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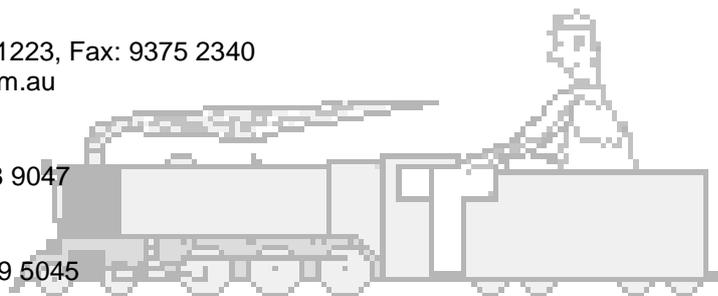
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### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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 to be sent to Thornlie TAFE for repainting (TAFE have now confirmed this project will be happening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2012)
- Work on Dependable progressing – in the hands of John Watson and barring anything unforeseen could possibly be completed before the end of the month – unfortunately as a result of the need to locate and repair a fairly major water leak Dependable is still to be completed – electrical work on the loco has been completed – testing still to be finalised
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – see note elsewhere in the magazine
- 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.
- Approval to arrange for bins to be on site for removal of scrap steel and concrete rubble – concrete rubble removed (2 skip bins full) – scrap steel still to be done
- Roster forms for both Duty Officer & Canteen staff for the next few months will be distributed shortly. If you do not receive a form but are interested in participating, please contact the Secretary.
- Thank you letter from Retina Australia WA to be reproduced in C & S magazine.
- Work in the picnic ground is continuing – more slabs have been put in, mulch put in place, most of the fence has been repaired. There is still more to be achieved here and the work is progressing slowly.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Month	Day	Date	Event	Times	Canteen	Duty Officer
<b>July</b>	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	CMR Members & Family day	From 10am		BYO bbq or picnic lunch and enjoy the railway
<b>August</b>	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Preparation of the railway	From 9am		
	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run from Niana	From 9am	Judy Bowyer &	Les Millman

					Gill Davies	
<b>August</b>	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	5.30pm		
	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Track & Major projects work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Work night	From 3.30pm		Evening fish & chip meal provided to those in attendance
	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	From 9am		
<b>Father's Day</b>	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Public Run from Niana	From 9am		



**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 !!**

*Thank you to those members who took the time and designed a logo for our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. A total of 8 entries were received from three members. These are with the independent Judge for his decision so we just need to await the outcome.*

*To put all members in the picture, the Committee have supported the following proposal for our birthday month of October 2013.*

- *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. The Wednesday work crew achieves quite a lot but there is always room in the crew for more to join in.

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.

*Sue Belcher*

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## **STEAM IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **By Richard & Trish Stuart**

At the Easter convention, with AALS meetings over, we had an afternoon to ourselves and decided to see some of the sights of South Australia. After brief thought, being hillbillies ourselves, we headed for the Adelaide hills. Having wandered around Gumeracha we still had plenty of time left and set off East towards the Murray River, finally arriving at the riverside town of Mannum. By chance a tourist boat was getting ready to depart, and this turned out to be a genuine paddle steamer, the preserved P.S. Marion.



**P.S. MARION AT MANNUM**

We enjoyed watching the pre-departure bustle, then the gangplank was pulled up and P.S. Marion set off on her stately steam-powered journey up the mighty Murray.

On the journey back we detoured through the towns of Sedan and Cambrai with their Marne and Somme Rivers, then re-crossed the hills amidst a moorland landscape that reminded us of Dartmoor in South-West England. The descent took us into the Barossa Valley where we stopped to walk round the attractive town of Angaston. The next town, Nuriootpa, had a full size steam loco on display in a public park (see front cover).

Next day we took a drive down the coast on the way back to Adelaide Airport. By chance we spotted the miniature railway between Semaphore and Fort Glanville and stopped for a look. Nothing much seemed to be happening and the end of the line looked desolate and sand-blown. However, the distant sound of a steam whistle raised our hopes and a train duly approached. The driver appeared to be familiar with lineside photographers and gave us a friendly wave to send us on our way back to Perth.



**THE END OF THE LINE AT FORT GLANVILLE**



**A FRIENDLY WAVE FROM THE DRIVER OF "BILL"**

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## The President's Bit

The June long weekend has come and gone once again, and we can all breath a collective sigh of relief that it's done and dusted for another year. It was yet another example of how the members can, and DO, pull together to make things happen. I'm told up to 21000 people attended the AMRA show at Claremont showground, and from what I have heard, most of them found their way to CMR as well...! Two very busy days at the railway were had, the result being a very happy treasurer. My thanks to Chris for organizing the display at the AMRA show, had a few minor hiccups (lack of barricading being one) but it all went well. We've learnt a few things for next time, and to try and make things that little bit easier the club will be investing in a couple portable display banners, to be used at events such as this.

To add to this, the Retina Associations run on the 27<sup>th</sup> was also very well populated leading to the group raising approximately 20% more than they did on their day last year. We have already had a request for the club to consider running a day for them again next year.

The 27<sup>th</sup> did show up a number of issues, mainly in terms of preparation for the day. These issues are being addressed, and there will be some changes made to the way these private bookings and charity days are run. It is envisaged that rostering will be looked at in future, as well as a few other things. These ideas are still in discussion, but more info will be provided in the next couple of issues. We already have a booking for a private Christmas run, being for Lion Nathan, a repeat visit from them after their day at the railway last year.

Over the last month, our Wednesday A-team, have been working away to pin down the source of a not unsubstantial water leak. This has lead to a diagnosis of damaged pipe work in the yard, near the footbridge, most likely cause by the growth of tree roots. Repairs have been made, to enable the water supply to be re-established to the clubroom, but it is envisaged this may be a temporary fix. Continued growth of the trees in the yard will likely see this issue raising its head again in future, so thought is being given to re-routing the pipe work either through, or around, the back of the roundhouse. Unfortunately, this issue has delayed the remaining work on the overhaul of "Dependable"; hopefully this can be sorted before too long.

In other areas, work is underway to create additional ground level siding and floor space in Gerry's Workshop, needed as we have a further sleeper delivery on the way from the suppliers in Victoria.

We're now less than 18 months out from our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, so it is pleasing to see the railway as a whole continuing to move forward. Preliminary plans for a potential new signal box have been received for review, and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition, my thanks to Mike Crean for working away behind the scenes on this.

Remember, your committee is open to all suggestions for the future betterment of the railway, but it takes someone to champion them and see it through to completion. There are plenty ideas floating about, some big some small, and in the coming months these ideas will be called for as we plan towards the 50<sup>th</sup>, and indeed, beyond.

'til next month.

Craig Belcher  
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

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## Thank You Letter



6 June 2012

Mr Craig Belcher  
President  
Castledare Miniature Railway  
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Bentley WA 6982

Dear Craig

Once again we at Retina Australia (WA) are indebted to all at Castledare Miniature Railway for their assistance in creating our most popular and successful fundraising event of the year. On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Family Fun Day on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

We hardly dared to hope that the second time of holding this event would be as successful as the first, but were absolutely thrilled that it far exceeded it. We made a profit on the day, an increase of 17%! This money is critical for eye research and will help us in our goal to one day find a cure for blindness.

Once again, all of your volunteers went out of their way to have the whole day run smoothly and help make the event such a fun one. You only had to look around to see the smiles on people's faces to know that they were going to be coming back again and again.

Many people asked us when we were going to be holding another Family Day at the railway, so I would like to formally request that the committee consider granting us another day next year so that we can see if we can once again make it bigger and better!

Please pass on my thanks to the committee, all the members, especially those working on the day, and particularly to Eno Gruszecki and Ken Belcher for once again offering considerable assistance before and during the day.

If the committee is kind enough to once again agree to support us, I would appreciate it if you could contact our office with some proposed dates for next year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Darkin", with a long, sweeping underline.

Hazel Darkin  
State Manager  
Retina Australia (WA)

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