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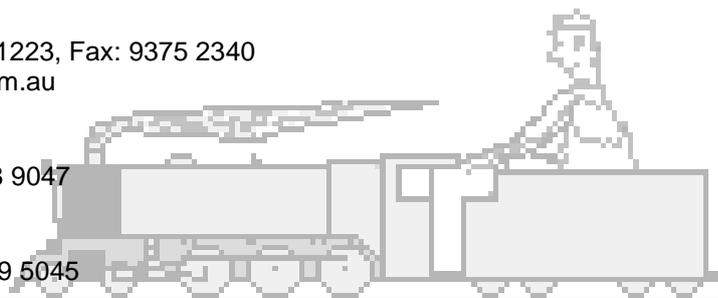
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Cover page: Castledare 1963 – Kevin's loco in front and 'Nellie' Keith Watson's loco behind

Photographer: Provided by Kevin Perry



Castledare Miniature Railways
Bentley, W.A 6102

The President's Bit

Firstly, thank you to those who responded to my call for a bit of extra housekeeping, it is appreciated by everyone, remember a clean work area is a safe work area, irrespective of what you're doing, however, one last point on this topic before we move on....

- If members are giving tours through the loco sheds please remember, as with tools, leave things how and where you found them. This means loco covers should always be replaced as they were found.

And now for some good news, the club's birthday is fast approaching, and with the festivities of next year being thought about, a low-key event was felt suitable for this year. Accordingly, the member's runday on September 30th is to be used to celebrate the club's 49th year. BYO picnic lunch / dinner, the club will be providing a cake to be cut and devoured. For those interested, the opportunity is there for a night run with it being a public holiday on the Monday. The day will kick off at the normal morning time with the cake to be cut either with lunch or for afternoon tea. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Also, at our last committee meeting a motion was passed to allocate a sum of money towards the construction of a new signal box for Niana Station. This will replace our current 'A' cabin in the short term, but with the longer-term aim of the signals crew to combine operations of both 'A' and 'B' cabin into the one structure. At this time we are waiting for the preferred contractor to submit a revised quote, before awarding the contract. There are a few hurdles yet to get through, the builders as part of the contract will undertake to get necessary approvals, so progress may be slow to begin with, but we have been told construction time from starting to a lock up structure will be less than 1 week. Members will be kept posted of progress on this as more info comes to hand.

- Don't forget our charity run on from Wilson Station this month, in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, additional advertising is done for this day so some extra help will be greatly appreciated.
- The club is to mount a display at the ARHS museums "Rail fest" event on Oct 14th. Betsy will be on show, using Vic's Trailer. Thanks to those who have offered to help out already, if anyone else is interested in joining in, please make yourself known.
- Remains of the old Ballast bin have now been cut up and the site cleaned up.
- Rail for the next section of Tee Rail has been rolled; next step is to drill the ends for the expansion joints, in readiness for welding. A drilling jig needs to be made for this, if there's anyone interested in a little bit of homework. ☺
- Maroon set has returned from being painted at Thornlie TAFE. They were trialed and subsequently used on the Father's day run, with good results. Members are to be aware; set is to be used by AIR BRAKED locos only, as it is not fitted for steam.
- The September workday saw good progress made towards preparing the Canning section for summer running. Most track is ready to go, but a few more sleepers need to go in the convention loop and some corroded ties attended to in the Fisherman's Bend / Honiton Cutting section. These should be dealt with on the October Workday

Till next month,

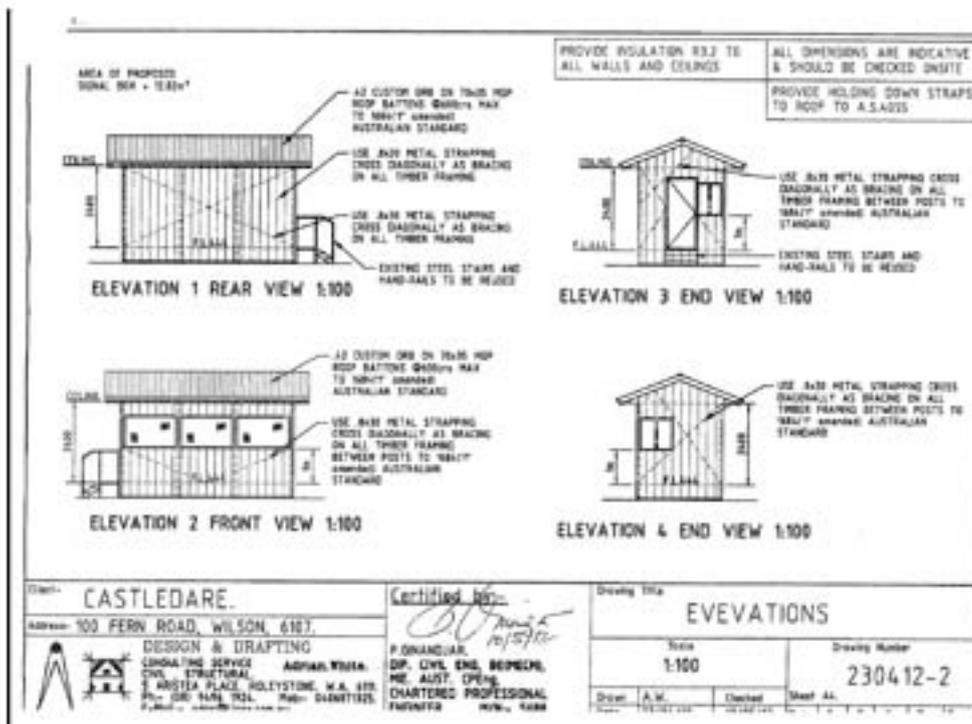
Craig Belcher
President, Castledare Miniature Railway

“Niana A Cabin” Replacement

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the wheels are in motion for a new Signal Box for Niana Station. The Plan below is a preliminary version of what is to be built, though there have since been a couple of revisions made to this. It is hoped to have this project physically underway soon, but as always there are a few hurdles to get over before work can begin. The building company will be responsible for all building permits required, as well as the construction and will leave us with a locked up structure, lined, ready for internal painting. It will be the railway’s responsibility to ensure that the existing cabin is removed in time for the new one to be erected so there will be some coordination required to ensure that our operations are not affected.

Thanks to Mike Crean for pursuing this project thus far. I’m sure the result will be something we can all be proud of. Longer term plans for this cabin will see both ‘A’ and ‘B’ Cabin’s operations combined into the one building, with points at Niana B fitted with remote actuators. I believe some research is underway with a couple of different ideas for this, to be looked at as a future development.

Apologies for the low quality of the scan, a larger version can be seen on the clubroom notice board.



North side Lumber Company by K Watson

Another 7¼" railway exists in West Australia near the country town of Dunsborough South of Perth. The Railway was built by ex member Hubert Hagen with the help of another ex CMR fellow Sid Shepherd who lives nearby in Busselton.

This railway is quite out of the ordinary and is only 1000 yards long, but is a typical early American timber railway with sharp curves 15m radius a Zigzag and gradients as steep as 1 in 15. A substantial trestle bridge on this Zigzag has to be seen to be believed!

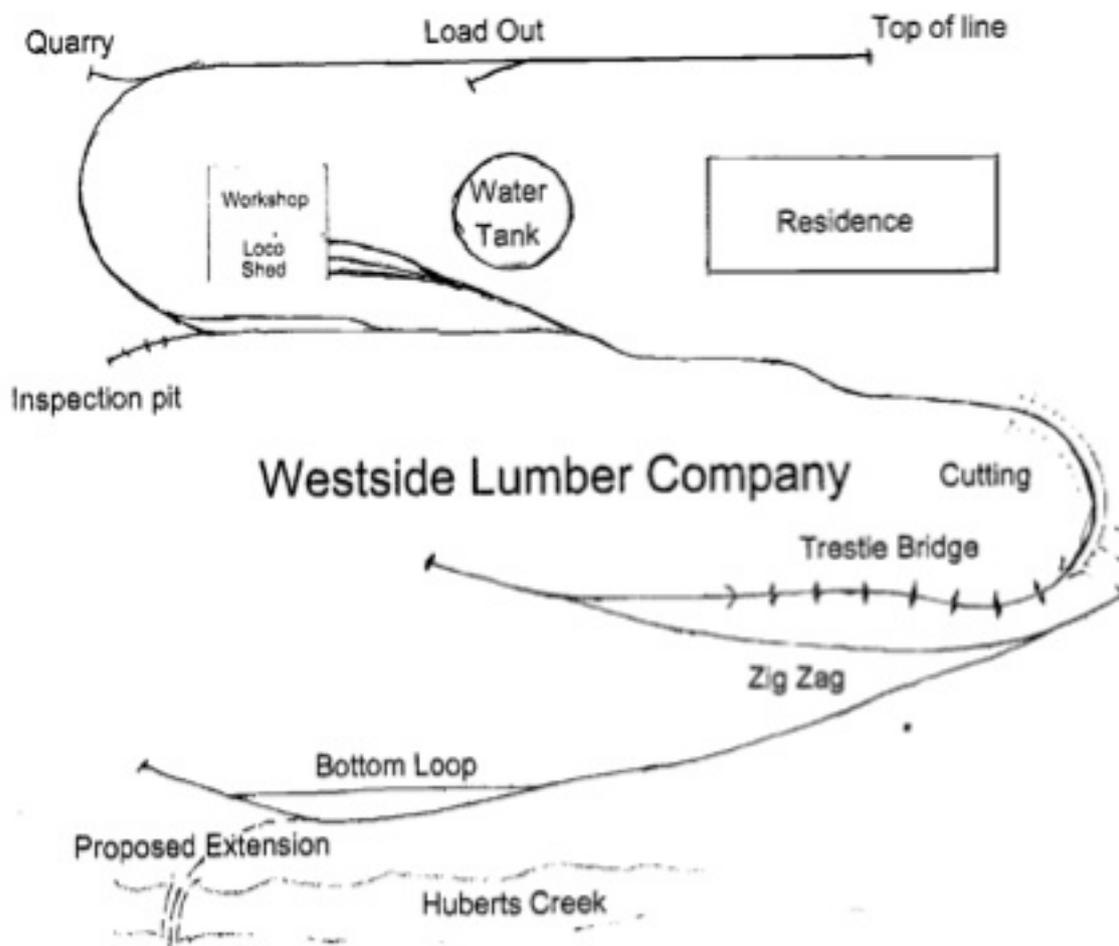
The height from top of line to the bottom is just 40ft.

The Motive power is first an A class Shay loco which started on my drawing board 25 years ago after being inspired at seeing a two foot gauge Shay which worked in Nambour after another 7¼" enthusiast the late George Hadley showed it to me in the mill where he worked in Queensland.

Hubert built this powerful locomotive, which looks very much in the right environment in this heavily timbered area. He also constructed a double bogie diesel with outside cranks and sit inside cab, which is also capable of the heaviest loads on this line.

The rolling stock is typical of this era with the Sandy River Caboose and a Heavy Gondola, I built 30 years ago. The log trucks are of two types a skeleton car and a disconnect car which uses the full size logs to keep the two bogies together as they are hauled. All rolling stock is braked using screw down brakes.

It is a beautiful experience to ride this line as the locos work very hard.





Hubert Hagen



Sid Shepherd



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 are now being held quarterly – this means the next will be December 2012
- Maroon set of carriages has been returned from Thornlie TAFE and were back in service on the last Sunday run day [Father's Day]
- 50th Anniversary celebration – flyer sent to all AALS clubs, advertising in the AME arranged, registration forms will be available in the next couple of months. Planning for this event is ongoing and progressing well. See updated notes elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Sub committee formed to work through matters raised by SRT during recent on site visit 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. These matters are still ongoing with the Secretary now in discussions with the W A Planning Commission and further with both City of Canning and the SRT. Outcome of proposed 5 year plan for maintenance and other projects submitted to SRT in July was received and as a result of this, the appropriate application form for required permits has been lodged. Other applications will need to be lodged as and when the specific project is identified and approved by the Committee.
- Work in the picnic ground is continuing – most of the fence has been repaired. There is still more to be achieved here and the work is progressing slowly however it is subject to the approvals process.
- Committee in the process of planning meetings re the future direction of the club and its infrastructure, etc.
- Quote for construction of new signal box obtained – further quotes have now been sourced and the Committee has agreed to proceed with this project – there are, however, still some details to be finalised and then the final planning and application process will begin.
- Members Christmas Function date set for December 15th 2012 – more information next issue of this magazine.
- CMR Birthday run this year – as the next 5th Sunday run for members falls on 30th September it was agreed to mark this as the 'birthday run' for this year – please put the date in your calendar – BYO barbecue or picnic lunch and join with fellow members.
- Registration forms received from SWME in Bunbury for the 2012 Sandgroper's run – this year it will be held on the 10th & 11th November – registration forms have been left on the club room table – if you require accommodation for this weekend, it may be wise to book early.
- Railfest this year is to be held on Sunday 14th October, CMR is going to attend with a display.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Month	Day	Date	Event	Times	Canteen	Duty Officer
September	Friday	14 th	Work night	From 3.30pm		Evening fish & chip meal provided to those in attendance

	Saturday	15 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	16 th	Public Run 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	Members only day at the Railway Birthday run	From 10am		BYO lunch – either bbq or picnic Birthday cake to follow lunch
October	Wednesday	3 rd	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	6 th	Prepare the railway	From 9am		
	Sunday	7 th	Public Run from Niana Station	From 9am	Sue Belcher	David Edwards
	Wednesday	10 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	12 th	Committee Meeting	From 5.30pm		
	Saturday	13 th	Major work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	17 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Friday	19 th	Work night	From 4pm		Fish & Chip evening meal provided
	Saturday	20 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Sunday	21 st	Public Run from Wilson	From 9am		Trish Stuart
	Wednesday	24 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Saturday	27 th	Work day	From 9am		
	Wednesday	31 st	Work day	From 9am		
November	Saturday	3 rd	Prepare the railway	From 9am		
	Sunday	4 th	Public run from Niana Station	From 9am	Judy Bowyer & Eddie Smith	Les Smith



And the planning continues towards October 2013 !

HAVE YOU OFFERED YOUR 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 owners 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.

The logo design for the 50th Anniversary has been selected by our independent judge. The results have now been presented to the Committee and in addition, decisions have been made regarding a couple of 'special' souvenir items. As these items will be specifically representing the 50th Birthday they will be a 'limited edition' so look out for more information. First in – first served. The judge was quite impressed with the designs submitted and found it a difficult task to choose just one – he therefore opted for 2 of the designs – one to be utilised as the watermark on publicity and souvenirs, etc. and the other for the builder's plate that CMR usually provides to locomotives that attend [with their owners, of course].

*There will be **NO CAMPING** on site during the weekend – the local accommodation listing is in the process of being checked prior to distribution to those who may be interested – this will be posted on the web site in the not too distant future and also made available on request to members / visitors..*

Just to remind members – keep the date [OCTOBER 2013] available – this is the proposal:

- 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 have now been 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 Committee has made the decision that, other than lunch on Sunday, there will be no charge to attend this weekend for all participants but you **MUST** register. Cost for lunch will be made available in the*

near future. Normal canteen purchases will apply during the weekend for drinks, ice creams, hot food, etc.

- 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 3rd 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,
50th Anniversary Co-Ordinator

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WORK DAYS:

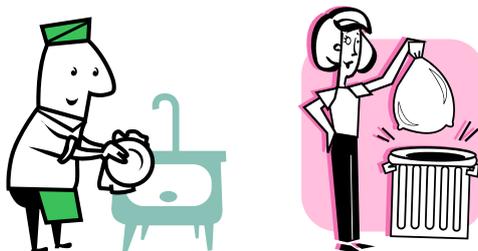
As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday work crew but there is always room in the crew for more to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress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



Notice Board

Garden Mulcher For Sale

The machine has had little use since being purchased and is therefore in very good condition. If any members are interested it can be seen at the railway, in the compressor room. It is for sale by tender, with bids to the secretary.

Loco For Sale - (FURTHER 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: \$17,500.00 (offers considered)

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