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MMRC's HO Scale
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Melton Model Railway Club Newsletter

With a very productive General Meeting held on the 15th May, there are now a number of new initiatives taking place at the club!

Make sure you read the latest General Meeting Minutes (emailed out on 16th May) for all the latest progress.

More exciting news with the club getting our own "Layout Room" in the clubrooms, with thanks to the Shire of Melton for building and funding the new wall.

This has allowed for space to be made (after a massive cleanup!) and allows for easy access around the N and On30 layouts.

So head down and have a look at our new "Layout Room"!

Please note the MMRC meet times:

- **Saturday afternoons:** 1PM to 4PM
- **FIRST** and **THIRD** Saturday of each month
- **Tuesday nights**
- 7PM – 9PM, each week

Adam Weise,

Secretary, MMRC Page 1/4

R704 hauls a train over the AMRA layout's trestle bridge





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17th July, 2010

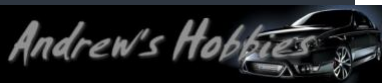
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- **MMRC News:**

On the back of the May 15th General Meeting there's been plenty of activity at the clubrooms!

- **MMRC "Test Track"**

A flurry of construction work began on the MMRC's new Test Track along the eastern wall of the layout room. This new track incorporates a near 8 meter long run of HO scale track with a passing loop and an N scale track along side, also almost 8 meters in length. The framework and bench top was constructed overnight very quickly. It was painted and sealed, ready for trackwork to begin the next club meet night, the next Tuesday night. Trackwork then followed that night, with most of the layout worked out and trackwork being pinned down. With trackwork now complete, wiring for the layout has also been completed recently. The layout is very close to being up and running officially. Watch this space for more info!

- **On30 layout**

Plenty more work was completed on the On30 layout, with wiring almost complete on the layout. A test train was run on Tuesday night, marking another milestone in the completion of the layout! Work will continue on the scenery, trackwork and structures in a bid to get the layout ready for the Djerriwarrh Festival in November.

- **MMRC Annual General Meeting 2010**

A reminder that the MMRC's AGM for 2010 is coming up. Agenda items will be finalised soon. Also, nominations will be open very soon for club positions. Further details on how to nominate will be sent out in a mail out to Current Financial Members. **This is also a reminder to please pay any outstanding membership fees to bring yourself up to date financially with the club.**

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- **MMRC Excursion #2:**

Ideas for the next location for the next MMRC Excursion are welcome. Ideas from the General Meeting included; Queenscliff, Seymour, Bulla Ride on Railway, Walhalla, Maldon, Puffing Billy etc.

- Think about Dates now!
- Look at inviting other clubs/community groups along, too. (Scouts etc)
- Possibly even look at chartering a train (steam?) to Bacchus Marsh with lots of other groups in Melton?

- **Working Parties:**

Reminder to please lend a hand with the Working Parties you would like to sign up to, as we're basically past the critical time for our proposed MMRC Model Railway Show 2010. We also need to outline a plan for the future, looking at the next 1, 3 and 5 years.

- **Construction of Melton Station diorama**

An idea was brought up with the club recently about looking into building a diorama or layout to include Melton Station as an historical model. Let us know if you'd like to be involved in this proposal! Any interested members to contact the Committee if you'd like to see this project get off the ground and contribute. Ideas would incorporate using a standard sized Freemo module for a basis for the diorama.



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• Annual Fees

Members are invited to send in feedback on the club's annual fees. Please forward any feedback, proposed fee structures or general comments, to the Secretary,
adam@meltonmrc.org.au

• MMRC T-shirts

Members are also invited to send in their ideas for an official MMRC T-shirt. Base designs have been selected, so we're looking for member's ideas on the logo placement and also a design for the back of the T-Shirt. Artwork and setup for the T-Shirts will be generously donated from Andrew's Hobbies!

• Excursion to Bulla Miniature railway with community groups?

The club is looking to get a trip to the Bulla Miniature railway up and running, inviting local community groups, such as the Scouts, along also. If you would like to get this sort of trip up and running, please let the Secretary know ASAP.

• New MMRC Website launches!

Members may have noticed that a new revision of the MMRC website launched on the afternoon of 14-6-2010! While there's still work to be done on the site, the majority of the information is back on the site.

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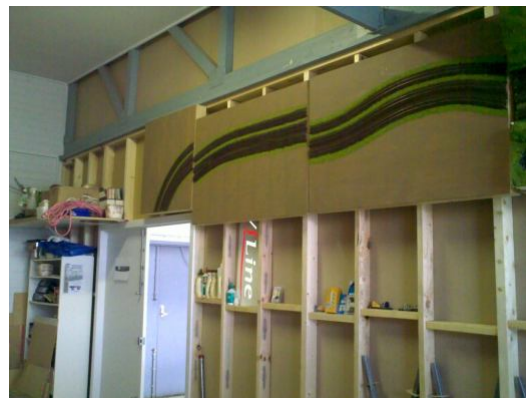
MMRC Layout Room and Layouts



A very tidy layout room!



The On30 Layout taking shape



An interesting way to run a layout!



Construction begins on the Test
Track layout!



Ballarat MRC Show 2010 – Report

Here's an overview of the Ballarat Exhibition (**With thanks to Bob for the report!**)

I ruggd up for the drive to Ballarat. True to Ballarat's reputation, as expected the moment I drove into town I'd encountered drizzle and rain. It was freezing cold when stepping out of the car, but once inside the Eastwood Avenue hall it was more comfortable away from the chilling cold wind; the Ballarat MRC had installed heaters that were effective in reducing the cold.

Friendly people. Lots to see. Several layouts we've seen before and they are embedded in our memory. Others were new and were operated by young people. It's so pleasing to see many youngsters interested in 'playing trains'.

There was something for everyone. The traders were from Train World, Rail-N-Thusiast, K&L Models (Geelong) and a second-hand stall. There were layouts and displays of most model scales and gauges ... O9, HO, OO, O, N, 1, some S & Sn3 scale, and whatever they call that Lego gauge!

Some layouts were focussed at the younger folk. "Lego Town" had a good crowd most of the time. Oakley Railway was a first time layout built by 2 junior members, Turtle Creek Junction and Pikesville Junction also had young operators. So it seems to me that the Ballarat Model Railway Club is genuinely fostering an exhibition for the Mums & Dads and should see membership growth from younger generation.

I won't describe the layouts, so if you didn't go you missed out. The Ballarat "Phoenix Electric" layout has been displayed for a few years now. It shows a typical American street car railway, and is one of those layouts that has been continually improved and now uses DCC to provide better operational running. Other layouts included Jessyville, Mainline, T-Trak, Gauge 1 Live steam, Diablo Mining (On30) South Park Mining (S & Sn3).

It was good to network with some long-time train-modelling friends. Eamonn was operating his Tottenhoe Mineral Railway (O9), the good Rev Cracknell was clearing a derailment on his Kangaroo & Cockatoo Railway, and John from OMC was displaying some new laser cut 1/4" scale buggy kits. Even though there is a model train show in Adelaide this weekend Bob from BGB was there with lots of Victorian kits and good to see him doing well in the sales department.

We are sure to see more new model structures from Outback Model Company (OMC). Their display was manned by John Hunter, one of the best structure builders; he explained some of their new laser-cut kits including buildings, building parts, and buggies. Because there are several model shows in Victoria this weekend Laurie Green, the other half of OMC, was attending Brandon Park (Waverley MRC) exhibition. Have a look at their website for their new stock & let them know what you'd like to see. Maybe they can produce it for you?

Overall, it was a good exhibition, and the hall was reasonably full the whole time I was there. It may have been much of the same old thing, but when you look beyond you see a whole fraternity of model train enthusiasts. We need to attend the local and country model train shows and encourage more youngsters to 'play trains' and if we have the skills then we should share them and help others to learn from us and to grow our hobby.

Once outside the venue it was mandatory to buy some hot snags from the Scout's sausage sizzle and warm up before the drive back home.

Regards
Bob

A big thanks to Bob Prewett for trekking down to the Ballarat MRC show and providing a very comprehensive report for us!

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- **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**
- Quarterly membership fees are now **overdue**.
- Please pay any outstanding amounts to the Treasurer, Robert, as soon as possible.
- Non Financial Members are **unable** to vote at the **Annual General Meeting** on July 17th, 2010.

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