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V/Line's N472 "City of Sale" led Steamrail Victoria's T356 and A₂ 986 "Spirit of Warragul", tender first, on the "Farewell Broadway Broad Gauge" tour to Wycheproof on Saturday 7 October 2017. The steamer then headed the rolling stock and locomotives as it paraded down Broadway on the return journey back to Melbourne. The Kulwin line was opened from Korong Vale to Wycheproof on 1 October 1883. The Wycheproof station buildings and surrounds were restored in 2015. Conversion to Standard Gauge is part of the Government Murray Basin Rail Project programmed for implementation in 2018.

Image – RichoBCV – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyWc4t01BXk&t=1s>

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Trivia

*Wycheproof indigenous origins – “witchi-poorp” meaning grass on a hill.
Mt Wycheproof - the smallest registered mountain in the world at 43 m above the surrounds.
Wycheproofite - $\text{NaAlZr}(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ is a crystal mineral unique to this region.
Broadway - 60.35 m. (300 links) wide road reserve with a railway line running down the centre.
The last regular passenger service (DERM) was on 7 May 1977.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FROM THE SECRETARY

Members

Congratulations to Ian Wallace, who was advanced to Full Membership by the committee on 13 March.

We are also pleased to welcome Greg McIntosh and Emma Hughey as Provisional Members in March and May respectively. Please join with me in making them feel at home in the club rooms.

Thank you to those members who have paid their annual subscriptions so promptly.

Way and Works

We have been talking about refreshing the layout for quite some time by tidying up and cleaning it, and by completing the scenery on the more recently built yards and trackwork.

Our Way and Works Engineer, Ben Smith, has been working with the scenery briefs prepared by Richard Stephens, our previous Way and Works Engineer, and feedback from our members to a questionnaire, to get the process under way.

The scenery brief sets out for each area of the layout a backstory as to why the station etc. exists, and the type of traffic which it handles, and an outline of the work which is required. A scenery proposal will then be prepared to detail the work to be done to the track, buildings and scenery.

Ben has presented a draft proposal for the Bank Box Loop and Bryansford areas to the committee, and we will review a final proposal at our June meeting. Our thanks go to Ben for getting this process started, and we will soon be calling for volunteers to do the work!

Ben has prepared an article setting out what he is doing for this *Callboard*, and you will find it on page 4.

Programme for June to August

We will be running a new theme night on 1st June – Victoria post VR, so this is a chance to bring your V/Line and Freight Australia etc. locos and rolling stock along for a running session. We will also be re-scheduling the NSWGR running night to 3rd August as it had to be abandoned in May due to issues in the club rooms.

We are always on the lookout for suggestions for theme nights so that we can inject some variety into our running, and for volunteers to make a presentation to a knowledge sharing session.

Waverley Exhibition

We will be displaying the new, expanded *Naradhan* layout at the Waverley Club's exhibition at Brandon Park over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Please let Geoff Crow know when you will be able to assist presenting the club to the model train enthusiasts who invariably come to this exhibition.

David Patrick,
Secretary

TECHNICAL ARTICLE

SCENERY WORKS ON THE CLUB LAYOUT

From Ben Smith, Way & Works Engineer.

As most of you are aware by now, I am leading the project to finish off the scenery on the club layout, and generally give it a freshen up. The current club layout is nearly 20 years old and some areas are looking bit tired, and newer areas need to have the scenery completed.



This photo shows an overview of the layout as you enter the clubroom.

As part of the work, we are defining what main industries are located at the stations, and the purpose of each siding on the layout.

Some years ago, Richard Stephens (who was the Way and Works Engineer at the time) put together a comprehensive set of documents detailing what the industries are on the layout. He created a back story for the layout assisted by research from the ARHS into actual freight movements in Victoria and incorporated this into the planning for works at the stations. The layout covers an area in Victoria from Geelong (Allandale) to Ballarat (Glen Evans) with branches going over the Great Dividing Range. The era is 1950 to 1970 because that is when most of the club's rolling stock was in use.

The documents Richard wrote are being used as a guide to prepare the detailed scenery proposal for each section of the layout. By the time we have finished doing every area, the whole layout will look Victorian, and the scenery will flow from one area to the next, and it will be something we can be proud of.

The first section of the layout to be done will be from Bryansford Yard down the branch line to the bridge before the timber siding, and Bank Box Loop. There are two reasons for doing this area first: firstly, the industries are already in place and are used on most time tables, and secondly, it is the area that needs least work to be done on the scenery and so won't need much effort to freshen up.



This photo shows Bryansford Yard, and the cover over the tunnel linking Walgate with Bank Box Loop.

Industries on the layout. This is where you as a member can help with this project. I have already some great ideas on what we could do to various areas on the layout. I have put on the club room notice board track diagrams of each station and siding showing the industries which are located there. These are only drafts at this stage, so they can be changed. Why do we need to work out what industries are going where? It is to enable us to develop meaningful timetables so that we can run the layout as a railway, moving goods from one point to another (e.g. Grain from the silos to the port or the flour mill). We therefore need to match the scenery and buildings with the industries which we specify for each station or siding. However, we will be flexible so that the buildings can be specified as another type of industry as other timetables are developed.

Once the industries are worked out, I can then do some research on them and put together the scenery proposal. This will include a diagram of the station and where buildings and other scenery elements will be placed and will be submitted to the committee for approval before works are started.

The track layout or the size of the layout will not be changed unless there is a good reason for doing so. Some sidings will be lengthened or shortened during the works, but this should not interfere with the running on the rest of the layout. I am in the club rooms on most Friday nights, so if you would like to work on an area or just to talk about the proposal, I will be happy to hear from you.

MELBOURNE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME JUNE / JULY / AUGUST 2018

Tuesday

Friday

June 2018

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

June 2018

1	Timetable 4 running Theme: Victoria post VR change TT4 to TT4
8	Timetable 4 running
15	Timetable 4 running. Knowledge sharing – Southern Aurora crash
22	Timetable 4 running
29	Timetable 4 running

July 2018

3	Clubrooms closed
10	Committee meeting
17	Clubrooms closed
24	Clubrooms closed
31	Clubrooms closed

July 2018

6	Timetable 3 running Theme: Modern era change TT4 to TT3
13	Timetable 3 running
20	Timetable 3 running. Knowledge sharing – Proposed Bank Box Loop works
27	Timetable 3 running

August 2018

7	Clubrooms closed
14	Committee meeting
21	Clubrooms closed
28	Clubrooms closed

August 2018

3	Timetable 4 running Theme: NSWGR change TT3 to TT4
10	Timetable 4 running
17	Timetable 4 running. Knowledge sharing – Victorian 4 wheel wagons
24	Timetable 4 running
31	Timetable 4 running