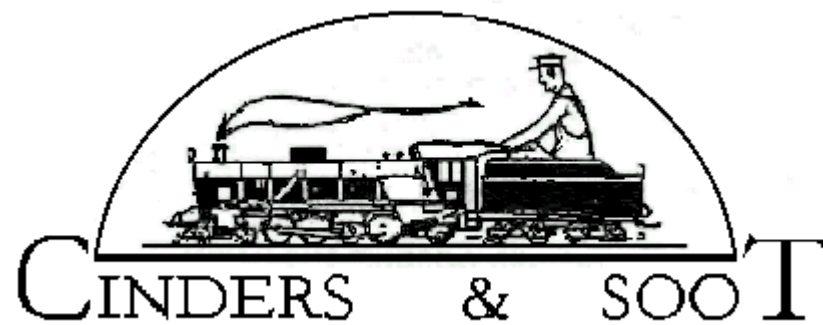


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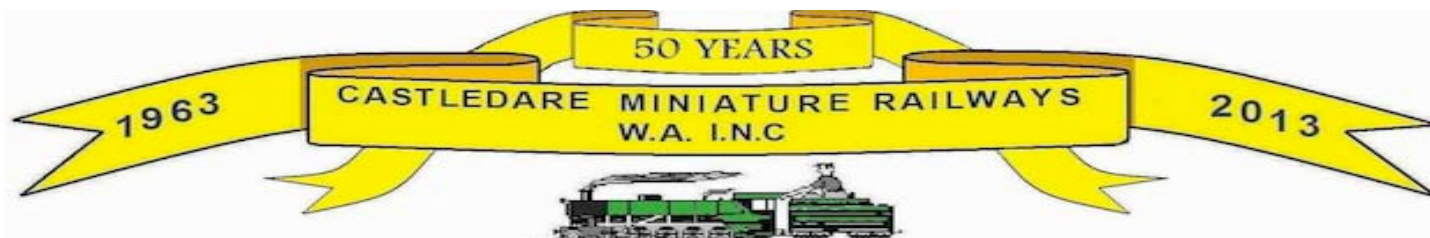
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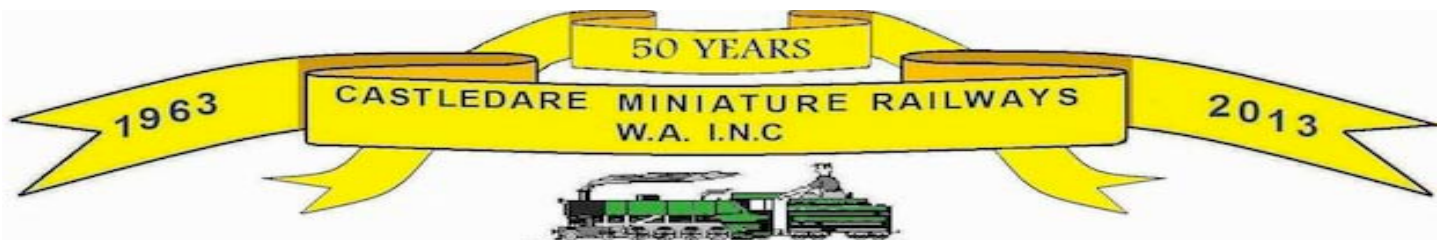
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The President's Bit

To kick off this month's commentary, I'd like to share a text from days gone by at CMR and ask members to read and give some thought to, as it still very much holds true today – that is, an excerpt from the President's Report, Cinders & Soot, July 1975:

Speaking in relation to the various abilities of members, none of us are experts – in our chosen field or vocation, perhaps – but in our club, we are all amateurs. We are still endeavouring to do the best we can with the material that is available to us and, looking to those things that we have already achieved, it is tremendous. One can see the original work done at the track when finances and material were hard to come by and we wanted a track ASAP. One can look further then to better work as we have more time and finance available.

The building of a club is a joint effort among all members with varying strengths and skills, even those who cannot do the work or cannot arouse enough enthusiasm to get started – the least we can ask from you is a word of encouragement. If you can't get to the track to do repairs and the usual housekeeping work, make it your business to come on the running days and help with running the trains. How can you retain interest in the club's activities if you don't come and take part?

Now obviously, everyone has reasons for their level of input, but it is to be remembered that a club can truly only be what its members are able to and prepared to put in. And this year, more than ever, the club could use your input.

Now, in my last report I mentioned a "Capital Development Plan" for the club's future. In the immediate future, what this document has done is to prioritize some of the projects around the railway that have been under discussion, or started, and provide some impetus to push them along. In the longer term, it is aimed to provide us guidance on how and where to make use of contract labour, or member input, and where we need to prioritize our expenditure.

In no particular order these projects are:

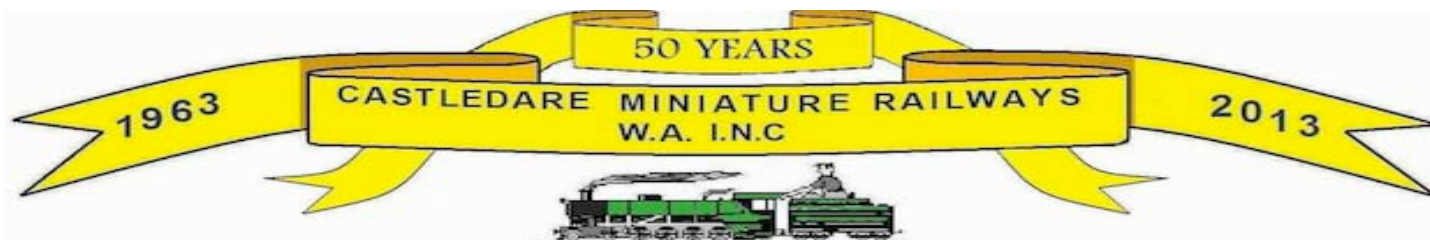
1. Signal Box (incl. demolition costs, construction and fit out)
2. Bailey Bridge re-decking
3. Bayou Bridge overhaul
4. Carriage Shed expansion
5. Loco Water Supply storage upgrade
6. Track Replacement project (Stanbridge – FernTree Bridge)
7. Re-painting of station canopy trusses and purlins

Of these, some are already underway, with the station canopy repainting having commenced this morning. The Signal box is progressing, albeit slowly, as is mentioned a bit further on. The Bayou bridge overhaul has seen new handrails fabricated (currently being painted) and new decking ordered and due to arrive any day.

Some of these projects will entail busy bee weekends to be organized, and input of members needed to make them happen, so please keep an eye on the mail for the "call to arms" so to speak.

Now on to some other general news,

- The framework for the third of our wagon rebuild projects is now complete, ready for cladding and fit out. And its place on the bench has been taken by #4. As soon as bogie rebuilds and modifications are completed we will look to commission the first two for trials and service.
- Signals team has suffered a bit of a setback. After finally getting the building permits approved for the new "A Cabin", the builder has gone into administration. This is being worked through, with a number of potential outcomes, and hopefully will be resolved soon. Undaunted by this, further trials are to take place with pneumatic point motors over the next couple of months.
- Recent Track workdays have seen the replacement of expansion joints spread through Paperbark loop. It is hoped to push this project along as weather permits. So please remember, if you're free, help is always welcome.
- Work has continued on the footbridge with some timbers being replaced, and new mesh being fitted. It looks better each time I am at the railway.



- The “Red Set” has had a few replacement axles fitted, as extensive wear on bearing seats became evident recently. As a result of this we will most likely be ordering some new axles, to supplement the wheel sets we have in stock for future repair / replacement work. Additionally, there are a number of Cast Iron wheel sets that may be disposed of in the future due to extensive wear.

Thank you to those who have taken up on a couple of the small projects listed in the March issue, please let me know what if any materials are required so they can be organized as needed. The remainder of the list is reprinted in this issue, so please give it some thought; if you're not currently engaged in anything or have spare time on your hands that you're willing to give, pick a job, come and see (or call, or e-mail) myself and I will arrange the necessary consumables required. There's nothing overly taxing if tackled the right way, but all will go towards the betterment of our facilities.

Till next month, I'm off to draw up a simple pony truck for a loco project I have in mind...

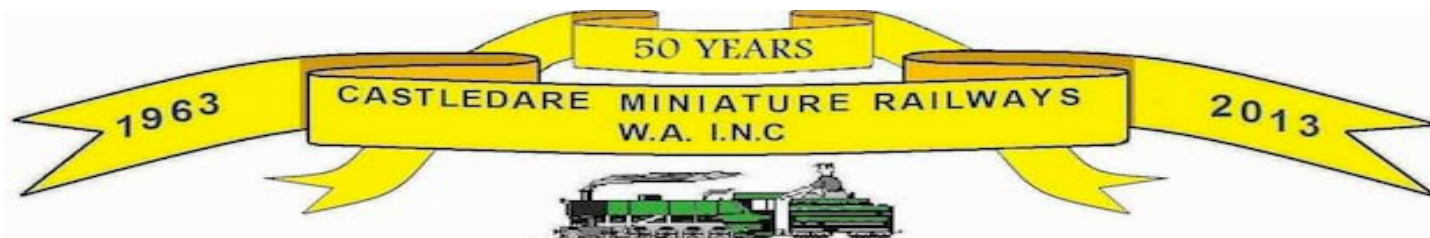
Club facilities clean up

As mentioned elsewhere this issue, the following is a small list of projects that need attention in the coming few months. While they don't all need to be done by the time the club's 50th comes around, 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 the steelwork underneath Ferntree Bridge. Suggest low tide for this one...
- Painting of Bailey Bridge (tied in with re-decking work mentioned elsewhere)
- Paint and remediate Squatters Bridge steelwork
- Repainting the ballast bin
- Repaint steam shed exterior wall
- Sort out track stockpile – some material will go for scrap
- Lay 2 additional sidings alongside carriage shed
- Establish a long-term solution for water supplies to Canning steaming bays and station area
- Cement floor alteration in workshop
- Repairs to track work in yard outside diesel shed
- De-scale, repair and repaint turntable handrails
- Repaint and prepare flagpole for re-location
- Continue ballast work for line and level improvements, and expansion joint replacements.

Craig Belcher
President, Castledare Miniature Railway



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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

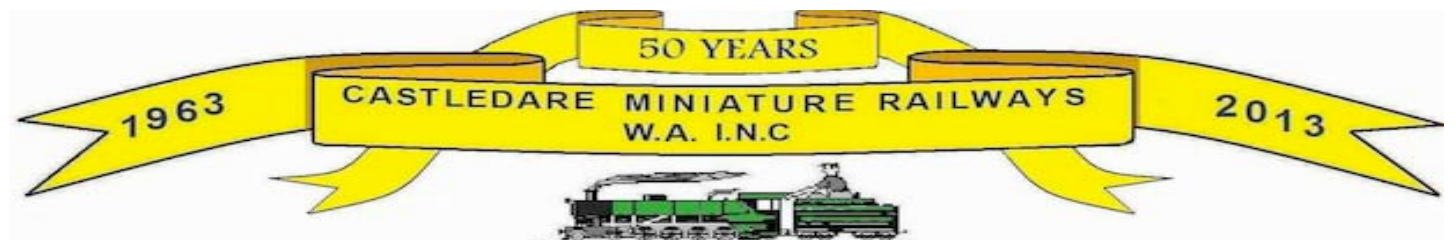
- Safety Management System being put together – a work in progress at this stage.
- Private bookings – the second for this year will be for the Retinitis Pigmentosa foundation in May – please refer to the calendar of events.
- Work has commenced on the breezeway/clubroom upgrade. The first part of this has been the relocation of the work wagon to the diesel shed [following a rearrangement of the loco storage area] and the removal of the work wagon track. Work will continue on this over the next few months with, hopefully, completion prior to October.
- Painting of Bayou Bridge is in hand.
- Decking for Bayou Bridge has been ordered and should be on site by the time you are reading this.
- SRT approvals [subject to some conditions] for the plan submitted last July have now been received. President & Secretary to seek further clarification on a couple of issues. Work in progress
- Work progressing on foreshore management document required by the SRT
- Advertising is now appearing in the Parent Paper – free newspaper available in most shopping centers, etc.
- Some of the purlins in the station roof have been replaced
- Contract for the painting of the station framework has been let – this project initiated by a general member raising the matter with the Committee.
- Soak drains have been installed at the front and rear of the workshop



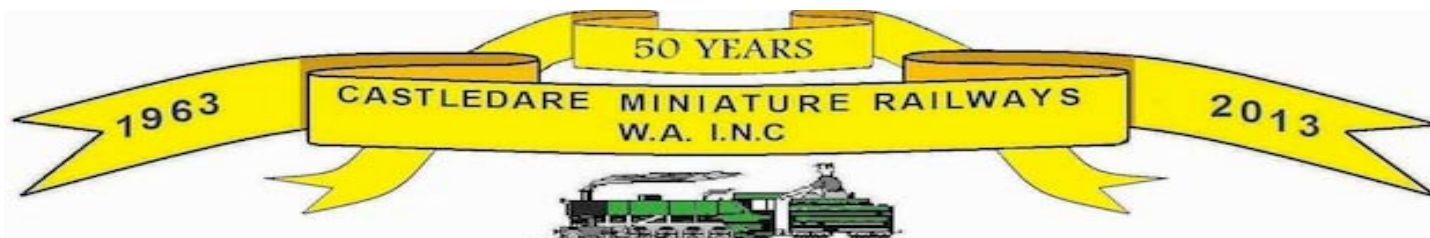
DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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
May	Sunday	19 th	Public run day from Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	22 nd	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	25 th	Work day	From 9am		



Member's assistance required please	Sunday	26th	Public Run for Retinitis Pigmentosa	From 9am		
	Wednesday	29th	Work day	From 9am		
June	Saturday	1 st	Prepare railway for public run on Sunday / AMRA show	From 9am		
	Sunday	2nd	Public run day	From 9am	Judy Bowyer	Chris Doody
	Sunday	2nd	AMRA show at claremont show grounds			
	Monday	3rd	Public Run from Wilson station	From 9am Activities at Kent St 11am – 3pm		Trish Stuart ?
	Wednesday	5th	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	7th	Committee Meeting	5.30pm		
	Saturday	8th	Major Work Day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	12 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	14 th	Work night	From 4pm		Evening meal provided
	Saturday	15 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	16th	Public run day from Wilson	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	19 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	22 nd	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	26 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	29 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	30 th	Member's / Family day	From 10am		BYO Lunch and enjoy the railway



And the planning continues towards October 2013 !

The Registration Form for the birthday weekend is now available on the CMR website. From here, 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. 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 50th Anniversary logo on them has now been received and is also available for sale via the Canteen.

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

*Sue Belcher,
50th Anniversary Co-Ordinator*

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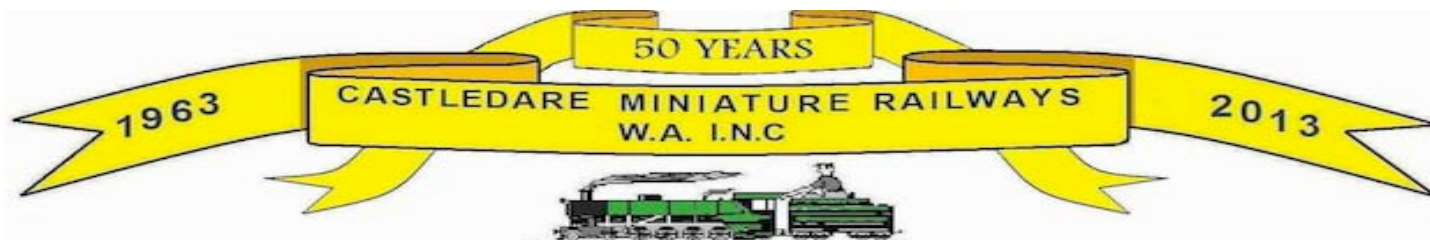
LIBRARY STORAGE:

As will be seen from the Committee notes, work on this project has begun and will be completed in conjunction with the breezeway and clubroom upgrade.

Next step is to permanently brick up both sides of the doorway and tidy up the entry area. Following this, assessment will be made as to just exactly what may be required to 'level' the floor prior to painting and installing new library cupboards.

A number of duplicate copies of the club's magazine were made available at the AGM and there are still some on hand. If any member wishes to peruse these or add to their own personal collection then please let either Sue or Ken know and maybe there will be some issues to complete what you have.

If there are no takers of these duplicates by 30th June – they will be recycled.



A number of other duplicate copies of magazines have been donated to NDMES who, I am sure, will make good use of them.

WORK DAYS:

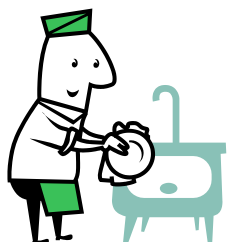
As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress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



NEW MEMBER/s:

Barry and Trish Pearce have recently rejoined the ranks at Castledare. After moving to Toodyay they have now returned to the city to enjoy some relaxation and retirement from the working life. Welcome back.



Easter Night Run - 2013

The Easter Sunday night run attracted 22 members, family and friends, which was a very good turn out. Activities ran from about 3pm until 9.30. The picnic facilities were put to good use and four steam engines and 3 diesel outline locos ran.

I took Dependable for a run to see how it performed after the recent work that has been carried out and the new driveline that John Ahern made and balanced has produced a vibration free engine, which is a huge improvement. The electrics that John Watson installed work well and the hydraulic drive valve relocation is a big improvement. It drives well with just some finishing touches, mainly painting, required.

John Smith had Edna May in steam with both himself and Sean driving and also junior member Curtis had a turn. Don Bowyer had his loco Judy running, and Dennis was put into steam with Clive Woodward in charge. Clive also gave tuition to some younger members with both Curtis and Dylan and a friend seemed to keep Dennis in steam most of the time. I believe Don also gave the juniors a go.

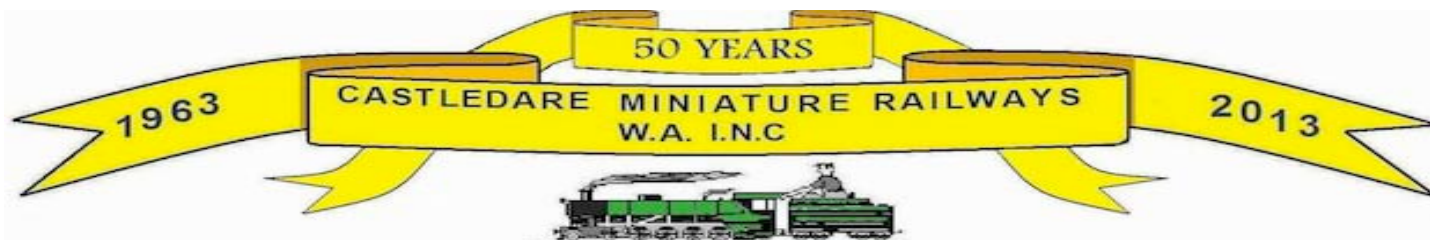
Mike Crean had both the EM and the 44 operational with a variety of drivers and the whole of the railway was opened up for those that wanted an extended ride both up Fern Road and into the wetlands. Members and friends enjoyed a BBQ and then the keen hangers-on enjoyed night running with an almost full moon.

It was very pleasing to see our junior members learning to both fire and drive steam and also those members willing to teach and instruct. What is required to make these night runs more enjoyable and perhaps a bit safer is some more lighting in the station and its approaches and also the signal boxes. Hopefully this can be done before October and a submission will be made to the committee to have these operational upgrades in place.

Roger Matthews

(Photographer – R. Matthews)





AMRA MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 1st – 3rd JUNE

This is held over the long weekend in June. I am looking for volunteers, if you can help at any time over the weekend or assist in the setup, take down, or manning the stand, please let me know as soon as you can.

You can contact me by phone or email:

Phone : 0498 473 119

Email : cdoodyc@gmail.com or chris.doody@fisherpaykel.com

Please note: For security reasons, a list of volunteers is to be provided prior to the event so security Badges can be produced. This year security is going to be a lot higher so badges are to be worn at all times.

This is a busy weekend for the club as we also have two run days over this weekend so, if you can help it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Chris Doody

Excerpt from 1994 Cinders & Soot No. 008

HOW LONG IS OUR RAILWAY?

We have long discussed the length of our railway with all sorts of unsupported claims being made about the total length of track laid on our site and length of ride we provide. So, early in February I decided to find out for myself and hopefully put all those suppositions to rest.

Measurements were carried out with a measuring wheel and all track laid at Castledare was traversed except that beyond the turntable, loading bay and track inside the diesel shed, carriage shed and workshop. In all cases point frogs were used as datum points. (Pun not intended.)

Finding the original figure much less than anticipated, and long assumed, I repeated the exercise in mid April with slightly different results which I put down to changes made to the track. However the difference was not sufficient to indicate that the first measurements taken contained errors of any great significance.

And so to the figures. Total length of track as indicated above 4.28 kilometres. A journey from Niana, using No.1 platform, to Wilson and return via Fern Road, Wilson, Penrhyn and Canning is a distance of 2.36 kilometres.

A word of advice to anybody considering checking these figures.....Pick a cool day.



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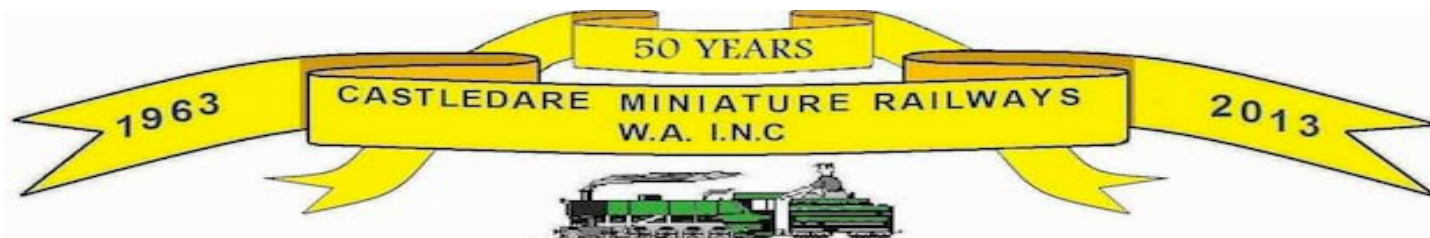


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Invite Castledare Miniature Railway Members

To celebrate twenty-five years running

In 2013 it's 25 years since Len Toms first established the 7¼
Miniature Railway track, later to become the
Katanning Miniature Railway

We invite you to a fun weekend at our track on Saturday 7th September from 10 am to late
And Sunday 8th 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 currant 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,
Caravan Park, Kobeelya conference Centre Leaflet attached. Locos can be put in our shed Friday night if arrangements are made beforehand.

R.S.V.P. by 19th August to
18 Beach St Katanning 6317

Phone/Fax 08 98214390 Mobile Derek 0427212967 Or Julie 0458214390

Email abj@westnet.com.au

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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.

HOTEL Federal Hotel, 111 Clive Street. Ph 0898211010 Fax 08 98215045

KOBEELYA Conference Centre Kobeelya Ave. Ph 08 98212214
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Woodchester. 19 Clive St. Ph/Fax 08 98217007

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