



the CALL BOARD

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Locomotives GM27 and 442s2 haul the AK track recording cars through Lovely Banks on 11th June 2020. These cars are converted NSW sleeping cars which traverse virtually the whole of the country's standard gauge network from Brisbane to Perth and Darwin on a regular basis. They use a variety of lasers, cameras and other instruments to measure track geometry, rail profile, rail corrugation, ride quality and other factors affecting the track.

GM 27 entered service in January 1963 on the Commonwealth Railways, and 442s2 entered service in May 1972 on the NSW Railways as 44217. It was renumbered after sale to Silverton. Both locos are now owned by Southern Shorthaul Railroad.

Photo – David Patrick. Acknowledgement to the Railway Technical Society of Australia for the technical details.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FROM THE SECRETARY

Meetings

We resumed meetings on Friday 13th November after the Covid close down. Things are not back to normal yet, but it is a relief that we can run trains again!

Members

Davis Harrigan was advanced to Full membership in September, and is rapidly coming to grips with the running of the layout. Congratulations Davis, and welcome to the club!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held as a virtual meeting on Friday 16th October. The president, Dan Cronin chaired the meeting which was attended by 11 members. Thanks go to Phil Green who arranged the technicalities of the meeting.

Dan spoke to his report as published in the meeting notice. Our operations have been curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is possible that we will not be able to resume running sessions this year.

Peter's Development Engineer's report noted the progress being made with the software which has been acquired to assist in preparing timetables.

Ben's report noted the work which has been carried out on the Bryansford branch to date. The work on Bryansford is nearly complete, and planning for the Lakeside area is now in progress.

The treasurer reported that we had a surplus for the year, helped by the sale of excess items of rolling stock.

The Ken Elder trophy for the year was presented to Geoff Crow in recognition of his considerable work organising and disposing of excess rolling stock and assisting with electrical work on the layout.

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

President – Daniel Cronin Secretary – David Patrick Treasurer – Geoff Crow Mechanical Engineer – Geoff Crow	Electrical Engineer – Phil Green Way & Works Engineer – Ben Smith Webmaster – Mark Johnson Development Engineer – Peter Riggall.
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End of year dinner

Our end of year dinner will be held at the Auburn Hotel on Friday 4 December. Please let me know urgently if you wish to attend as there are only 10 places available.

End of year breakup

Our end of year breakup will be on 18 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 18th December, and resume on 8th January. Theme nights will be on hold until February. Work nights will continue to be held on the third Friday next year to progress the rejuvenation of the layout, so your help is needed to get the works done as quickly as we can.

This Callboard

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

Best wishes to you all and your families for Christmas and Hanukkah, and a happy New Year.

David Patrick,
Secretary



Locomotives C501 and CLF2 work a freight from the Wimmera Intermodal Freight terminal at Doon to Appleton Dock on 19 November 2020. The locos are on hire to SCT from the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre (C501) and Railpower (CLF2).

C501 entered service in May 1977 on the Victorian Railways, and after passing through a number of owners was acquired by SRHC and repainted into VR Blue and Gold.

CLF2 entered service with the Commonwealth Railways in June 1971 as CL11, and after rebuilding by Morrison Knudsen in 1992 became CLF2.

Image: David Patrick

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PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2020 JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday

December 2020

1	Clubrooms closed
8	Committee meeting
15	Clubrooms closed
22	Clubrooms closed
29	Clubrooms closed

January 2021

5	Clubrooms closed
12	Clubrooms closed
19	Clubrooms closed
26	Clubrooms closed

February 2021

2	Clubrooms closed
9	Committee meeting
16	Clubrooms closed
23	Clubrooms closed

Friday

December 2020

4	Dinner at Auburn Hotel Timetable 3 running
11	Timetable 3 running
18	<u>Social evening – running, Xmas breakup, supper.</u> Theme – red & green locos
25	Clubrooms closed

January 2021

1	Clubrooms closed
8	Timetable 3 running
15	Timetable 3 running
22	Timetable 3 running change to TT4
29	Timetable 4 running

February 2021

5	Timetable 4 running
12	Timetable 4 running Theme: Modern era
19	Work night - Bryansford change to TT3
26	Timetable 3 running