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## **From the Editors Desk – By Heidi Prindiville**

Welcome to the January Issue of Cinders and Soot.

Just a reminder to all that the date for submissions is in the calendar.

## **Presidents Prattle – By Mike Crean**

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and welcome back to our club for another year of great fellowship and many hours of miniature rail roading.

Update on the clubs building expansion. First, I would like to thank Ken and Sue Belcher for many hours of research and information gathering as too the options available to the clubs building expansion. There are a number of hurdles to be overcome before we can consider the best option going forward. The first is in relation to new bush fire assessment requirements that are now part of any land use application. These requirements are quite involved and after contacting our land lords they have informed us that they have had to make this application along with the applications for land development on and around our railway. They have asked us not to make application regarding bush fire assessments as they have done so and believe it covers us. This application covers the grounds access points and many other requirements and should be a one-off requirement. A separate materials fire safe assessment for new buildings or for major building expansion will be required for each building application and is considered to be a strait forward process. Our Land Lords hope to have some answers for us some time in February or March 2019 regarding the first requirement. This leaves us with no option but to be patient and wait for the outcome of their applications and submissions. I thank all those who responded to our request for input and suggestions to the expansion of our buildings and in particular our loco round house. As soon as we receive further information, I will inform you within these pages.

There seems to be some confusion over the meaning of the feathers attached to some of our signals. The HOME signal (WP6) at Wilson Park Station has two feathers. When the left is illuminated with white lights the approaching train will divert into ROAD 1. If there are no white lights displayed the train will divert into ROAD 2 and if the right is illuminated with white lights the approaching train will divert into ROAD 3. Whatever white lights are or are not displayed the approaching train is NOT to pass the signal unless displaying a YELLOW light.

The HOME signal at Canning Junction (CJ10) has a similar set-up. If there are no white lights displayed the approaching train will divert to ROAD 1. If the first feather (at 45 deg. to the mast) is illuminated with white lights the approaching train will divert to ROAD 2 and if the second feather (at 90 deg. to the mast) is illuminated with white lights the approaching train will divert to ROAD 3. Whatever white lights are or are not displayed the approaching train is NOT to pass the signal unless displaying a YELLOW light. The signalling rules will be attached elsewhere in this publication or you can refer to your clubs Operational Hand Book. An update to the signalling section will also be included in these pages.

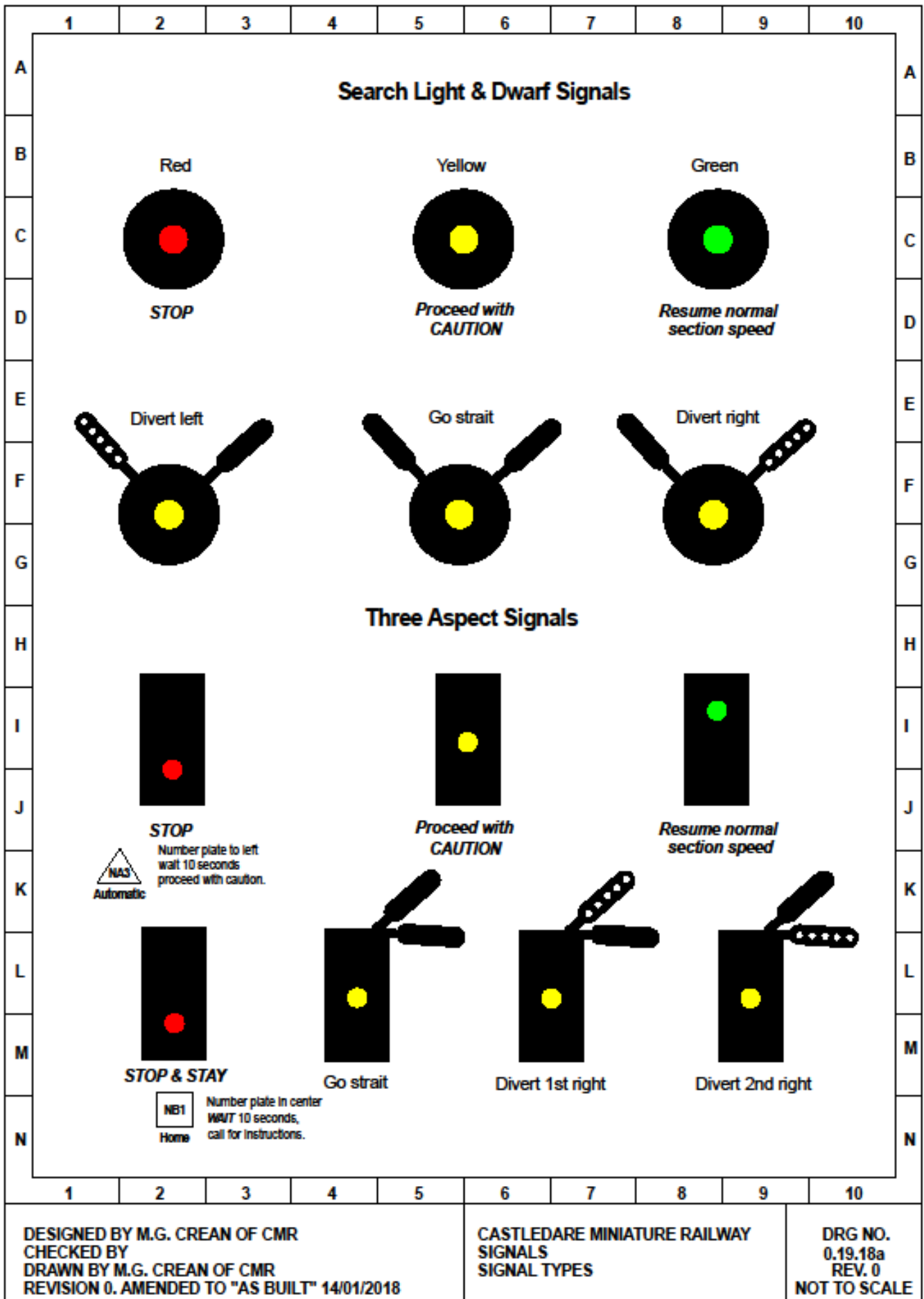
At the last management meeting a request was made that our members park their road vehicles at the car park rear of the toilet block, the members car park or in the area beside Jerry's work shop in the convention loop. Do not park in the main car park at Niana station. Please be mindful that the gate to the members car park and convention loop is locked during public running. All vehicles must be parked close together and in an orderly manner. The large car park at Niana station is for our patrons and as parking is at a premium on Niana Public running days this will allow a few more cars a space. There were a number of our guests at our last few Niana running days that could not find parking and went on to other places. Please allow as much public parking as possible. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As always, we must encourage and congratulate our junior members on their great enthusiasm and their dedication to the club and its members. Thanks boys and girls keep up the great work.

Until next time please visit your club and its facilities. They are there for all of us to enjoy.

**Table 1 – Signals from our operations book**

There are two types of signal at CMR. Colour light and Semaphore.
There are three classes of signal.
<b>1. HOME Signals Stop and Stay.</b>
<p>a. <u>Identification.</u> Signal number board is located to the centre of the mast just below the signal head.</p>
<p>b. <u>Instructions.</u> If displaying DANGER, RED wait 10 seconds and then contact the controlling Signaller for instructions. When authorised proceed with extreme caution.</p>
<b>If at DANGER only the controlling signaller can authorise passage.</b>
<p>c. If this type of signal when displaying DANGER, RED is passed without authorisation it is considered a SPAD (signal passed at danger) and will be treated as a serious reportable breach of rules and may invoke disciplinary action.</p>
<b>2. AUTOMATIC Signals Stop and Proceed.</b>
<p>a. <u>Identification.</u> Signal number board is located to the LEFT of the mast just below the signal head.</p>
<p>b. <u>Instructions.</u> If displaying DANGER, RED wait 10 seconds and then proceed with caution.</p>
<b>3. Shunting Signals. Stop and Stay.</b>
<p>a. <u>Identification.</u> Usually at ground level or attached to a HOME signal.</p>
<p>b. <u>Instructions.</u> If displaying DANGER, RED just wait. If signaller intention is not clear wait 10 seconds and contact the controlling Signaller for instructions. When authorised to proceed continue with extreme caution.</p>
<p>c. This type of signal is also known as a call on signal and allows movements right up to the next train or obstruction.</p>
<b>Use the same rules as for HOME Signals.</b>
<b>4. Definitions Proceed with caution or extreme caution.</b>
<p>a. The next signal will be displaying DANGER, RED. There may be an obstruction or another train, moving or STOPPED in the section following the previous signal.</p>
<b>The onus is on the following train to avoid a collision.</b>



## **Secretaries Scribblings – By Les Smith**

We start the year with nearly 2000 riders from Roger's Wednesday Runs for the school holidays, how-ever we are unlikely to emulate the records of year 2018 over-all unless the weather is kind to us. Our younger members must be thanked for their efforts for these school run-days. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of March may require a big effort as the City of Canning is having a "bike ride morning" and we may start our running a little earlier.

The big news is that Dion and Curtis both have their P-plates and are mobile. Curtis may have to work a few extra hours at the IGA to fund the debt for "his" wheels. It is not a free world Curtis! Dion and Sean also got stuck into some brick-laying.....thanks. Move over Stork, you have some help now. Stork is preparing our "emergency" area for storage of a Spill Kit that the authorities have dictated we should have on hand. Signage will be placed in relation to such and Eno will provide a "lesson" on use. Our derail tools / trolley will also be stored there, and all members are requested to co-operate to maintain the area clean and tidy.

JAMES from Whistle-stop has made it-self at home in our steam shed. Robin Greeney has been seen polishing and Richard Stuart checking the boiler. This is a fairly large engine that will prove handy for our large consists.

Our younger members have been working on the ZBA guard's van along with Craig doing some repainting. A driver's brake valve has been fitted for parking and emergency use. This is a good idea and will be adopted as "standard" for the future applications. Three of our repainted rebodied open wagons have been returned to site by Tom and his trusted "truck".

The Ladies Auxiliary Support Team has been "reformed" as you will see in this edition and should spring into action for our AGM in March. The ECO Centre has been booked and we look forward to nominations for the Committee vacancies. We also welcome the grand-mother of Dylan-2 to the ticket box and canteen along with Angella Ahern.

## **Ladies of the Railway – by Damelsa Belcher**

At the last committee meeting, on behalf of Tania, Heidi and myself I put forward to the committee that we proposed to reform the lady's axillary. I am pleased to announce that the committee whole heartily approved the idea. I'm sure you're asking but what does this mean for me.

We are proposing the following:

- Ladies to come forward to offer to assist with preparing food for events
- Ladies to suggest some events that see's us interacting more, i.e. coffee catchups, lunch, outings
- Ladies to put up their hands who would like to help plan club events, such as night run's, Father's Day breakfast, Birthday celebrations and Christmas.

If you would like to be part of the lady's axillary, please send an email to [CMREvents@Castledare.com.au](mailto:CMREvents@Castledare.com.au) and we will organise for us to get together for a planning session.



## Duty Roster

Niana	Wilson	Duty Officer	Ticket Box	Signal Box [No. Required]		Canteen
Sunday, 3 February 2019		Rod Bradley	Eddie Smith	Julian Cross [N] [N] Tania Watson [C]	[3]	Tina Smith Kathy Watson
Sunday, 17 February 2019			Angella Ahern		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 3 March 2019		Rod Bradley	Sue Belcher	Curtis Lawrence [N] Julian Cross [N] Ethan Giddens [C]	[3]	Judy Bowyer Kathy Watson
Sunday, 17 March 2019			Tina Smith Sue Belcher		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 7 April 2019		John Smith	Tania Watson	Craig Belcher [N] [N] Ethan Giddens [C]	[3]	Judy Bowyer Kathy Watson
Wednesday, 17 April 2019			Angella Ahern		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 21 April 2019			Sue Belcher		[1]	N/A
Wednesday, 24 April 2019			Tina Smith Sue Belcher		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 5 May 2019		Craig Belcher	Angella Ahern	Damelsa Belcher [N] Curtis Lawrence [N] Tania Watson [C]	[3]	Jeanette Lawrence Julie Hamann
Sunday, 19 May 2019			Tina Smith		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 2 June 2019		Rod Bradley	Tania Watson	Damelsa Belcher [N] Curtis Lawrence [N] Tania Watson [C]	[3]	Sue Belcher Anna Rattigan
Monday, 3 June 2019			Tania Watson		[1]	N/A
Sunday, 16 June 2019			Angella Ahern		[1]	N/A

### Have your say – by Damelsa Belcher

As members of the club, let us know what you would like to see more of with events. We can then collate them and look at proposing some of the suggestions to the committee.

One suggestion we want to put forward to the members is the Christmas celebration. What do you prefer, a lunch or dinner celebration? Send us your thoughts to [CMREvents@Castledare.com.au](mailto:CMREvents@Castledare.com.au)

### Back Issues of Cinders and Soot

Currently John Smith is kindly scanning old issues of Cinders and Soot all the way back to issue 1 and he is chasing a few missing issues if you think that you maybe able to assist please contact him directly.

**FEBRUARY / MARCH CALENDAR 2019**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
					Run Prep Work Day	NIANA Run Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Work Day		Committee Meeting	General Work Day	Members Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Work Day			Run Prep Work Day	WILSON Run Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Submissions For Cinders & Soot		Work Day			General Work Day	
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
		Work Day			Run Prep Work Day	NIANA Run Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Work Day		Committee Meeting	General Work Day	Members Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Work Day		AGM 6:00pm Eco Center	Run Prep Work Day	WILSON Run Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Submissions For Cinders & Soot		Work Day			General Work Day	



## Trackside Notes – by Craig Belcher

Hi Folks, at the recent committee meeting, I put my hand up to take on the Perway Supers roll again after a break of a few years for various reasons.

I thank them for their support in this move and look forward to getting back to where I used to be with this roll.

So far, we have tackled a couple of jobs since this time, including the relevelling and resetting of camber coming off of Stanbridge, the relevelling of the down side of the Fern Road loop, and the diverging curve from there towards Wilson. More work is required on Fern Road, and it is intended to fit bracing bars to the expansion joints on the tightest curve on this section (just after the top gate) in the coming weeks, along with possibly another load of ballast to lift a couple of low sections.

Future works planned? Well yes, I have a hit list of things to work on, but for the time being will be focussing efforts on continued improvement of expansion joints thru the addition of further support bars as have been fitted to many through the wetlands section already. First job here though is to make a welding jig for them to make them easier to manufacture. Longer term, I have started manufacturing a new diamond crossing to go in after the Bailey Bridge to remove the small dog leg left behind from when the bridge was re-decked some time back and have a couple of other larger projects which will be put to committee for comment and hopefully approval later in the year.

For the time being though, should any members have any track related issues, please contact me directly, either by email, text or phone call and I'll add them to the list for attention as and when I am able to.

For anyone interested in joining in the Track Crew, work sessions will be monthly, on the Saturday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Run, from 9-3 weather dependant.

Thanks Folks



## UHF Radio's for use at the club – By Craig Belcher – **LAST CHANCE**

As would have been noted from previous issues I am looking at the possibility of organising a once off bulk purchase on the below two radio packages for members who may want them. Costing is indicative only, as it will vary a little depending on how many are ordered, i.e. the more ordered the cheaper it will become...



GME TX6160 \$258.00



GME TX6160TP (twin pack) \$466.80

There has been some interest but the more we purchase the greater the chance of a better price. Any queries, or to register interest, please let me know preferably via email (I have a shocking memory) to [craig.belcher@bigpond.com](mailto:craig.belcher@bigpond.com)

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