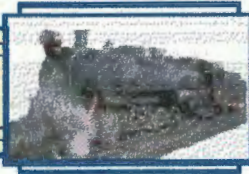


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NORTHERN DISTRICTS MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY INC.

October 2000

Public Run Days Take Off

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A record number of locos were in steam, six at one particular time, including those of Lindsay Adams, Jim Crawford, David Naeser, Mike Rogers and Denis Lord, and also Clive Jarman.

A great day out for everyone!

The September Public Run Day was well attended, with a steady throng of happy visitors enjoying the trains and the perfect Spring conditions.

Numbers are steadily increasing as our advertising improves and word gets around, as can be seen from these shots taken by Ernie Redford.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual General Meeting	Laurie Strutt Park Elvire St, Waterman	8:00 pm	Friday 13 October
Whiteman Park "Friends of Thomas"	Whiteman Park	Set up on Saturday	Sunday 15 October
Club Run Day and Public Run Day	Club Track Site Vasto PI, Balcatta	10:00am—4:00 pm Halloween Theme	Sunday 29 October
Bassendean	Mary St Reserve Bassendean	Set up on Saturday	Sunday 5 November
General Meeting	Laurie Strutt Park Elvire St, Waterman	8:00 pm	Friday 10 November
Australian Railway Historical Society	136 Railway Parade Bassendean	Set up and run on Sunday only	Sunday 12 November
ADVANCE NOTICE - Subject to Confirmation			
Christmas and New Year Special Runs	To be decided by your new Committee	Suggestions Welcome!	December

Forthcoming Annual General Meeting

As has been well publicised, the Society's Annual General Meeting is on Friday 13 October 2000.

The meeting agenda will include the acceptance of final reports for the year by the outgoing President and the Treasurer (copies are included in the Supplement to this month's newsletter).

Following this, the current Executive and Committee will stand down and all office bearer positions of the Society will be open to election.

Nominations will be accepted by post prior to the AGM — see Page 3 for a tear-off form. These must be received by last post on Friday or handed in to the Secretary at the start of the meeting. Unless any member wishes to make a formal objection, nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the meeting for any of the office bearer positions.

You may nominate yourself for any position — please come forward if you feel you can make a contribution. The only requirements are that you must be a current financial member and have been a member of the Society for at least one year. If you have recently rejoined the Society, your past membership counts.

Nominees for the position of President must have previously held a position on the Committee or the Executive.

If you are nominating someone else, please check with them first to make sure that they are prepared to accept the position if elected.

Each position will be put to the vote of the members present. Absentee votes will also be counted provided these are in writing and are tabled at the meeting. You need to be a financial member to vote.

This is Doug Baker's third term as President of the Society. See the President's Report and the tribute to the Outgoing President on Page 3.

Doug will not be eligible to stand again this time for the President's position. He also feels that it is time for someone else to take over the reins. Of course, he is still eligible for the other positions on the Committee and Executive, so he won't be let off all that easily!

If you think you can fill those very big shoes left by Doug, please nominate for the President's position. We need someone to take on that vital role and keep the Society moving forward in a positive way.

After the election of the new Executive and Committee, the normal meeting format will be followed including Model Engineering discussions, so please bring along your latest achievements to show everyone.

Have your say in the Society's affairs—be at the AGM!

September General Meeting

minutes of meeting by John Shugg

GENERAL BUSINESS — visitors Ken Austin and Wally Spinks were warmly welcomed to the meeting. Denis Lord presented the Society with a large picture of Evening Star, following his UK trip. Thanks, Denis! Ernie Redford appealed for more members to show up at future run days, to help with ever increasing public visitors. Please help out when you can. Lindsay Adams asked for donations of Bougainvillea plants or cuttings to improve landscaping over the tunnel area.

MODEL ENGINEERING — Steve Reeves and Phil Gibbons are working on a joint project — a Blowfly Club Loco. Phil spoke about the Blowfly frames and motion gear (Slip eccentric). The loco was acquired for a nominal sum from a former junior member of NDMES, James Giddens, with the intention that it be completed and run. Steve spoke about boiler construction and recommended a book by Alec Farmer. The loco chassis was also successfully run for the first time on air. This will be a valuable addition to the Society and will be ideal for driver training etc.

Doug Baker presented a partially built JULIET, generously donated to the Society by Clive Chapman.

This is for sale by tender — see Page 3.

Doug showed boiler plates he has made for four Blowfly Boilers. He is now in the process of punching 1800 holes in 25 x 3mm strip for the Garden Railway track. This track will be constructed at a height suitable for wheel chair bound spectators or participants.

BRING AND BUY NIGHT — There was a reasonable turnout of items for sale, both large and small. Quite a few people headed home with a smile and a bargain in their pockets, while others went home glad to have found a new home for that odd item that had been sitting on a shelf for years... Thanks to all who brought something along.

RAFFLE — The book of railway photographs previously supplied by Jack Watson was raffled as the Door Prize. This has been held over for several meetings and raffling it was thought to be the fairest way, as a number of members had expressed interest in it. The book was won by Nigel Mammatt.

See you all at the Annual General Meeting, Friday 13 October. Don't forget your subscriptions are now due!

Outgoing President

Doug Baker is standing down after three eventful years as President of our Society. We would like to extend our thanks to Doug on behalf of all the members of the Society for his invaluable contribution to the Society since its inception, and in particular for his past three years in the Presidential seat.

These have been years of significant progress for the Society, including the introduction of Public Running days, commencement of new Club Rooms, 5"7¹/₄" Ground Level Track and Garden Railway layout, as well as ongoing work on the grounds and infrastructure projects, such as the Rotunda.

Doug's drive and enthusiasm has been instrumental in all of these activities, and together with that ever dedicated band of members who can always be counted on to help out, have brought the Society to where it is today. Thank you, Doug! Thanks also to all those who have helped.

The outgoing President's Report is in the Supplement included with this issue.

Juliet Loco For Sale

The partly built Juliet loco donated by Clive Chapman is for sale by Tender. To provide an opportunity to bid for the loco for those members who might be interested but did not attend the last meeting, tenders will be accepted up to and including the AGM.

All we need is your name and your offer price written on a slip of paper, handed in to John Shugg or Doug Baker.

This would make an ideal project for someone with limited equipment or wanting to build their first steam locomotive. It will not take a great deal of effort to complete a running chassis and there are a lot of other parts, e.g. smokebox, which are already partly built.

Some offers have already been received. The highest tendered offer will be accepted and the successful bidder will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Halloween Theme Run Day

The Public Run Day on Sunday 29 October will be a Halloween Theme day, as Halloween Day falls on the following Monday.

Normal arrangements for a Public Run day will be in place, however the advertising leaflets for this run will highlight the Halloween theme. Parents bringing children to the track can dress them up if they choose.

Some suitable Halloween props will be put up around the track site for the occasion—if you have something suitable (a skeleton in the cupboard?), bring it along.

If there is sufficient interest among members, we may stay on and have an evening run and barbeque for members and invited guests. This would still be along the Halloween theme, and would be ideal for friends and relatives with young children. Details of this proposed evening run will be discussed at the Friday meeting (AGM).

In any case, please come along to assist with the public running if you can possibly spare an hour or two on the Sunday. We are only just managing to cope with the numbers of visitors, a few extra hands will make all the difference. Don't leave it all to the usual band of stalwarts. Your society needs you!

Want a Day Out?

Volunteer(s) needed for a run to Bunbury to collect track jigs (about 3m long) from the Bunbury club. If you have, or can borrow, a suitable trailer and fancy a drive in the country, please contact John Shugg.

New Club Rooms

Our Building Licence has now been approved, so we are ready to commence construction of the building, finances permitting.

See the President's and Treasurer's Reports in the supplement to this month's newsletter.

NMDES Nomination of Office Bearer Form

I hereby nominate: _____

For the position of:
(circle ONE only)

**PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT / SECRETARY / TREASURER /
COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Nominating Member: _____

Seconding Member: _____

Nominee agrees to accept the position if elected: _____



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Ground Level Track

Several members have already purchased track sections under our scheme for purchasing and naming sections — see September newsletter.

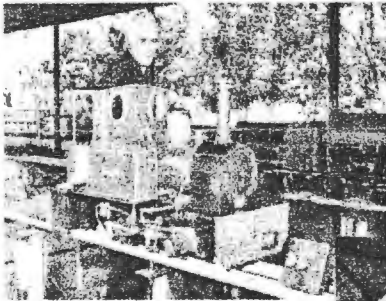
We are currently proposing to name the first loop "Pioneer Loop" in recognition of the assistance we have received from Pioneer Concrete with sleeper manufacture. Other sections will be named in accordance with their sponsor's wishes.

If you don't feel you can purchase a whole section but still want to contribute to the ground level track, how about getting together with a few others and sponsoring a section jointly?

Photos: Top and left, John Shugg. Bottom, Ernie Redford. Thanks everyone, keep them coming in! Space is limited, but we'll publish as many as we can.



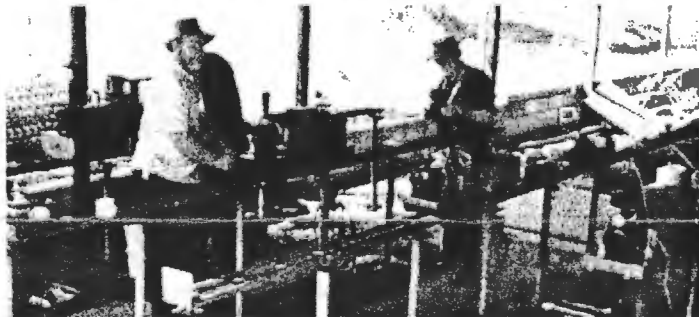
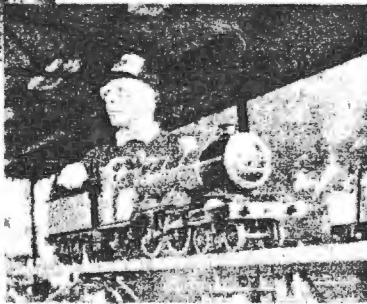
Jim Crawford cooks up a storm on 'Taffy' at an earlier Run Day



Busy scenes in the Steaming Bays at the September Public Run Day.

Above is Clive Jarman with his visting engine, left Denis Lord getting ready to run, and below

is Mike Rogers preparing 'George' with John Shugg taking photos in the background. Six engines were in steam, and combined with good crowds and perfect weather, made for a great day out.



SITUATIONS VACANT

Cook — Someone to cook up a sausage sizzle at the track on Public Run Days. Judging by the response to sausage sizzle stands seen outside hardware shops, there would be plenty of takers at a couple of dollars a time. Gas BBQs are ready for use at the track site.

Many thanks to those who have responded to our previous Situations Vacant. Many hands definitely do make light work, and yes! We have a good time too.

WANTED

Old Shadecloth — we need lots of old shadecloth for track bed laying. It will be buried under the ballast to prevent the ballast migrating out into the surrounding sand, and vice versa. Any old shadecloth will do. Please ask around friends and neighbours and keep an eye on street verge collections in your area.

Contact Ernie Redford on 9446 4513 (work).

Don't Be Left In The Dark!

It's come to our notice that several people have not been receiving their newsletters. Please check your personal and mailing details on this envelope. If anything is wrong or needs changing, please return this section by post or directly to John Shugg. If you know that another member has not received a newsletter, please advise us. If you are even *thinking* of moving, PLEASE notify us of your new address by returning this section. Include a date from which the new address will be effective, if you haven't moved yet. Remember, your newsletter gets sent to the address held in our mailing list. If it's wrong, chances are your newsletter ends up in someone else's rubbish bin.

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