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Cover page: The 'Wilson Crew' at Wilson Park Station on Sunday 18th January.

Photographer: P. Stuart

The President's Bit

The year has started off quietly, but steadily, with reasonable turnouts of passengers at the run days thus far when weather is taken into account. By now you will all be aware of the issues we have in the Canning Area, and the changes this made to our operations, with no trains running through this section. A Big thanks to Mike, Morris, John, Roger and others who were involved in setting up a modified signaling system for use at Oak Tree Junction to enable two different circuits to be used for running days this summer. All diesel traffic was diverted to Wilson, with all steam services running two laps on a shortened Fern Road route. This system of running will be employed throughout this summer at the very least, and potentially into the future, allowing the use of the Wetlands circuit all year round on first Sunday runs.

The January 1st Sunday Run was a testing day as we got things moving, with heat affecting the track on the Fern Road loop, leading to delays in other areas. My thanks to all involved on the day, cool heads prevailed and we got through it all ok. As a result, the expansion joints on this section will all receive some attention to allow more freedom to cope with the heat, and options are being looked at for the use of different ballast to also assist with movement.

Elsewhere in this issue should be a 6-month Calendar, taking us through to the end of June. Everything has been covered in this as far as is known at this time, though there may be one or two special events which will be notified in future issues of this esteemed publication. ☺ Please keep this handy for future reference, and we will aim to have a similar one done for the 2nd half of the year.

Please remember the extra runs scheduled for January, the Wednesdays during the School Holidays (21st & 28th). Help is needed on these days, run from Wilson.

Now for the usual highlights and news...

- As mentioned above, we have issues facing us with reference to the Canning Area. While in the short term it may be viewed as a negative, long term we should see the positives. A final plan of attack is yet to be worked out, however we anticipate that during February a contractor will be coming on site to carry out work on the grounds including laying geo-tech matting and clean fill over the entire convention loop area and other sections to the south of the workshop. What this means for us in the immediate future is the need (at our landlords request) to dispose of the majority of the building material which we have accumulated in the area, either to scrap, waste, or storage in other locations. This will be ongoing over the next week or so, and if you're able to assist a hand will be much appreciated. A scrap bin is coming in for smaller material, with a Hiab being brought in for removal of anything larger in size & additional bin lifts from Cleanaway as required for the general waste bin. Once the waste and steel have been sorted we'll then turn focus to the bricks we have on site and relocate these or dispose of them.
- Upon completion of the above work, we will re-evaluate how and where we store some of this larger material, and hopefully find somewhere suitable for everyone.
- Further green waste clearing has been carried out, with several ute-loads moved up to the green waste heap. The City of Canning should be picking this up soon.
- The boiler for Dennis P Moore has reached another milestone, with construction now finished, and the boiler having passed its initial hydro test with no issues. Some work is being done on the valve gear (thanks Roger) to correct a couple of issues and all working towards re-assembly.

In the last issue I hinted at outlining some plans for the future potential of the railway - as I see it. Rather than publishing the document in this edition, I have arranged for copies to be made available at the AGM and also in the clubrooms. It is by its very nature quite lengthy, covering different aspects around the railway, but by the same token is somewhat incomplete, with some aspects having not yet

been considered. All I ask is that members take some time to read it through and consider the ideas put forward. It is by no means a concrete plan of action, rather a pathway I believe will help us improve several aspects of the railway. Please do not hesitate to comment, constructively, and with the efforts of the combined membership I see a great future for the railway, and would dearly like to see it realized.

Craig Belcher
President, Castledare Miniature Railway



The Dennis P Moore boiler



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Notes from the last Committee Meeting – these are only a brief summary of some of the items discussed (the minutes are now posted on the breezeway notice board):

***** VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT *****

The remedial work being carried out by the Christian Brother's environmental contractor will require the stock-pile of building materials next to the Work Shop (Jerry's Work Shop or 5" shed) to be moved and sorted. The vast majority will have to be disposed of.

Please, fellow members, we need lots of able-bodied members and friends to help move the items to disposal bin(s) or relocate some items for further storage and use around the railroad.

If you are able to help please turn up on normal work days or let the President or Secretary know when you will be able to come along and help out. Days set aside for member participation are Saturday 17th January to Saturday the 28th February.

Other Business:

The Gosnells City Men's Shed has now contacted CMR with a firm view to helping out with maintenance and construction of CMR plant and equipment that is easy to transport to the GCMS. Your Committee can see this being of mutual benefit to both organizations. CMR is looking for a member to act as liaison between CMR and GCMS and liaise with both the CMR and GCMS executives. If you are interested in this role please contact me at secretary@castledare.com.au

Signals:

A special thanks to the hard work put in by the Signals team for putting in the point and signal system at Oak Tree Junction for our January run day. Thanks to Morris, John P and Eno. Also a special thanks to Dion for his work at Hume and Dugite points on the run day.

Special thanks:

Many thanks to all our members for their help and support around the club on work days and on our run days.

Cleaning Up at the Club:

All members will be aware that the club accumulates waste of all types. Batteries and similar waste should be placed beside the rubbish bins in the breezeway for appropriate disposal.

Mike Crean
Secretary

Wilson Passenger Stats for 2014

2014		
19/01/14	305	
16/02/14	405	
16/03/14	560	
20/04/14	N/A	
18/05/14	734	
15/06/14	897	
20/07/14	585	
17/08/14	1111	
21/09/14	37	
19/10/14	261	
16/11/14	741	
21/12/14	357	
Sub Total	5993	
Special Run Days		
2/06/14	1356	
Oct Sch Hols	196	
Oct Sch Hols	435	
Grand Total	7980	

The Wilson figures for 2014 show a slight downturn in passenger numbers, largely due to the wet weather on a couple of occasions and the Easter Run was cancelled as many of the usual 'Wilson Crew' attended the AALS Convention in Victoria.

On the plus side, also notable is that the August Run Day continues to be our busiest day outside of the special June Run Day. The reinstatement of the School holiday Run Days has helped to avoid a much worse result.

My thanks to those members who regularly turn out, for the second time in the month, to support CMR and give our patronage another chance to experience our wonderful railway.

Trish Stuart
Wilson DO

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:

If there are any members who require a CMR name badge, please send a brief e-mail to me at kjb495@tpg.com.au and I will make the necessary arrangements for an order to be placed. Your advice as to what you would like on the badge would be appreciated, i.e. first name only, first and surname, abbreviated first name etc.....

A further reminder that all members should have received their membership renewal form via snail mail at the end of last year. These completed forms should be returned on or before Sunday 1st February 2015 for your membership to continue.

Sue
Membership Registrar

CMR Events Calendar, Jan - June 2015.

January	1	Thursday	New Year's Day	February	1	Sunday	Nianna Station Run day	March	1	Sunday	Nianna Station Run day + Nomin. Due
	2	Friday			2	Monday			2	Monday	Public holiday
	3	Saturday			3	Tuesday			3	Tuesday	
	4	Sunday			4	Wednesday	Work day		4	Wednesday	Work day
	5	Monday			5	Thursday			5	Thursday	
	6	Tuesday	Wilson Station Run day		6	Friday	Committee Meeting		6	Friday	Committee Meeting
	7	Wednesday	Wilson Station Run day		7	Saturday	Work day		7	Saturday	Work day
	8	Thursday			8	Sunday			8	Sunday	
	9	Friday	Committee Meeting		9	Monday			9	Monday	
	10	Saturday			10	Tuesday			10	Tuesday	
	11	Sunday			11	Wednesday	Work day		11	Wednesday	Work day
	12	Monday			12	Thursday			12	Thursday	
	13	Tuesday			13	Friday	Work night		13	Friday	Work night
	14	Wednesday	Work day + Wilson Station Run Day		14	Saturday	Work day		14	Saturday	Work day
	15	Thursday			15	Sunday	Wilson Station Run day		15	Sunday	Wilson Station Run day
	16	Friday	Work night		16	Monday			16	Monday	
	17	Saturday	Work day + Charter Run 11am-2pm		17	Tuesday			17	Tuesday	
	18	Sunday	Wilson Station Run day		18	Wednesday	Work day		18	Wednesday	Work day
	19	Monday			19	Thursday			19	Thursday	
	20	Tuesday			20	Friday			20	Friday	AGM - Canning ECO Centre
	21	Wednesday	Work day + Wilson Station Run Day		21	Saturday	Work day + Charter Run 1pm-4pm		21	Saturday	Work day
	22	Thursday			22	Sunday			22	Sunday	Charter Run Retina Association
	23	Friday			23	Monday			23	Monday	
	24	Saturday	Work day		24	Tuesday			24	Tuesday	
	25	Sunday			25	Wednesday	Work day		25	Wednesday	Work day
	26	Monday	Public Holiday		26	Thursday			26	Thursday	
	27	Tuesday			27	Friday			27	Friday	
	28	Wednesday	Work day + Wilson Station Run Day		28	Saturday	Work day + General Meeting		28	Saturday	Work day
	29	Thursday			29	Sunday			29	Sunday	Members Play Day
	30	Friday		May	1	Friday			30	Monday	
	31	Saturday	Work day + General Meeting		2	Saturday	Work day		31	Tuesday	
April	1	Wednesday	Work day		3	Sunday	Nianna Station Run day	June	1	Monday	AMRA Exhibition
	2	Thursday			4	Monday			2	Tuesday	
	3	Friday	AALS Convention Adelaide		5	Tuesday			3	Wednesday	Work day
	4	Saturday	Work day + General Meeting		6	Wednesday	Work day		4	Thursday	
	5	Sunday	Nianna Station Run day		7	Thursday			5	Friday	
	6	Monday			8	Friday	Committee Meeting		6	Saturday	Work day + General Meeting
	7	Tuesday			9	Saturday	Work day		7	Sunday	Nianna Station Run day
	8	Wednesday	Work day + Wilson Station Run Day		10	Sunday			8	Monday	
	9	Thursday			11	Monday			9	Tuesday	
	10	Friday	Committee Meeting		12	Tuesday			10	Wednesday	Work day
	11	Saturday	Work day		13	Wednesday	Work day		11	Thursday	
	12	Sunday			14	Thursday			12	Friday	Committee Meeting
	13	Monday			15	Friday	Work night		13	Saturday	Work day
	14	Tuesday			16	Saturday	Wilson Station Run day		14	Sunday	
	15	Wednesday	Work day + Station Wilson Run Day		17	Sunday			15	Monday	
	16	Thursday			18	Monday			16	Tuesday	Work day
	17	Friday	Work night		19	Tuesday	Work day		17	Wednesday	Work day
	18	Saturday	Work day		20	Wednesday			18	Thursday	Work night
	19	Sunday	Wilson Station Run day		21	Thursday			19	Friday	Work night
	20	Monday			22	Friday	Work day		20	Saturday	Work day
	21	Tuesday			23	Saturday			21	Sunday	Wilson Station Run day
	22	Wednesday	Work day		24	Sunday			22	Monday	
	23	Thursday			25	Monday			23	Tuesday	
	24	Friday	Work day + Anzac Day		26	Tuesday	Work day		24	Wednesday	Work day
	25	Saturday			27	Wednesday			25	Thursday	
	26	Sunday			28	Thursday	Work day + AMRA Exhibition		26	Friday	
	27	Monday			29	Friday	AMRA Exhibition		27	Saturday	Work day
	28	Tuesday			30	Saturday			28	Sunday	
	29	Wednesday	Work day		31	Sunday			29	Monday	
	30	Thursday							30	Tuesday	

Notice Board

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Castledare Miniature Railway's Annual General Meeting for 2015 will be held on Friday 20th March 2015 - venue and time to be advised.

Those positions that are due for election are as follows:

Vice President	Currently	Chris Doody	2 year term
Secretary	Currently	Mike Crean	2 year term
Minute Secretary	Currently	Les Smith	1 year term
Committee Member	Currently	Richard Stuart	2 year term
Committee Member	Currently	Trish Stuart	2 year term
Committee Member	Currently	Ken Belcher	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 3pm on Sunday 1st March 2015 ensuring it is accurately signed. All incumbant members are eligible for re-election should they so choose.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Special 'Thank You':

I would like to thank Clive Woodward for coming to the rescue and printing the December issue mail-out copies of Cinders and Soot. The usual printer had closed for the Christmas break and by Clive printing the copies we were able to get them in the mail before the end of the month.

Thank you, Clive ☺

Changed your email address, or home address? If so please do not forget to notify the editor. This will ensure that you always receive your Cinders and Soot email notification, or 'snail mail' copy.

If you wish to submit an article for inclusion in Cinders and Soot, please note that the closing date is the 15th of each month. **The format should be; Word, Arial font size 10, photographs less than 1MB (.jpg).**

Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on page 2.

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF CASTLEDARE
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

I _____(Nominator) hereby nominate _____(Candidate)

for the position of _____

I accept this nomination and if duly elected, agree to serve on the Management Committee of
Castledare Miniature Railway.

[signed] _____(Candidate)

Nomination seconded by _____(Seconder)

To be received by the Secretary no later than 3pm Sunday 1st March 2015