

Craig supervising the ballast loading for the major maintenance works - *photo by Tricia*

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From the Editors Desk – by Tricia and Robin

Welcome to the February issue of Cinders and Soot.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: **The start time for Niana run days is now 10.00******

Just a reminder that the date for C&S submissions is in the calendar and photos would be greatly appreciated. All submissions will be vetted for formatting, spelling and appropriateness of content before being included!

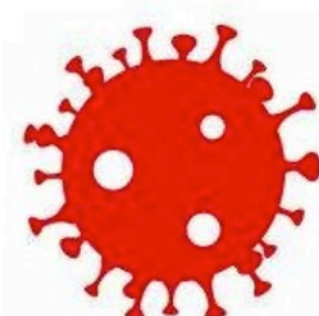
For Sale ads in C&S are dependant on available space and will only be included for a maximum of 6 publications.

Members Celebrating their Birthday this Month are:

Belcher	Ken
Giddens	Ethan
Goodlet	Jared
Jones	Ben
MacKellar	Tania
Millman	Allyra
Smith	Leslie
Winterbourn	Thomas

The COVID-19 notice below has been placed in various locations around CMR. Look out for it when you next visit! **Note; we still need to adhere to these requirements & the QR sign-in.**

COVID-19 Hygiene Important Notice



Please help keep us all safe by following these simple protocols:

- Wash your hands & sanitise before & after signing in (use your own pen if possible)
- Use your own cup/glass for drinks
- Sanitise ALL surfaces, including handles, tables, kitchen utensils, toilet and workshop surfaces/equipment, before and after use
- Magazines should be read **ONLY** if wearing gloves

NOTE: Hand sanitiser, gloves and paper towels are provided to assist you to comply. Please feel free to bring your own if preferred.

Thank you, from the CMR Committee

President's Report – by Les Smith

The real bad news is that we have had to cease running for the month to allow track-bed shoulder rehabilitation to take place. This decision was the result of careful analysis of risks and extensive discussion of possible options. Our Competent Person has pushed down hard to have an organised effort for what is a massive task and the response of the members has been fantastic. Shoulder erosion has been happening over a long period of time from persons using our track as walkways and through COVID the number of walkers / bikers have increased.... it is a nice walk! We had hoped that the Church “hand-back” would have been finalised a couple of years ago and then the City of Canning could get involved to help. But alas, we wait! The shoulder rehab work has made it a pleasure to walk alongside our trackage without the need to have one leg shorter than the other. People using have now complemented positively on our work. The work has come at a cost plus the loss of a couple of run-days just as there were signs that riders were coming back.... but then again, COVID is still a threat.

Take a look at what Anthony Malesic has produced via FaceBook / YouTube (TRAINANATIC) showing the work that is happening in regard to the rehab mentioned above. It is a top-shelf production and we have never seen Julian move that fast before!

I mentioned last month about possibly supplying lunches or a heavy snack but not a replacement for lack of breakfast, and a member plus assistant has put up at least one hand to organise and the Committee will now address this issue for progression forward at our next meeting. Hopefully we can agree on both hands -up and get this new venture going.

It has been unfortunate that Robin (our Secretary) has had a much longer recovery from a hospital visit and Ken took over as “acting” and then with a leg injury had to be hospitalised with Sue Belcher becoming the acting-acting Secretary. Robin has ventured back to the Club, Ken is using crutches and Sue is practicing home nursing skills. Thanks Sue, much appreciated. Robin has done a lot of background work, particularly with insurance and a clarification note has been sent to all members. It is recommended reading.

The former Canteen building has had white ants in the rear wall and treatment has now been done. We mentioned future use of the area last month but there has been no rush of comments. The Signal Box end of the NIANA platforms / walkways are about to be re-concreted thus taking advantage of our temporary “closure”. This is a pretty tatty area with uneven surfaces and again, safety is the driving force.

Richard is well into our “annual” inspections with new member Greg Hewitt giving a hand. One of the fallouts is that there has to be some wheel flange rectification. Members are

reminded that when checking rolling stock / locomotives for any running that an eye should be kept on flange condition. If in doubt, then check with the “no go” gauges.

Vic is now into the work to redevelop CARABAO into a heavy hauler. The Club needs at least two such locomotives owned by Club for run-days. We cannot rely on member’s locomotives being available for double set working which has proven so successful in moving our short-term peak “crowd” that now occurs early on run-days.

The AGM is upon us and just what form it will take is in the hands of the Government but there will be new Committee members.

We look forward to running again before the AGM after the “full court press” on remediation. If you are not familiar with a full court press, then check on ex -President Nixon and or basketball. One thing is for certain there is more work to come. Let us keep it up as we have a great little or largish miniature railway with an excellent safety record.

Secretary’s Report – by Tricia Stuart (on behalf of the Secretary)

As both the Secretary and acting Secretary have been indisposed this month they are unable to submit a report. We wish both Robin and Ken a speedy recovery.

A reminder that the AGM is not far off (Friday 18th March) and as stipulated by the City of Canning/State Government, currently those attending the Eco Centre will be required to provide their proof of Covid vaccinations and photo ID and don’t forget to wear a face mask.

Please also remember that Membership renewals are now due and only financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM. An email reminder has been sent with membership form attached.

This month’s Committee meeting has been deferred until 27th February to allow all concerned to concentrate on the track work, which is taking place on both days of the 3rd weekend this month. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible to help share the heavy work load!

For Sale Notice Board

As a result of decommissioning the Canteen we are offering the following items for sale:

2 x Hisense HR6VFF177A freezers \$300 each ONO

1 x Westinghouse freezer \$200 ONO

1 x Fisher and Paykel fridge \$200 ONO.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact our Secretary in person or by email at: secretary@castledare.com.au



More Articles Wanted

Are you building a loco?
Have you ever been on an interesting train trip?
Do you have any train stories to tell?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, then please share your experiences with your fellow club members. We are looking for articles from our members to include in this magazine. Let's make C&S interesting to read, and if you can provide photos too that will make it all the more fun. Please email all contributions to the Editors at the address on the second page of this magazine.



Congratulations to Wendy Gore
and Jeff Weeding on their
forthcoming marriage this month.

"Covid related" humour, supplied by Les.....



CMR Gallery



ABOVE: **December Wilson Park run day** (photos by Tricia):

Top left: pizzas for lunch

Top right: 4 gentlemen enjoying a well-earned late lunch

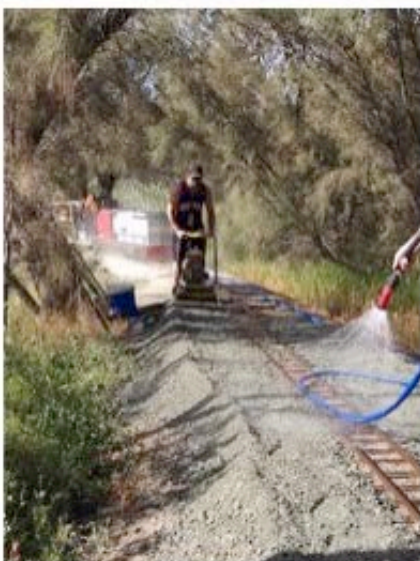
Bottom left: back at Niana at the end of the day

Bottom right: in the yard after the run

BELOW PAGES: **February Maintenance work** (photos by Tricia):

What a busy first weekend it was, with more to follow!! There were people moving ballast, loading ballast wagons, shoveling ballast onto the track, damping it down, compacting, refilling the fire train with water, watering plants, cleaning up fallen bark and finally having a well-deserved lunch. The evidence is captured in these photos....







CMR Calendar 2022

January	February	March
1 Sa New Year's Day/Prep Work	1 Tu	1 Tu
2 Su Niana Run Day	2 We Work Day	2 We Work Day
3 Mo New Year's Day Holiday	3 Th	3 Th
4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Fr
5 We Work/School Hols Run Day	5 Sa Track Work Day	5 Sa Run Day Prep Work/Gen Mtg
6 Th	6 Su Niana Run Day (Cancelled)	6 Su Niana Run Day (10.00 start)
7 Fr	7 Mo	7 Mo Labour Day
8 Sa Track Work Day/Gen Mtg	8 Tu	8 Tu
9 Su Members Day	9 We Work Day	9 We Work Day
10 Mo	10 Th	10 Th
11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Fr
12 We Work/School Hols Run Day	12 Sa Track Work Day	12 Sa Track Work Day
13 Th	13 Su Members Day	13 Su Members Day
14 Fr	14 Mo	14 Mo
15 Sa Committee Mtg / Work	15 Tu	15 Tu
16 Su Wilson Run Day	16 We Work Day	16 We Work Day
17 Mo C&S submissions close	17 Th	17 Th
18 Tu	18 Fr Workshop Night	18 Fr Workshop Night / AGM
19 We Work/School Hols Run Day	19 Sa Track Work Day	19 Sa Committee Mtg / Work
20 Th	20 Su Wilson Run (Cancelled) Work Day	20 Su Wilson Run Day
21 Fr Workshop Night	21 Mo	21 Mo C&S submissions close
22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Tu
23 Su	23 We Work Day	23 We Work Day
24 Mo	24 Th	24 Th
25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Fr
26 We Australia Day/School Run day	26 Sa Track Work Day	26 Sa
27 Th	27 Su Committee Mtg	27 Su
28 Fr	28 Mo	28 Mo
29 Sa		29 Tu
30 Su		30 We Work Day
31 Mo		31 Th

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