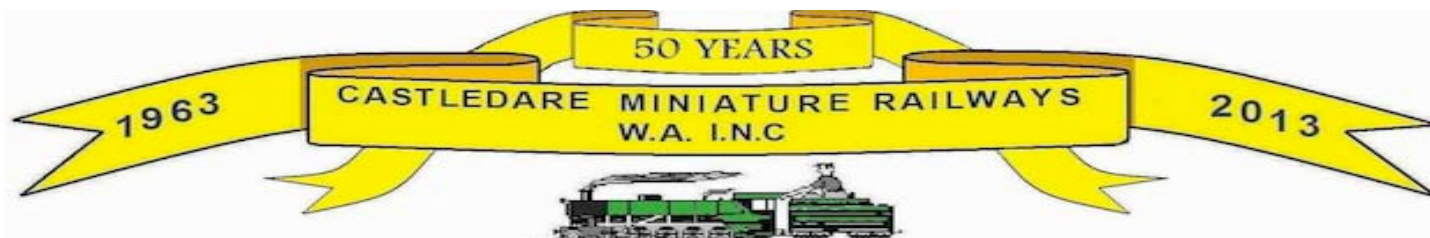


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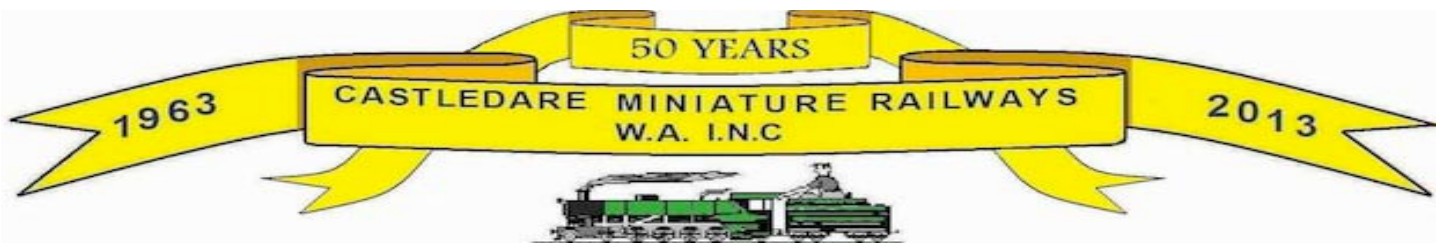
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The President's Bit

To kick off this month, I'd like to thank all those who turned out (some for three days straight) to run both the railway, and the stand at the model railway exhibition over the recent June long weekend. The results were fantastic. I appreciate the work that goes into this weekend by all concerned, however in a bid to try and improve things, next year we will try something a bit more formal and roster these running days in conjunction with staffing requirements for the show. It is hoped that by going down this path we can ease some of the workload on the members involved and at the very least, have a plan of attack with which to face the weekend. However, for this to work it needs the commitment of the membership at an early stage. Please bear this in mind when the roster forms are sent out in the months leading up to next year's run.

The last few running days we have seen a few instances arise of some concern. It must be remembered that on these days, while we are members of a club enjoying our hobby, we are dealing with the general public, and therefore need to both portray a professional attitude, and run the railway in an organized manner.

On run days one member is in control of the day's operations. As the Duty Officer, this person has the final say, and should an incident arise they should be the first point of contact – either directly, or via radio and "Control".

Since our last edition, it has been great to see things progress around the railway. The station canopy repaint has been completed, with some new signage being organized and it will be refitted as soon as available. Some of you will also have noticed that the turntable handrails have been removed, these are currently offsite being sandblasted prior to being restored to their original colour of white. It is envisaged the turntable deck may also be returned to its original colour.

The breezeway door has been replaced, and the steel / timber wall panels either side of it replaced with brick and outside handrails reconfigured. Elsewhere, in the Diesel Shed, further work has been done to continue the clean out, with the loco bays in the process of being painted, some wall cracks repaired, as well as various other small jobs before the whole room itself is repainted. In the steam shed, some new oil drip trays have been obtained. If these prove to be satisfactory, more will be obtained over time.

Unfortunately, with all this good news, we have suffered some bad. Within a week of hearing that we had, after 8 months, finally received the building permit for the new signal box, we were then informed that the builder contracted to do the job had gone into voluntary administration. Unfortunately, this poses us with a number of problems. As I write this piece, we are uncertain of the company's future. Mike is working on a number of avenues to try and progress this project.

- As mentioned in the last issue, there are a number of C.I wheel sets in the workshop, which have been deemed to be surplus to requirements. Should anyone be interested in obtaining some / all of them, please contact myself. They are available for the cost of a small donation to the club. I would envisage that more might become available in the future as we progressively overhaul bogies and wheel sets.
- As a part of our new Swan River Trust Permit, a "Project Management Plan" has to be submitted before we carry out major works around the site. This is being worked on now, and will be submitted as soon as practicable.

With various things happening away from the railway, my attendance has unfortunately been a bit more sporadic than I would like. Hopefully this will change shortly with things easing off. Looking forward to "getting back to work" and back to a couple of stalled projects.

Again, my thanks to those who have taken up on a couple of the small projects listed in the last couple of issues. The remainder of the list is reprinted in this issue, so please give it some thought, if you're not currently engaged in anything or have spare time on your hands that you're willing to provide, pick a job, come and see (or call, or e-mail) myself and I will arrange the necessary consumables required. There's nothing overly taxing if tackled the right way, but all will go towards the betterment of our facilities.

Till next month, this week promises some more workshop time and hopefully some progress.

Craig



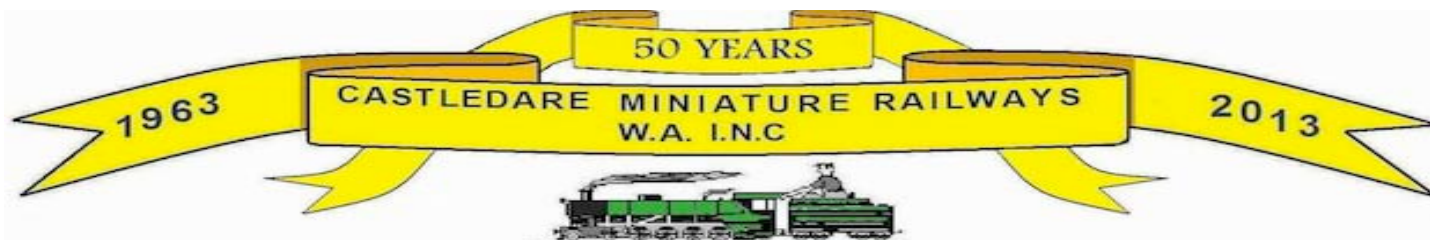
Club facilities clean up

As mentioned elsewhere this issue, the following is a small list of projects which need attention in the coming few months. It's pleasing to see a few items have been taken up as projects by members. While they don't all need to be done by the time that the club's 50th comes around, it seems logical to use this date as a goal by which to achieve a major spruce up of our facilities. Many of these items can be done solo or by a group, so if you think there's something you think you can take on, as mentioned I'd love to hear from you.

In no particular order of priority:

- Painting of Bailey Bridge (tied in with a project to re-deck the bridge later in the year)
- Repaint Steam shed exterior wall
- Lay 2 additional sidings alongside carriage shed
- Establish a long term solution for water supplies to Canning steaming bays and station area
- Repaint and Prepare flagpole for re-location
- Continue Ballast work for line and level improvements, and expansion joint replacements.

Craig Belcher
President, Castledare Miniature Railway



President's Report – Cinders & Soot – 10th Anniversary Edition – November 1973

About this time we can say Castledare has been 'going' for 10 years, or should I say 'going on' for 10 years. When we look back and see what happened [and a lot of it did just happen – through hard work] an unending list of events begins to come out. In that 10 years we have had many members and past members, give their time and efforts for the creation of what is commonly known as "Castledare" for short – Castledare Miniature Railway.

Much work has been forgotten – we are apt to forget, so we can get on – as though it has always been so. In the last 12 months – do you realise 12 months ago the "Southern Railway" was not in commission and the auto telephone exchange had just begun to be used?

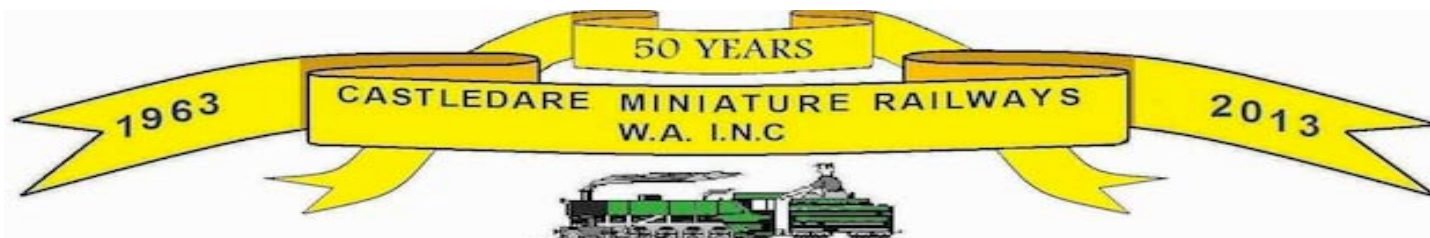
During the last year many items have 'appeared.' The completion of the south loop track. The new carriage shed – flashing lights and bells at south crossing – new locos have appeared. The 3½" gauge track is well on its way to being re established and a station building at Avon well under way.

WAGR type [obsolete] bell code signaling between Avon and Niana [Central] have been 'installed'. And of course the many unseen works like new points to be installed at Avon, drainage, and 'flood control' [the south tunnel had 6" of water at the end of winter]. And most recently the draining and re-bedding of the cutting. It has been a most rewarding year of progress.

The thanks of the Club goes to all who made this creation possible in the last 10 years for those to come in the years hence.

My personal thanks to all in helping with this creation, of which I like many others, feel justly proud in saying "I helped build Castledare"

Yours sincerely,
J Stanbridge, President



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Notes from the last Committee Meeting – these are only a brief summary of some of the items discussed.

- Safety Management System being put together – a work in progress at this stage.
- Niana Station has been painted
- Work has commenced on the breezeway/clubroom upgrade. The first part of this has been the relocation of the work wagon to the diesel shed [following a re-arrangement of the loco storage area] and the removal of the work wagon track. The breezeway entry door to the yard has been rebuilt and walls either side have now been bricked in.
- Painting of Bayou Bridge is in hand.
- SRT approvals [subject to some conditions] for the plan submitted last July have now been received. Secretary attended meeting with both SRT Management & Manager of Christian Bros. resulting in a more definitive map showing SRT and other boundaries in relation to CMR infrastructure and an awareness of what information is required by SRT from CMR in relation to gaining approval permits for various projects.
- Work progressing on foreshore management document required by the SRT
- Advertising is now appearing in the Parent Paper – free newspaper available in most shopping centres, etc.
- Soak drains have been installed at the front and rear of the workshop

At a committee meeting held Sunday 16th June to discuss the current issues with the supply and installation of the new Niana A signal cabin, Mike Crean offered his services, which have been accepted, as the Project Manager and will liaise with the parties involved.

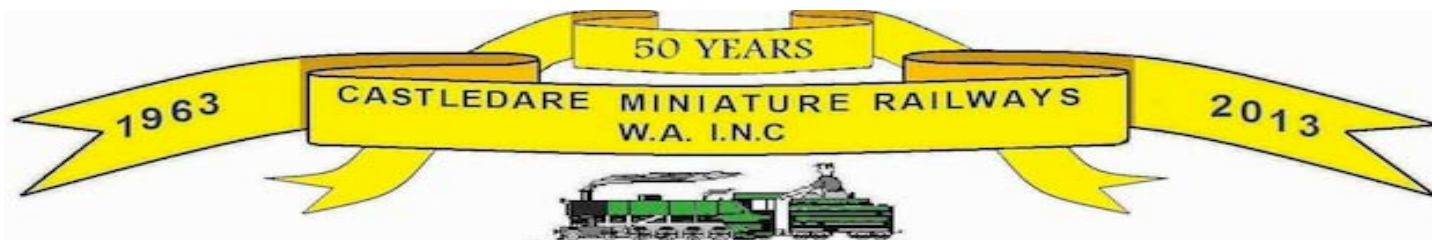
As you may be aware, a contract was entered into for the new signal box, plans were drawn and submitted for approvals through the relevant authorities. Unfortunately in the time taken for approvals to be received, the company contracted for this project was placed into Voluntary Administration.

The Secretary has been working through various aspects of this difficult situation and Mike will follow this through to, hopefully, a successful conclusion for the club.



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 |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| June | Wednesday | 19th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Saturday | 22nd | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Wednesday | 26 th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Saturday | 29th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Sunday | 30 th | Members Day | From 10am | BYO lunch | |
| July | Wednesday | 3rd | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Saturday | 6th | Prepare railway for public operations | From 9am | | |
| | Sunday | 7th | Public run day from Niana station | From 9am | Eddie Smith & Sue Belcher | Chris Doody |
| | Wednesday | 10th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Friday | 12th | Committee Meeting | 5.30 pm | | |
| | Saturday | 13th | Major Work Day | From 9am | | |
| | Sunday | 14 th | Play Day | From 9am | | |
| | Wednesday | 17 ^h | Work day | From 9.00am | | |
| | Friday | 19 th | Work night | From 4.30 | | Evening meal provided |
| | Sunday | 21st | Public run day from Wilson | From 9am | | Eno |
| | Wednesday | 24 th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Saturday | 27th | Work day | From 9am | | |
| | Wednesday | 31st | Work day | From 9am | | |
| August | Saturday | 3rd | Preare railway for public operations | From 9am | | |



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| | Sunday | 4th th | Public run from Niana station | From 9am | Judy Bowyer | David Lyons |
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And the planning continues towards October 2013 !

The Registration Form for the birthday weekend is now available on the CMR website. From the website, you can download the form, complete and return it to the relevant address.

Commemorative badges have been ordered and these will be available on a 'first come first served basis' – limited number to be offered for sale primarily by ordering one on the registration form. Committee has agreed that as these are a 'limited' edition, those left after the event, if any, will be on sale to the general public. They can be ordered and paid for on your registration form and will then be made available for collection in October.

The other souvenir item with the 50th Anniversary logo on them has now been received and is also available for sale via the Canteen.

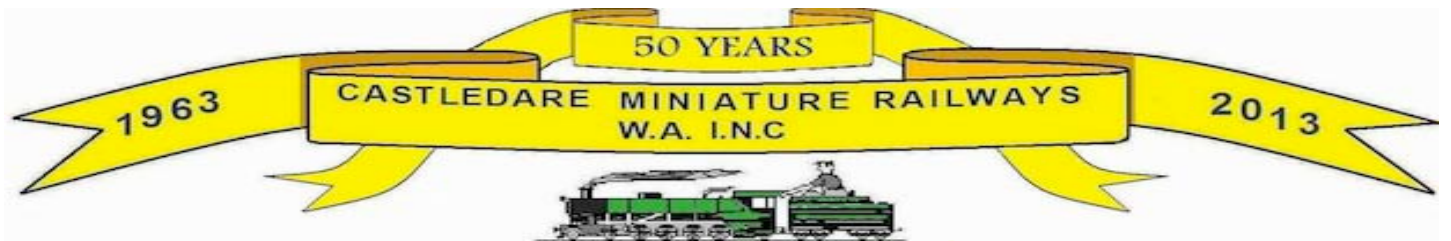
Extended advertising is being planned for the 1st Sunday run in October so that our patrons can enjoy the railway's anniversary with a few special things happening on the day.

Registrations have begun to come through, if you require one it can be downloaded from our web site or if you prefer, let me know and I will post one out to you via snail mail.

I look forward to the participation of all members in whatever capacity you are able to offer.

*Sue Belcher,
50th Anniversary Co-Ordinator*

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LIBRARY STORAGE:

As will be seen from the Committee notes, work on this project has begun and will be completed in conjunction with the breezeway and clubroom upgrade.

The breezeway entry to the yard has now been replaced with a new door and brickwork, the next step will be assessing what may be required to 'level' the floor prior to painting and installing new library cupboards.

A number of duplicate copies of the club's magazine were made available at the AGM and there are still some on hand. If any member wishes to peruse these or add to their own personal collection then please let either Sue or Ken know and maybe there will be some issues to complete what you have.

If there are no takers of these duplicates by 30th June – they will be recycled.

The jarrah library cupboard currently in the breezeway is surplus to requirements and free to a good home. If any member has a use for the cupboard, please contact either Ken or Sue and arrangements can be made for you to collect it.

ANNUAL AMRA MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION:

Once again Castledare Miniature Railway was at the model railway exhibition over the last long weekend, although it was a bit slow on the Saturday it was quite busy on the following 2 days explaining to the public where the club is and answering questions.

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.

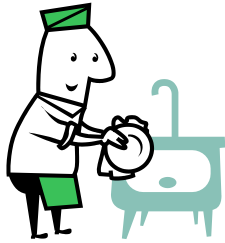
If you are unable to join in on a Wednesday, there is also a small band of members who are regularly at the club on a Saturday morning – don't wait for a personal invitation – it is your club, feel free to come down, participate in some routine maintenance type tasks and enjoy some social interaction 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.



Wilson Run – WA Day Monday 3rd June

A very big “thank you” to those members who helped out on the special Wilson WA Day run, especially as they also attended the Sunday Niana run day. The unseasonably warm sunny weather saw a huge crowd at Wilson Park for the City of Canning family fun picnic day and this resulted in us carrying a record 1261 passengers, hauled by 5 trains – steam and diesel, over the 4 hours.

Hopefully I haven’t missed anyone off the following list of members who worked tirelessly without a break, in most cases not even having time for lunch ☺

Vic Jones
Tom Donkin
Mike Crean
Morris Cooper
John Palm
Janet Meulenbroek
Richard Stuart
Don Bowyer
Tom Winterbourn
Clive Woodward

John Smith
Eno Gruszecki
Tania Watson
Curtis Hamann
Dylan Audrain
John Ahern
Angela Ahern

It was a great day, thanks for your efforts.

Trish Stuart
Duty Officer



Notice Board

Microwave at Wilson and 'call to arms'

This is a notice for the Wilson crew; we now have a microwave in the ticket box for use by members on run days. So if you feel like heating up your lunch, go for it – that is of course if we have the luxury of time to stop for lunch ☺

Speaking of time for breaks, this could be made possible if we had more members who are prepared to help out so that we can roster people for 'shifts' thereby spreading the load. More assistance would make for a shorter day for everyone. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Wilson crew.

Trish Stuart
Wilson DO

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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.

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



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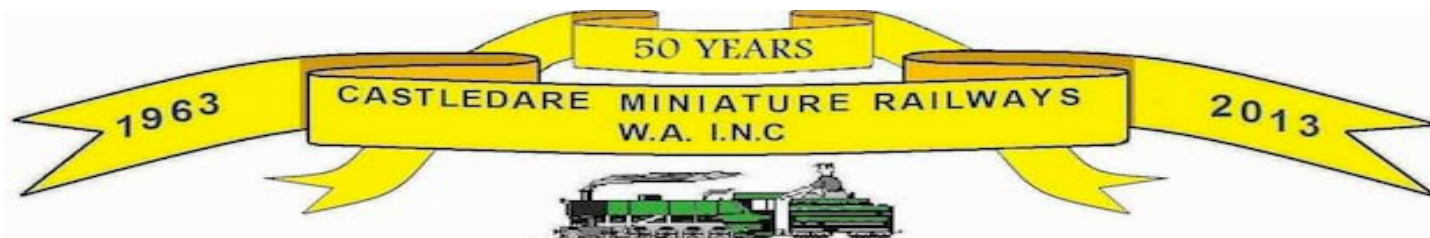


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Invite Castledare Miniature Railway Members

To celebrate twenty-five years running

In 2013 it's 25 years since Len Toms first established the 7¼
Miniature Railway track, later to become the
Katanning Miniature Railway

We invite you to a fun weekend at our track on Saturday 7th September from 10 am to late
And Sunday 8th September from 10.30am to 4.30pm

On Saturday it will just be for invited guests and their Locos To play trains.

Rolls, sandwiches & cool drinks can be bought for lunch
with a BBQ in the evening.

Sunday is our normal run day and we invite you to help us give rides to the general public. If you have carriages you can bring that would be a big help.

Rolls, sandwiches & cool drinks can be bought for lunch.

Our track is 7¼ gauge and we have a secure loco shed, turntable and steaming bays - coal provided.

Must have a currant Boiler Certificate

Cost for the weekend \$20.00 per person for both days

Tea & coffee on tap all weekend.

Saturday night BBQ \$20.00 per person, to cover meat, salads & sweets.

Hotel, Motel, Bed & Breakfast accommodation in Katanning,
Caravan Park, Kobeelya conference Centre Leaflet attached. Locos can be put in our shed Friday night if arrangements are made beforehand.

R.S.V.P. by 19th August to
18 Beach St Katanning 6317

Phone/Fax 08 98214390 Mobile Derek 0427212967 Or Julie 0458214390

Email abj@westnet.com.au

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Katanning Motel 38 Albion Street (2 minutes from Miniature Railway)
Ph 08 98211657. Fax 08 98211930.

HOTEL Federal Hotel, 111 Clive Street. Ph 0898211010 Fax 08 98215045

KOBEELYA Conference Centre Kobeelya Ave. Ph 08 98212214
Fax 08 98212235. Budget Accommodation for groups & families.

BED & BREAKFAST

Woodchester. 19 Clive St. Ph/Fax 08 98217007

Sunbeam Caravan Park. Next to the BP Service Station. Ph 08 98211155
No on-site vans.