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All Alco power on the North East standard gauge line! Ex NSWGR locomotives 4488 and 4836 join ex SAR loco 852 on an empty ballast train at Craigieburn on 19th February 2018.

The train had been used on the Maryborough to Ararat gauge standardisation project, and was being returned to Goulburn as its duties were completed.

Image – David Patrick

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FROM THE SECRETARY

Members

We were saddened to hear of the passing of member Bob Steward on 23rd December 2017. Bob joined the club on 29 April 1994, and was member number 359. He was involved with the construction of the present layout – indeed my first recollections of Bob are helping him with the wiring of Allandale station.

His funeral was on 28 December, and a card was sent to Colette and his family from the club.

Main Turntable

The club-built main turntable at Brisbane Yard was showing its age, so Geoff Crow replaced it with a 130' Walthers table. After considerable effort, Geoff has succeeded in getting it to operate satisfactorily, and it is proving to be reliable, with no more manual adjustments to line up the tracks! Our thanks go to Geoff for his efforts.

Running nights and Visitors

The Committee is making some changes to the rules regarding how we conduct running nights, and to clarify our position regarding visitors to the club. These will be finalized at the March Committee meeting, and will be the subject of the knowledge sharing session on 20th March. Please make a note in your diaries to come along on the 20th so you can be up to date.

Another visit from the Cubs!

We hosted a visit to the clubrooms from the 2nd/6th Hawthorn Cub Scout Pack on 20th February. This is the Pack which meets across Victoria Street from the station. The Cubs came across in small groups and enjoyed the visit, except that each group could not stay long enough! We showed them how to drive the trains, and they were quite good at it.

Programme for March to May

The programme has returned to normal after the Christmas break, switching between timetables 3 and 4 monthly, and knowledge sharing sessions on the third Friday. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for theme nights so that we can inject some variety into our running, or can make a presentation to a knowledge sharing session.

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

MELBOURNE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME MARCH / APRIL / MAY 2018

Tuesday

Friday

March 2018

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

March 2018

2	Timetable 4 running Theme: US change TT4 to TT3
9	Timetable 3 running
16	Timetable 3 running. Knowledge sharing – Running on the MMRs layout
23	Timetable 3 running
30	Clubrooms closed

April 2018

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

April 2018

6	Timetable 3 running Theme: British change TT3 to TT4
13	Timetable 4 running
20	Timetable 4 running. Knowledge sharing – Ben Smith – NZ trip
27	Timetable 4 running

May 2018

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

May 2018

4	Timetable 4 running Theme: NSW change TT4 to TT3
11	Timetable 3 running
18	Timetable 3 running. Knowledge sharing –
25	Timetable 3 running