



the CALL BOARD

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Locomotives PHC 001 “Carrot” and PHC 002 “Spud” head train number 4190 through Waratah NSW on 16 November 2017. The locomotives are model C44aci built by UGL Rail at Broadmeadow. This train is run by Crawford’s Freightlines between Sandgate (only 4km from here) and Port Botany, Sydney, five days per week, and is the largest rail freight service out of Newcastle.

This photo was taken at the spot that the coal roads between Newcastle and Maitland cross under the main line from the northern to the southern side. The line to Wallsend branched from the main line here until the coal roads were built around 1914. The line was then connected to the coal roads, and ran around the hill behind the locomotives. It closed in the 1960’s.

Image – David Patrick

OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Daniel Cronin
Secretary:	David Patrick
Treasurer:	Geoff Crow
Membership Officer:	David Patrick
Electrical Engineer:	Ben Smith
Way & Works Engineer:	Ben Smith
Mechanical Engineer:	Warwick Brisbane
Development Engineer:	Peter Riggall
Club Rooms:	Old Parcels Office Auburn Railway Station Victoria Road, Auburn
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As your new president I would like to thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing me, and in a few cases, sight unseen.

A member for over 30 years I have been inconspicuous by my absence due to work commitments and new arrivals in the form of grandchildren. However, this year promises more freedom and attendance at MMRS.

My first duty is to thank the outgoing committee for what I have observed has been a great period of financial stability and cohesiveness, under the leadership of Warwick Brisbane.

No society exists without the dedication of a few, and in our case excellent contributions by all on the committee. Special thanks go to John Ford for his work on the Callboard and I know he will be maintaining an interest in its production. (Yes John, my article is on its way).

Talking of articles, the photo above shows a rail vehicle. It is your job to figure out what it is. A clue, it is the only one of its kind! My forthcoming article will detail this and other heritage items in the next *Callboard*.

Finally, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a safe, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Daniel Cronin
Mobile: 0410 584 600

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FROM THE SECRETARY

Members

Bruce Martyn was advanced to Full Membership in November.

We welcomed Ian Wallace as a provisional member in November. Would you please make Ian welcome as we go through the process to grant him full membership.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held in our clubrooms on Friday 20th October. The president, Warwick Brisbane chaired the meeting which was attended by 12 members.

The committee reported on discussions of the proposal from the 2016 AGM to evaluate methods to convert the club layout to DCC. It came to the conclusion that conversion would not be viable without a significant amount of work to re-wire the layout and to find an alternative method of tripping the signals. It might be easier to rebuild the layout, but the cost would be prohibitive. There would also be the cost of installing chips in the locos and wi-fi costs if we chose to use that method of control.

At the 2016 AGM, we were hopeful that we could form a liaison with members of the Hobson's Bay club. Some visits were made by Hobson's Bay club members to our club rooms, but we had no applications for membership. Most of their members have joined the Yarra Valley club, and the Hobson's Bay club is no longer operating.

Warwick has given notice that he will resign from the presidency at the AGM, but is willing to nominate for the committee.

Peter Simons passed away in January, and generously bequeathed his trains to our club. We have received word from the State Trustees that the trains have now been released to us. We will put up a plaque in the clubrooms to commemorate the bequest.

The Ken Elder Trophy for 2017 was presented to Warwick Brisbane in recognition of his work as President from 2011 to 2017, and as Mechanical Engineer from 2004 to 2017.

Elections were held for the positions of Secretary, two committee members and President, and the committee for this year is:

President – Daniel Cronin
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Way & Works Engineer – Ben Smith
Webmaster – Mark Johnson
Development Engineer – Peter Riggall.

Dan Cronin suggested that we install mini plaques at the stations and yards to recognize the members after whom they were named. The suggestion was adopted, and will be progressed by the committee.

Dan also expressed thanks to Warwick for his time as President and the work he has done over the years.

The members expressed a wish for more timetables to be prepared to make running nights more interesting.

The meeting concluded in the usual manner with the serving of supper.

End of year breakup

Our end of year breakup will be on 15 December with the theme of red and green locos, and Geoff has organized a Christmas train. Flashing seasonal lights should also be on the programme! Please bring something for supper.

Programme for December and January

We will break up for the holiday season on 15th December, and resume on 12th January. Theme nights and knowledge sharing will be on hold until February. Best wishes to you all and your families for Christmas and Hanukkah, and a happy New Year.

Committee Meetings

The committee has decided to change its meeting to the second Tuesday of the month commencing with its December meeting.

This Callboard

This edition of Callboard is again leaner than usual as John Ford, who produces the magazine, continues to be out of action. Best wishes, John, for a speedy recovery.

David Patrick,
Secretary

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PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2017 JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday

Friday

December 2017

5	Clubrooms closed
12	Committee meeting
19	Clubrooms closed
26	Clubrooms closed

December 2017

1	Dinner at Auburn Hotel Timetable 3 running	PR
8	Timetable 3 running	GC
15	<u>Social evening – running, Xmas breakup, supper.</u> <u>Theme – red & green locos</u>	BS
22	Clubrooms closed	
29	Clubrooms closed	

January 2018

2	Clubrooms closed
9	Clubrooms closed
16	Clubrooms closed
23	Clubrooms closed
30	

January 2018

5	Clubrooms closed	
12	Timetable 3 running	WB
19	Timetable 3 running	DC
26	Clubrooms closed	DP

February 2018

6	Clubrooms closed
13	Committee meeting
20	Clubrooms closed
27	Clubrooms closed

February 2018

2	Timetable 3 running Theme: Bring your own train change TT3 to TT4	PR
9	Timetable 4 running	GC
16	Timetable 4 running. Knowledge sharing –	BS
23	Timetable 4 running	WB