies & Sue Belcher	John Smith
	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	9am – 3pm		
	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting	5.30pm		
	Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Track work day	From 9am		
BYO LUNCH	Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Members day			
	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	9am – 3pm		
[Meal provided for those in attendance	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Work Night	From 4pm		
	Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run day Wilson Station	Members needed from 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Work day	9am – 3pm		
	Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	9am – 3pm		

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

As previously outlined, the Castledare Miniature Railway's Annual General Meeting for 2012 will be held at the Eco Centre, Kent Street, Wilson Park on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 commencing at 6.30pm.

Those positions that are due for election are as follows:

President	Currently	Roger Matthews	2 year term
Treasurer	Currently	Tania Watson	2 year term
Minute Secretary	Currently	Chris Doody	2 year term
Committee Member	Currently	Trish Stuart	2 year term
	Currently	Eno Gruszecki	2 year term

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a nomination form. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, then please complete the form and return it to the Secretary on or before 4pm on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. All incumbent members are eligible for re-election should they so choose.



## **And the planning has begun !! Roll on October 2013 !**

Following discussions with the Management Committee, it has been agreed that the month of October 2013 will be the Anniversary Month. The first and third Sundays will, as usual, be public open days however in the months leading up to them it is planned to increase publicity in a number of ways with a view to increased patronage on both Sundays. The second weekend of the month will be the 'private' celebrations for both our members and our fellow railway enthusiasts.

For the second weekend, invitations will be distributed to other clubs both here in WA and interstate [there has already been some interest from the wise men in the east !!] and it is planned to have a 3 day weekend event – Friday, Saturday and culminating on Sunday with a catered lunch and birthday cake, etc.

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 will be. If you are able to contribute, please contact me to discuss the options available.

As has been customary, CMR has, in the past, produced a 'builder's plate' that has been given to the owners of locomotives registered at conventions hosted by the club. This is planned to continue for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

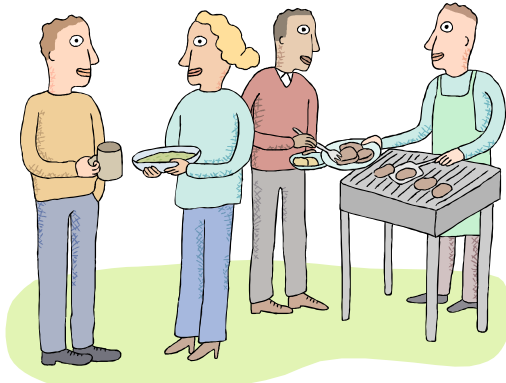
**To this end, I extend an invitation to all current members of Castledare to participate in a competition to design the logo that will be used as the Club logo for 2013. The logo will be used as a 'watermark' on all correspondence, on the pages of our club magazine, and hopefully, for the builders plate and a badge to commemorate the occasion. The logo will also be used on a souvenir type item specifically for the 50<sup>th</sup>.**

Get your thinking hats on – it's time to start designing. Please bear in mind that your design will need to be able to be resized relatively easily to accommodate the different uses that are planned.

Entries need to be received by me no later than the public run day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 and will be judged by a person who is completely independent of anyone at Castledare. The judges decision will be final. There will be a small prize for the winning entry.

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

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**Member's Day:**

As you know, on two occasions in the last twelve months a proposal has been printed in the club magazine regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Member's Day. The reason for the proposal was the apparent lack of interest by members attending. As there has been very little [or no] response to the proposal, the committee has decided to make some changes. Those changes are:

**The second Sunday will remain for those members who are interested**

**The months of the year where there are 5 Sundays – every endeavour will be made to organise something that may be of interest to the members.**

**Commencing with April – as the second Sunday this year falls on Easter Sunday, there will be no Member's Day however as there are five Sundays, on the fifth Sunday we will have a day of 'playing trains' – no public – reverse running over whole railway – provided the Trackmaster concurs of course.**

***THESE DAYS ARE STRICTLY NO PUBLIC AND NO WORK – ENJOYMENT BY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY ONLY.***

**Please BYO barbecue or picnic lunch and share the club's facilities with your fellow members.**

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## Castledare Gallery

◆◆◆Phoenix pulling the fire train◆◆◆  
*(Photographer: R. Matthews)*



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Castledare Miniature Railway of WA Inc



Dear Fellow Member.....CONGRATULATIONS!

You have been offered a position on the prestigious **“A-TEAM”**.

To take advantage of this fabulous once in a lifetime offer you are immediately recommended to complete the application form attached to secure a coveted life membership that will expand your skills and put back into the CLUB a small personal sacrifice that will be greatly appreciated.

**BACKGROUND** The A-Team “leader” is generally John Watson, with many ideas of what needs to be done, however, free spirited individuals like Stork can wander off and do their own thing. Jobs are varied, such as carpentry, gardening, wagon work, minor painting, cleaning-up workshop messes left by (name withheld) or somebody, making morning-lunch-afternoon tea, telling others what to do, or just giving advice to committee members. Attendance is about 8-30am to 3-00pm each Wednesday, public holidays excepted.

***Satisfaction guaranteed!*** What more could you want? It is free!  
You will learn a lot, men’s health issues, Adrian’s gold mining and flying exploits, why Ken’s grass won’t grow, getting Tom out of another bog, Les complaining about L/V (again) and the woes of the world. Then there is bird watching that helps to improve that ailing sight. Some nice birds do trot past.

What you will not get is 48 steak knives, so sign now!

The **“A-TEAM”** will learn something from you! They are waiting.  
The Club will be grateful.

**APPLICATION to JOIN A-TEAM**

Dear Honourable Secretary,  
Please rush this once in a lifetime opportunity to the **A-TEAM** validation committee to immediately secure my position.

Name (please print)	
Gender	
Interests	
Limitations	
I agree with the terms and conditions of this offer and will more or less work as directed by John (or his deputy).	Signature.....
Received by Hon. Secretary	.....
<b>A-TEAM</b> Validation	Accepted  Rejected
If rejected, 10 good reasons to be given. Please write in full in the space provided.	Reasons:

*Editor's note: Copies of the above form will be placed in the Clubroom for your convenience.*

## Notice Board

### For Sale - **REDUCED**

71/4 Black 5 chassis, complete and working on air. Tender almost complete. Copper boiler, silver soldered by Bob Brown and pressure tested certified.

Reason for sale, failing strength and health! Buyer collects.

Can be inspected at:  
4, Glenelg Way, Mandurah.  
Telephone: 9582 0334. Cliff Pole

Price: \$20,000.00 (offers considered)

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### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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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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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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