

STEAMLINES June 95 to August 95		
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Dates to remember(at time of printing)		
Committee Meeting	19th June	3rd Monday
Club Run Day	25th June	Last Sunday
General Meeting	14th July	2nd Friday
Busy Bee at track	15th July	3rd Saturday
Committee Meeting	17th July	3rd Monday
Club Run Day	30th July	Last Sunday
General Meeting	11th August	2nd Friday
Busy Bee at track	19th August	3rd Saturday
Committee Meeting	21st August	3rd Monday
Club run Day	27th August	Last Sunday

I would like to thank Gwendoline and Geoffery for their efforts in producing STEAMLINES .

Models at Meetings

At the March meeting we saw Jack Laughlin's drilling spindle, interest was shown in the way he laminated the wooden spindle pully and cross pinned it.

Geoff Evelyn bought along a wheel that is being hand cut for his Stirling Single 7.25 inch hernier gauge.

The June meeting was well attended Ken Dines bought along his Super Simplex which now runs on air, The boiler is next.

Geoff Evelyn showed the frames for the Stirling Single which is going to be big.

Doug showed some casting for his launch engines typifying some problems with foundry work.

The evening was rounded off with videos of our club run on last easter.

We would like to see more model engineering as it is progressing at meetings please.

Easter run - This was held on Easter Saturday, to those that participated enjoyed a pleasant day, we had several members from other clubs join us as well.

May run day , An offer was extended to Hale and St. Marys school to help with it's fund raising to send the school band to the East for competitions.

The day started wet and gloomy, but cleared about 11am, not many turned up but to those who did enjoyed a warm balmy afternoon.

John Millman bought Gresley to help out, but had some difficulty initially in firing up. Seems somehow that his firing iron somehow became araldited to the tender!

Doug managed to successfully make a number of circuits with DEITY after modifications to the blast pipe and petticoat.

Notice is bought to the attention of members in the area of the Steaming bay. Owing to a potentially nasty accident recently in this area , the committee insists that children are to be kept out of the sunken area at all times - NO EXCEPTIONS !!!!

This is spelt out in the OPERATING CODE document that is kept in the coach for your information. There is also many other things that you should know - YOU RATIFIED IT AT AN A.G.M. DO YOU KNOW IT'S CONTENTS ????????

I regret to advise members that our annual income will now be somewhat reduced by the loss of our inclusion in the Kids Carnival of Fun at Burswood.

For economic and other reasons we were advised that our services are no longer needed.

As we will not have the money to employ contractors to carry out some of the work, it will now rest with you, the members of this Society, so please be forthcoming with assistance. There is a list on the whiteboard in the coach so that you may chose a project to be involved with, ask a committee member for help.

We were offered participation in a show called Talk To The Animals.-- A special thanks to all the members , who at short notice gave a tremendous effort and resulted in a much needed boost to the coffers.

Guess who made his debut on stage with Harry Cooper ?? -- Clue -- He wears a top hat at these functions.

A special thanks goes to Geoff Bastian who, at short notice created a cubby house which was raffled off during the event.

Our last commercial run at the A.M.R.A. exhibition at the Show grounds was reasonably successful, operating indoors on gas on the up/down track. A special thanks to the souvenir dept....

At the last committee meeting as motion was passed that if you run a locomotive on the track you must provide your own driving car (see Operating code) or pay a \$5-00 fee for the use of a car. This is to provide for ongoing maintenance of same

Also, members and guests (adult) pay \$2-00 on the club run days to cover incidental costs for the event. Please ensure this happens.

Membership fees - Those who have not paid will not receive further Steamlines, Please bring your subs up to date !!!

Due to several break in's in the coach , we are looking for components to fit an alarm system inside the coach to make it too painful to stay. If you can help please contact any of the committee.

YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS:

As your Society President I have the task of leading our Society for the next twelve months. I am honoured that you saw me an appropriate person to do this and trust that I am doing it to your satisfaction. I have my own ideas on where our Society should move during the coming year, but they may not necessarily align with yours.

So, please let me know how you feel about the way your Society is run and about the ideas you have on its development.

I believe we have the best elevated track in Australia. Its gradients offer a challenge to locomotive drivers that does not exist on level tracks and the track alignment is second to none. Its setting in the Balcatta bushland makes it the envy of many visitors. Have you ever been at the site early on a summer morning? It is fabulous; the birds are busy feeding and the light in the trees is picture postcard quality. I would like to see us take advantage of this wonderful time of the day with some breakfast runs this coming summer.

To keep our track to this high standard, however, requires work. There are always maintenance tasks to do at the site. Also, your Society's plan is to eventually have a high quality 7 1/4 and 5 inch gauge ground level track on the site. I am sure you have all seen drawings of this proposal. Much of the work currently being done on the site is in preparation for this ground level track. For example, the fence which is being built on the northern side of the track is located so that it will protect both the ground level and elevated tracks.

The next pieces of the station roof framework have been abrasive blasted and primed. They were erected last Saturday. Ken Collet is continuing to fabricate components for the station roof and these will be ready for assembly shortly. The erected steel work is now ready for further painting. Your Society's aim is to get this roof structure finished as soon as possible.

I am sure many of you know that your Society executive decided recently that it was not getting sufficient value for the input effort needed from the community service lads. So it has terminated the agreement with the Ministry of Justice.

This means that we have to do all the work ourselves. Your help on Saturdays to do this would be greatly appreciated. Talk to Doug, Lindsay or myself to latch onto projects that appeal to you.

Most Societies have a "Silver Tops'" team which meets during

the week. I feel we have enough members who are available during the week to start our own "Silver Tops'" session. I'm not old enough yet, although I've got the right coloured hair, to join - roll on retirement! I'm told the worst feature of retirement is that I will not get any more public holidays!

I believe we should have a few more running sessions - perhaps on Saturday afternoons after we have done a few hours work on the site. Let me know how you feel about this.

I would also like to see (and hear) guest speakers at our monthly Friday night meetings. Your ideas for guest speakers are sought. Some visits to other places are in order as well, I believe. I am arranging a visit to a Perth foundry which still uses a cupola to melt cast iron for July; this will be early, and I mean early, one Saturday morning. They start firing the cupola about 4.30 am!!

I am sure we could arrange visits to places like Gonninans, at Bassendean, which is building full size diesel engines for Australian National Railways and to Gemco, at Osborne Park, which makes a diverse range of underground mining railway equipment, including battery electric locomotives, and railway track maintenance machinery. I am equally sure that you will have ideas on places to visit, as a Society, too.

I can not achieve this all by myself. Your Society needs your strong individual support to help it develop and remain worthy of the magnificent facility it now has at Balcatta. Don't treat it as just another set of initials on your business card. Be a player in its evolution and get the most benefit possible from your subscription. I am happy and honoured to lead, but I want a strong dynamic team of keen individual people to lead.

Dick Langford
PRESIDENT

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John Tuffen is stocking a range of B.A. screws and nuts from the U.K. also some taps and dies, Phone 401 3047

Lindsay Adams has a wood working head which includes 2 saw blades. \$50-00. Buy your bulk bandsaw blade in .375 and .5 inch widths \$1-00 per foot. also several canoes --- 2 slaloms, 1 whitewater racing and an open Canadian, complete with paddles and buoyancy vests. negotiate prices
Club disposal... 6 double glazed windows in aluminium frames, ideal for a glass house roof/walls \$100-00 lot.

Articles for news letters are needed from members or you will have to put up with my waffle. I will accept it hand written, on disk - Word Perfect, Word for Windows even engraved on stone tablets will do at a pinch. -ED.