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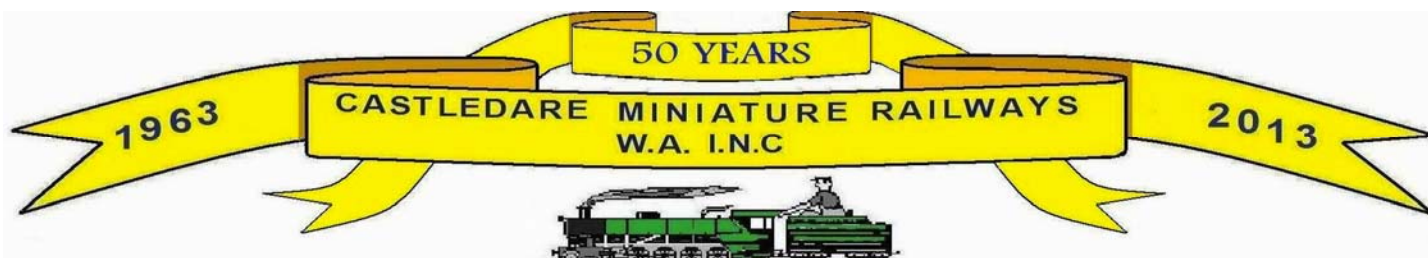
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**Cover page:** Dylan taking Ric for a ride at Sandgroper's, Bunbury.

**Photographer:** P. Stuart



## The President's Bit

To begin with in this issue, I would again like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparation for and running of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. The work that went into the event and the railway as a whole was most gratifying and very pleasing to see. As a result we have had several membership requests, mostly from past members considering rejoining the fold.

The crew working on "A Cabin" have continued, I noticed yesterday that the fascia boards have been fitted and internal cabinets installed.

Leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup>, the track crew continued work on the expansion joints with more being replaced through the wetlands, this work now sees expansion joints replaced or rebuilt from the dual bridge throughout the mainlines in the Wetlands, back as far as the Little Stone Bridge. This will be all we can do out there for this year, as conditions are now too dry to attempt further replacements. A section of track has also been replaced on the mainline behind "A Box" in deference to the ties that had severely corroded. This section is slated for replacement, likely in the first couple of months in 2014. Fire train and coal wagon storage sidings have both also been refurbished.

As indicated a couple of issues back, approvals for the carriage shed extension and wagon storage bunker were expected imminently. I am pleased to say these have been received and work has commenced on both jobs. At the time of writing, the footing has been poured for the brickwork to the extension, with brickwork proper around ¾ complete. Simultaneously, work has continued on preparing the sand pad for the box culverts to be installed for the additional storage bunker. Further ground works are required here before we organize a crane to come in and lift the cast bases for the boxes into position in readiness for the next step.

The club Christmas party is coming up. This will be held as in recent years, at the club, with more details to follow separately.

Till next month, hopefully we all get some more time in the workshop... ☺

Craig Belcher  
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

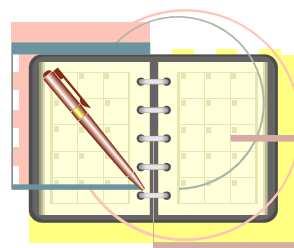
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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

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
- The construction of the new signal box is very near to completion
- Conductive Education, for a number of reasons pertinent to their group, is unable to participate in our normal first Sunday run in December.
- Development application lodged with City of Canning and WAPC for approval to extend the carriage shed and install the concrete culverts [currently on the oval] adjacent to the fuel shed. Work is underway on both these projects.
- 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
- New Australian flag has been donated to the club by the Federal Parliamentary colleague of Mr. O'Brien, Senator Alan Eggleston
- Several thank you notes received re the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – included elsewhere in this magazine is the statement provided by the Hon. Simon O'Brien to the State Parliament during the week following our celebrations.



**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
November	Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Public run from Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Prepare the railway &	From 9am		



			Gen Meeting			
December	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Public run from Niana Station	From 9am	Kathy Watson & Julie Hamann	Rod Bradley
	Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	From 9am		
	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 RETURN FORM AND MONEY</b>	Evening BBQ meal – cost of \$5 per person
	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Public Run from Wilson Station	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Work day	From 9am		

- 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** 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.
- At the completion of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday weekend, several club owned radios were not returned. Would all members please check your bags and or pockets for these items and return to them to the clubroom as a matter of urgency.
- 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, but 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 and also the information regarding the club's Christmas function. Please complete both as required and return as soon as possible.
- For the general information of all members, you will be aware that in recent weeks the Premier, Mr Barnett, announced changes to the Swan River Trust. This announcement should not be interpreted as "we no longer have to comply with SRT regulations". Information to hand at this stage is that the



SRT will be amalgamated with the Department of Parks and Wildlife Management and that new legislation covering this joint department will be forthcoming. There are still rules, regulations and processes that we must adhere to for any work at the railway and provided we follow these processes, there is very little cause for concern.

### WORK DAYS:

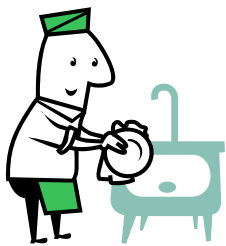
As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew, but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress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

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Extract from Hansard  
COUNCIL - Tuesday, 15 October 2013  
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Hon Simon O'Brien

## CASTLEDARE MINIATURE RAILWAY - FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### Statement:

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan) [9.45 pm]: Before the house adjourns, I am sure members will join me in offering congratulations to Castledare Miniature Railway as it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

Over 11, 12 and 13 October there was a three-day celebration, during which members and friends, new and old, came together to celebrate what is one of Western Australia's great institutions. I acknowledge the team there, led currently by the president, Craig Belcher, who has been ably supported over many years of course by Ken and Sue Belcher and all the other members of the extended committee of enthusiasts who run CMR. Keith Watson, one of the founders of CMR 50 years ago was on hand to join in the celebrations. It was he, operating out of his place then in Applecross, who first started to nurture the development of 7¼ gauge miniature rail, joined later on by the well-known Jack Stanbridge, and so a great institution was born.

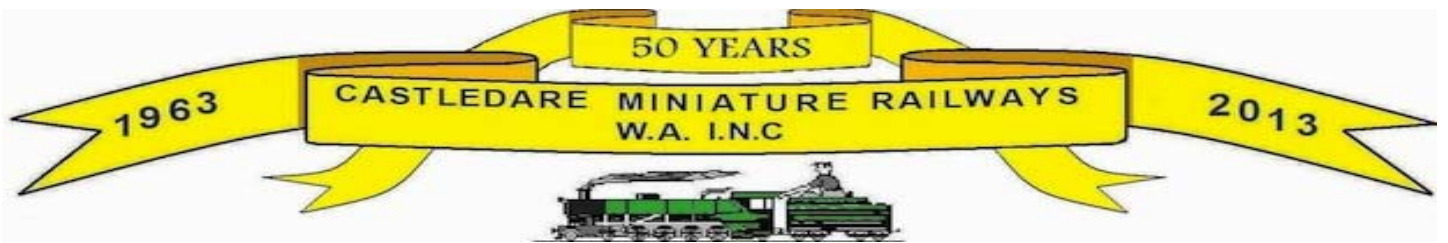
On Sunday, I had the pleasure of being there with the extended "family", for want of a better word. John Ahem proudly showed me around the premises; it was not the first time, but it is always great to catch up on the latest there in terms of locomotives and other developments. Steady improvements are being made to existing infrastructure that was perhaps built in a fairly basic fashion over the years but is now being reproduced in a very professional manner, and they should be congratulated for it.

I have mentioned the redoubtable Keith Watson. We were joined by Dr Mick and Mrs Lekias. Mick, of course, is the former Mayor of the City of Canning, he was recently made a freeman and a well-known doctor in the district, who actually does have some memory from his time early in practice of when Castledare Miniature Railway came into being all those years ago. He has been a great supporter in a number of ways, including as Mayor of the City of Canning.

Tom Winterbourn was there, and it was nice to catch up with all sorts of friends, old and new. Trish and Richard Stuart were there, as were a whole host of other people, Sunday was a great day, as we celebrated a dream born on the banks of the Canning River as part of the old Castledare Boys' Home, as it then was, and the adventures that Keith and others had in approaching Brother O'Shaughnessy to get a bit of land on which to locate a miniature railway. He reportedly said, "No, no, we don't be needing any railways here", but when it was pointed out there might be some money to be made to help pay for the upkeep of the place, he said, "when can you start"? So the story goes, anyway!

The bottom line with CMR is that it was, has been, and will continue to be well into the future a great institution in Western Australia; one that has brought pleasure, enjoyment and fellowship to so many Western Australians young and old, whether they are down there every Sunday, whether they go there even more frequently to volunteer, or whether they are just an occasional visitor. I heartily congratulate those who are involved in keeping this great institution not only alive, but also going from strength to strength. I wish them all the best for the next 50 years, when I am sure we will all go along and enjoy its centenary celebration as well.

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**Sandgroper's Convention - Bunbury**  
(Photographer – P. Stuart and J. Clark)



The Grand Parade



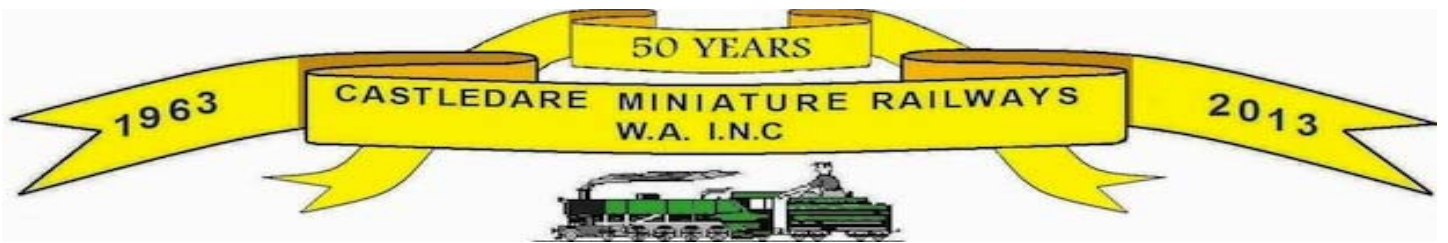
Ron Collins with his new Engines



Ken Austin with his Burrell Engine







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### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

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