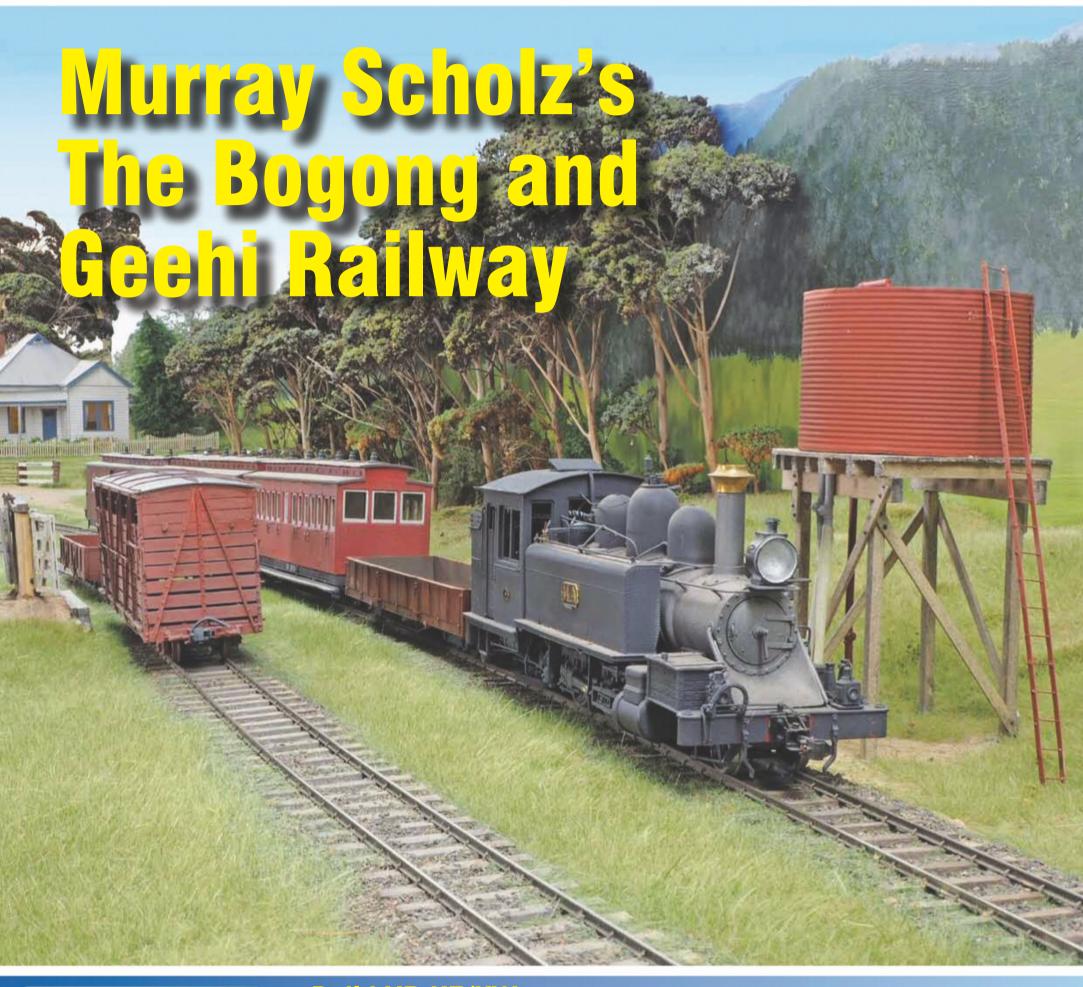
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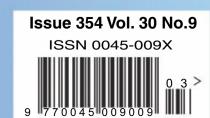
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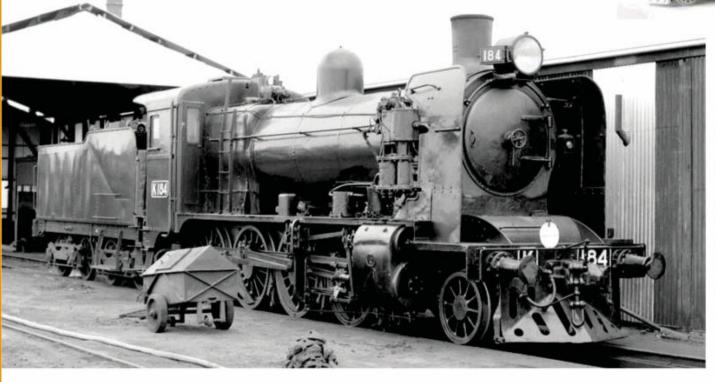
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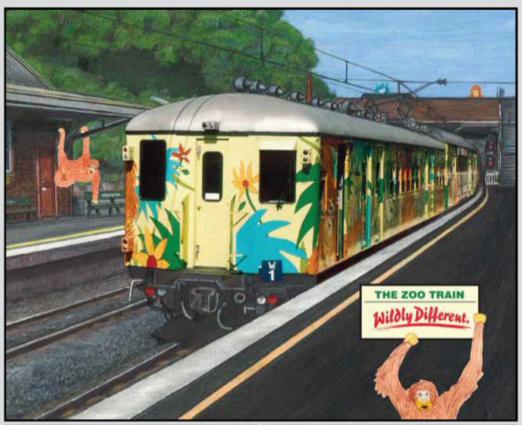
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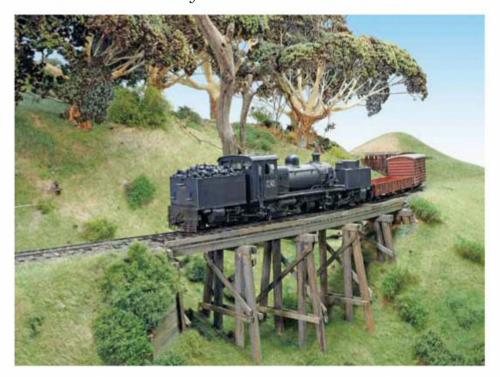
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The Twenty Year Plan

As modellers, our aspirations are sometimes beyond our abilities or available time which leads to despair as we can't achieve what we want. This is possibly, because we decided to replicate a big part of the prototype, and the complexity that goes with it.

When I started modelling, most of my rolling stock needed to be scratch built. I had a Twenty Year plan, I just didn't know it was a Twenty Year plan!

Reality came when only one locomotive and a couple of wagons could be scratch built in a year. I got depressed, I realised my end goal was going to take a very long time. I was not going to be able to scratch build all the locomotives and rolling stock I needed. I changed tack and cast some bodies and ordered custom built mechanisms in bulk, to try and speed up the process.

This was still an uphill battle. I got far, I even built initial layout boards.

Taking the advice of a mate, "Let's just build something and go from there!"

Barcoola was born from that discussion. I learnt important lessons from the initial building of Barcoola (and its two rebuilds). If I had waited until I had everything scratch built, I would never have learnt valuable modelling and construction techniques.

Diverging from my Twenty Year plan, meant I actually got closer to my Twenty Year plan by honing my skills. Other divergent projects helped as well, *A town like Alice, Murray River Bridge, Cheakamus Canyon, The Peterborough Line* and *Port Adelaide* (the latter are both works in progress).

Each time I diverged from my Twenty Year plan. I learnt more and more lessons, design improvements etc. I am truly learning by doing – developing my overall skill base, improving my logistic skills etc.

As modellers we all have that model that does not fit our scale, gauge or prototype. We have it because it is something we just wanted, either as a memento of a trip, or something we just liked. A little blip of inspiration.

Such a model can turn into a divergent project. This can be very satisfying; you no longer are afraid of making a mistake as its not your core modelling aim. You can relax and experiment, make changes, try different techniques etc, there is no fear of failure.

When you have completed your divergent project, you will have renewed vigour that you can apply to your Twenty Year project. It was not wasted time; it was a learning step up.

We have all been there, where an investment in time and energy has been dashed because of a flawed design or a botched technique, that yielded the wrong results. A divergent project mitigates against this.

Don't accomplish your first bit of weathering attempts on your scratch built locomotive, use a divergent project. Build up those skills, so that when you are confident, weathering your scratch built locomotive will be a cinch!

At the very least it will be fun, to turn up to an exhibition with your divergent project and see the looks of horror from your fellow modellers as they assume you have switched prototypes or scales!

Remember, Rembrandt's first painting was not a masterpiece, it might have taken years to hone those skills. Making your first layout a masterpiece is a very tall order.

When it comes time to finally tackle your Twenty Year plan, none of it is going to be difficult because, in one way or another, you have already gone through the learning process and you have had fun on the way. Then you can complete your Twenty Year plan with confidence.

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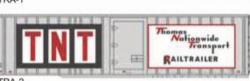
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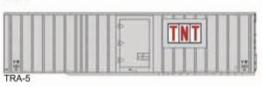






























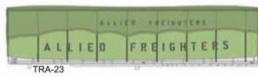






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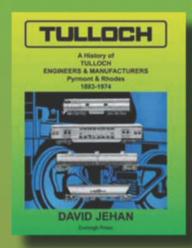
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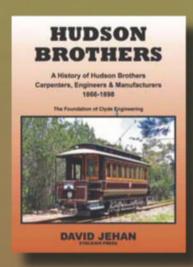
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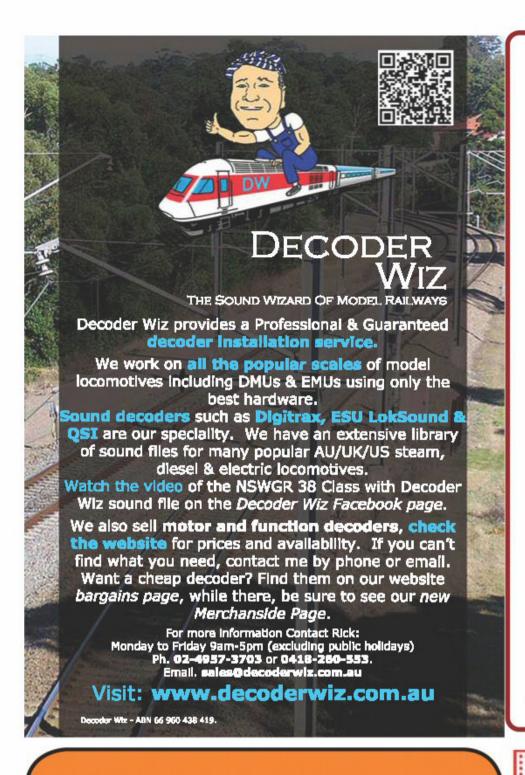
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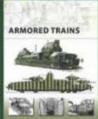


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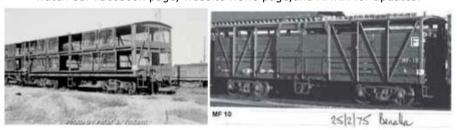
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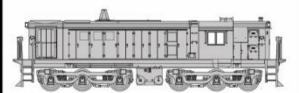
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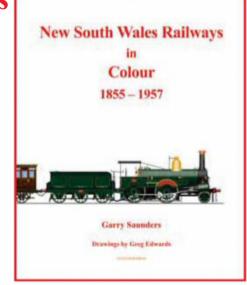
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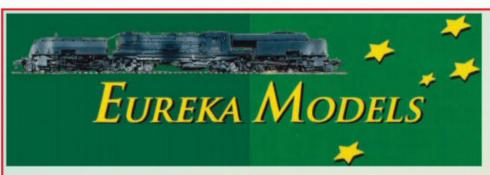
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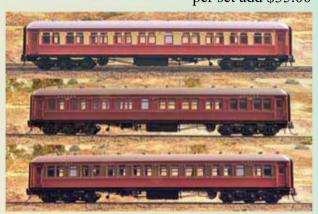
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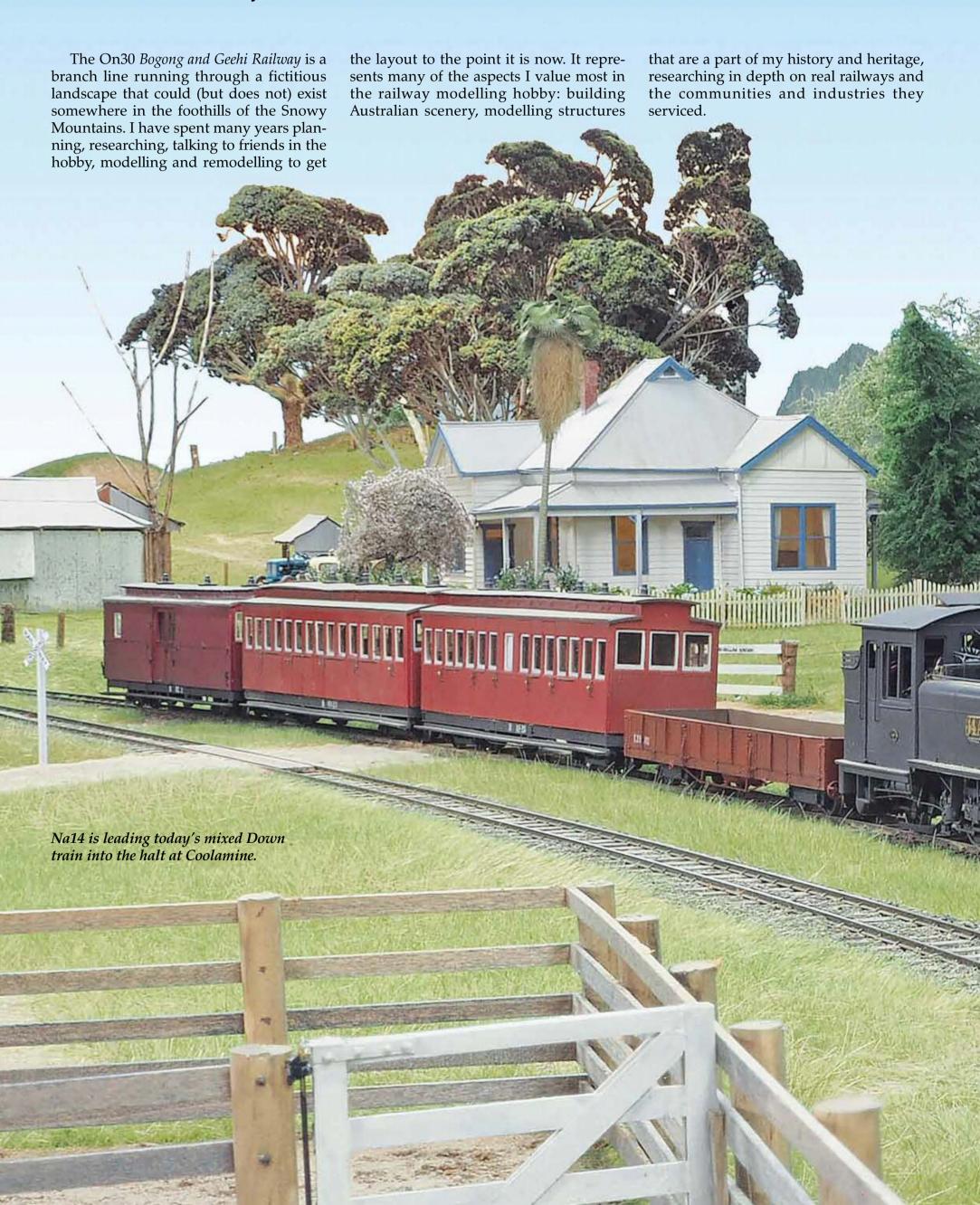


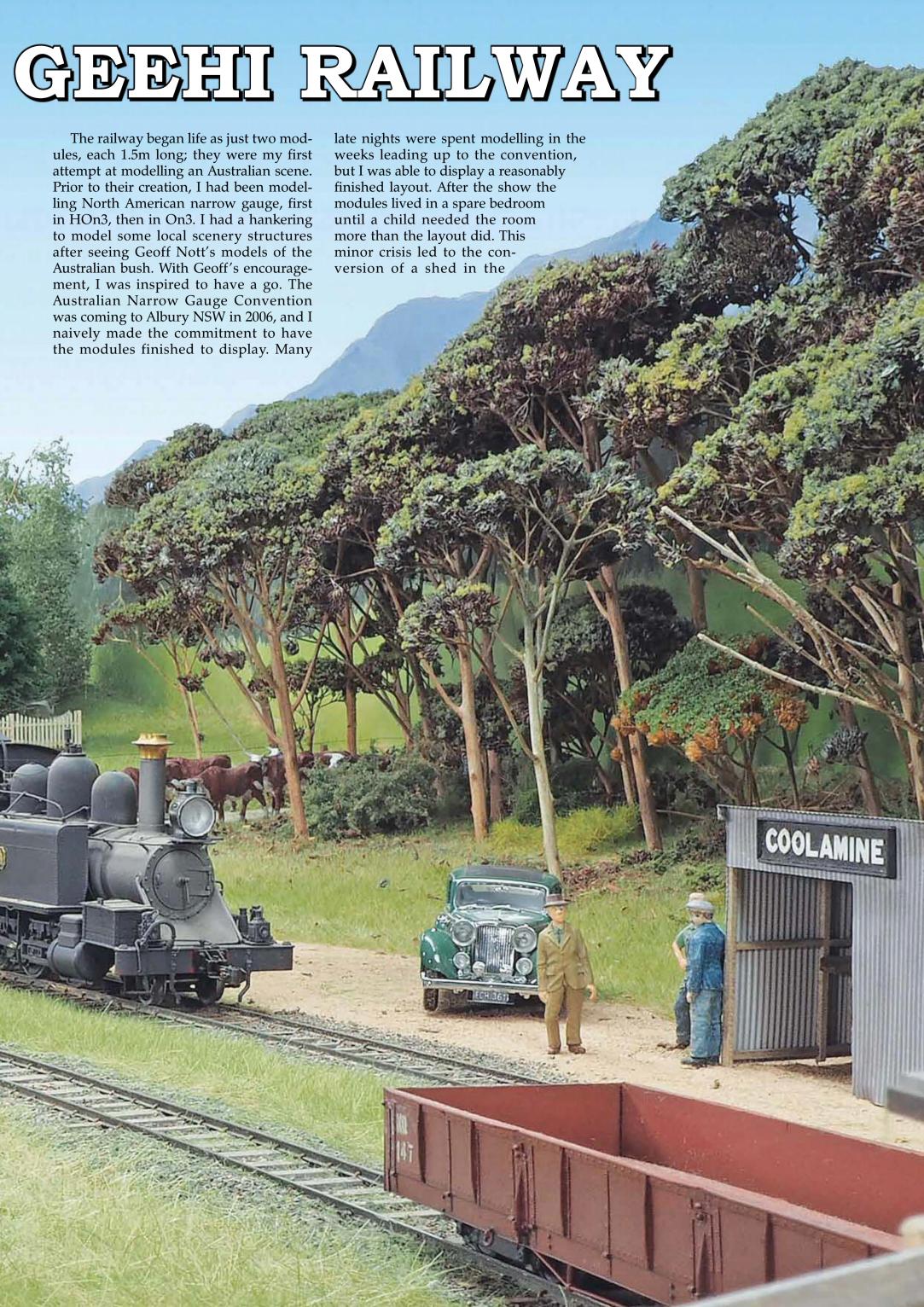
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THE BOGONG AND

Murray Scholz outlines his On30 scale Victorian Railways narrow gauge inspired creation. Photos by John Dennis.





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backyard. We insulated and lined the shed – we have hot summers and frosty winters, so a comfortable environment in the train shed is important.

About the layout

The Bogong and Geehi Railway occupies an 8.5m x 8.5m shed, with a narrow gauge mainline around 60 metres long. The layout is a point-to-point design with no staging. The track is Micro Engineering On30 code 83 flextrack and points. Control is DCC NCE radio control. The concept of the layout has evolved with time and experience. I initially started building a freelanced narrow gauge railway in the Aussie bush but, over time I have come to know more about the many diverse narrow gauge railways Australia

once had. I then decided I wanted to model a prototype and chose the 2'6" gauge Victorian Railways (VR) system. After considering each of the four lines, I decided to pick out the things I liked from each of the lines, making my own line linking the fictitious towns of Geehi and Mt Bogong. All the place names in the layout are from places that have special meanings for me. The layout is set in the late 1940's to early 1950's.

The first thing a visitor sees as they enter the door is the town of Majors Creek, where the narrow gauge interchanges with the broad gauge. There is a transfer shed and engine house modelled on the facilities at Colac. The line climbs quickly as it leaves Majors Creek, passing through countryside and forests to the

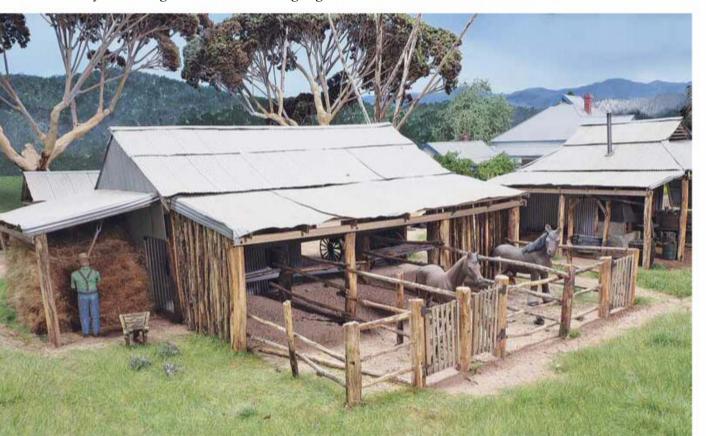
▲ G42 has just crested the hill and is beginning its descent into Buckland with an Up goods train.

► A local farmer is droving a small mob of cattle to the yards at Coolamine. From here they will be taken by the narrow gauge to Majors Creek where they will be transferred to the broad gauge for a one-way trip to the sale-yards in Melbourne.





The only freight on today's Up train is a wagon of butter from the Butter Factory at Geehi. The train is crossing the Merri Meric River on a truss bridge that isn't at all VR prototypical. It is a relic of modelling American narrow gauge but is too nice not to use.



All the buildings in the farm scene are scratch built and are all models of actual farm buildings. This stable once existed on a friend's farm and I measured and photographed the prototype before it disappeared.

At a Glance

- Scale: On30
- **Period**: late 1940's to early 1950's
- Layout type: Point to point walk around, VR prototype Narrow gauge with broad gauge interchange.
- Layout size: 8.5m X 8.5m
- Rail height above floor: 1.3m to 1.5m.
- Minimum radius: 750mm
- Baseboards: steel frame with timber and spline roadbed.
- Track: On30 Micro Engineering code
- Control: NCE DCC

- Buildings and structures: mostly scratch-built, or kitbashed.
- Scenery: mix of foam and chicken wire covered with Chux super wipes, Sculptamold and tile grout.
- Locomotives: R-T-R brass and plastic, fitted with sound.
- **Rolling stock**: R-T-R, kit built and scratch-built
- Builder: Murray Scholz.

right. I also sprinkle fine ground foam amongst the grass.

• Trees from dried sedum flowers. The forests tend to be mass plantings of single stalks while the large individual eucalyptus trees use up to 30 or 40 sedum flowers mounted on a frame made of wire and dowel, covered in DAS clay. All the sedums are dipped in a white glue water mix, sprinkled with coarse ground foam and given a light spray of a suitable green.

Nearly all the structures on the layout are scratch built or heavily modified craftsman kits. I enjoy building both board-on-board style as well as super detailing. This is time-consuming, but the results are superior, and I have been fortunate enough to receive placings for several buildings on the layout in the competitions at Narrow Gauge Conventions.

As my skills have developed, I have tended to base my buildings on those that exist, either now or in the past. The farm scene is a good example of this, with all the buildings being models of real buildings. I wanted to recreate my childhood memories of growing up on a farm; at that time, many of the buildings from the era of the horse still existed, but they are now long gone.

Future plans

A move has meant that the layout no longer exists. A new room has been fitted out and is slowly being filled with a new On30 Victorian Railways narrow gauge branch. I have saved the structures and as much of the scenery as I could to reuse on the new layout. I also have quite a few rolling stock kits to put together and I want to super detail the Haskell locomotives. I am also wanting to build more broad gauge rolling stock for the interchange yard.

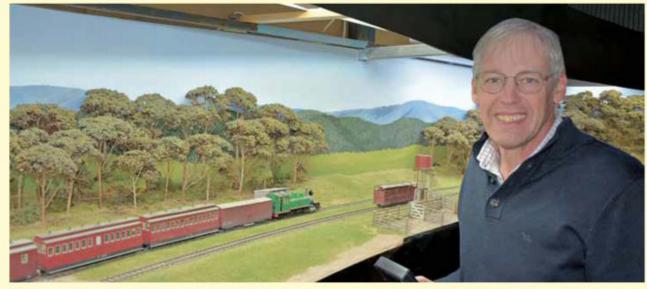
One of the best aspects of this hobby is the friendships that arise from it. I have been fortunate to make many friends because of model trains. I would like to thank two of those friends, Max Burke and the late Gary Waldon, who were regular visitors to the layout for their support, encouragement and advice.

Standing on the ridge you can see there isn't much to Coolamine. A farm, a mallee hut halt and a set of stockyards. The farm dog and bicycle against the wall of the farm house complete the scene.

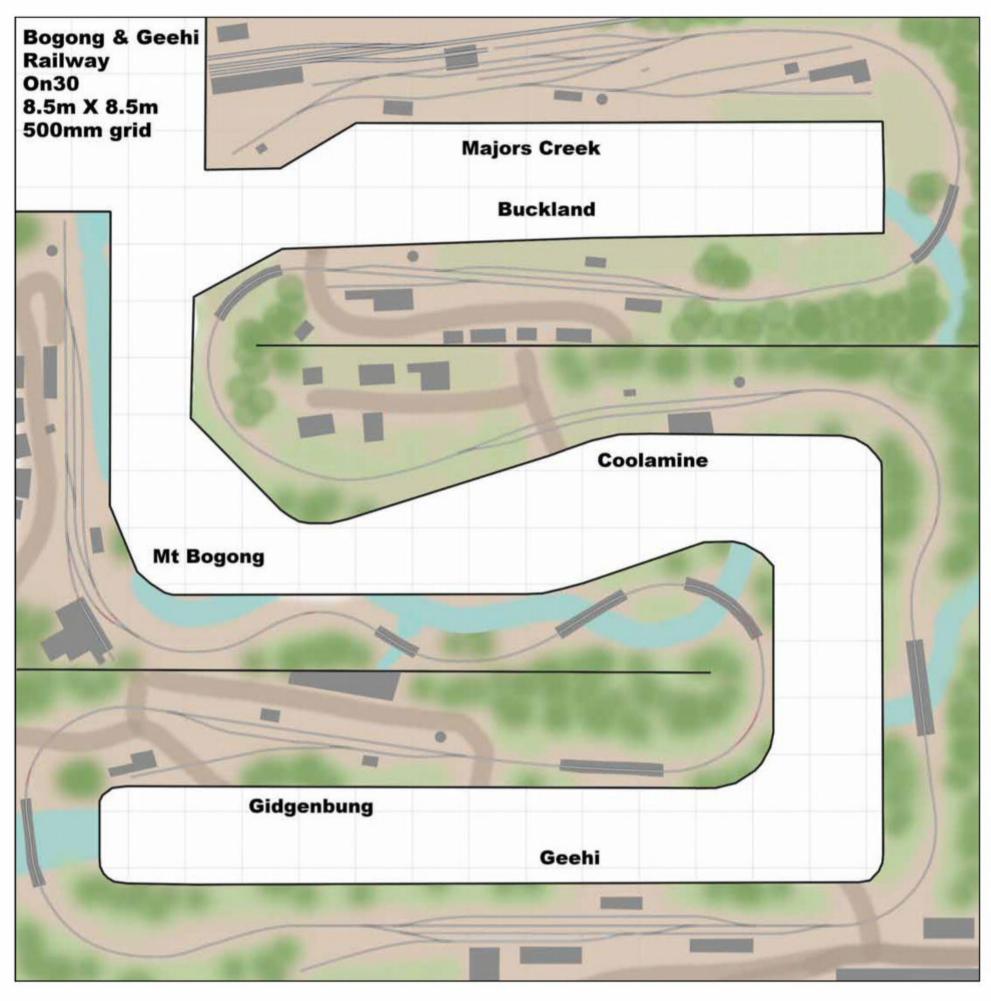


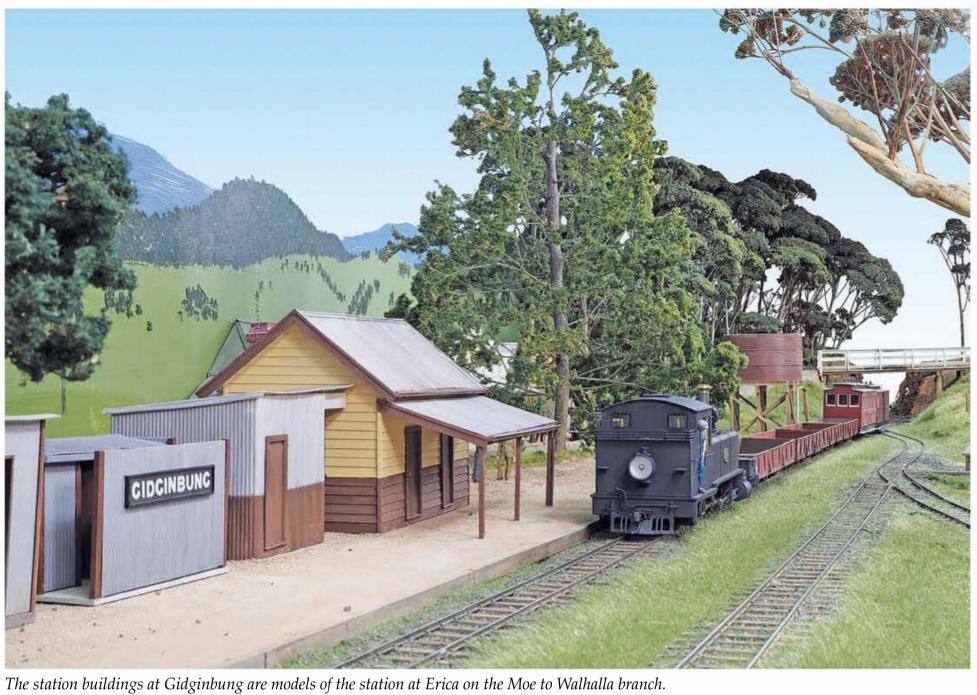
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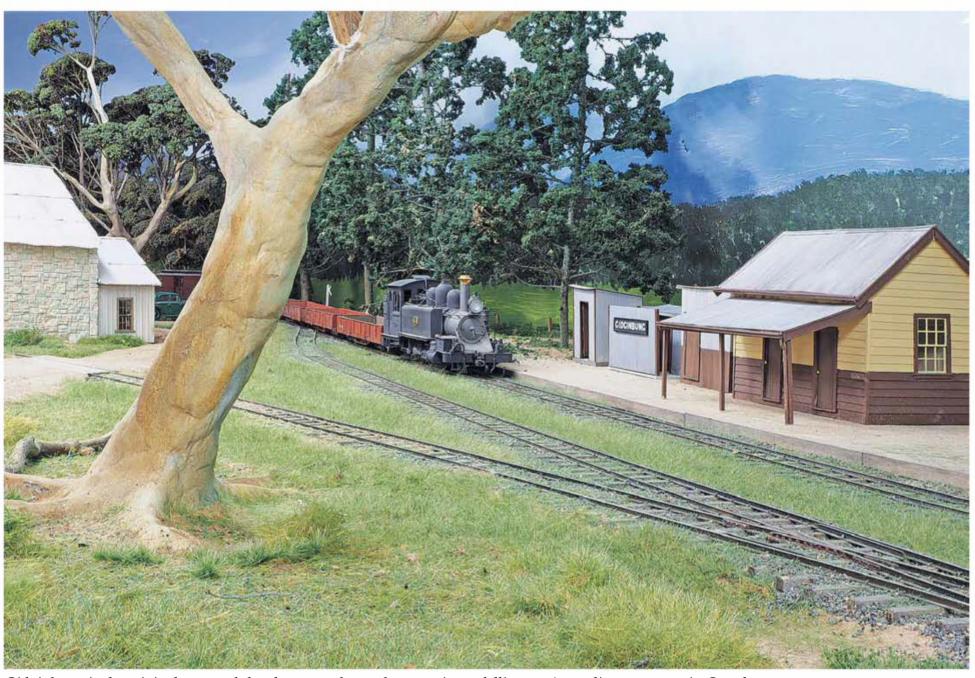
Murray Scholz; happily married with three kids and farming in Southern NSW. I have always been a fan of railways, especially narrow gauge. I have been a narrow gauge modeller for most of my time in the hobby, first in HO and then moved to O scale in 2004. My favourite aspect of the hobby is building scenery and structures and I enjoy the detail I can add in the larger scale.



Murray in control of a special passenger service rolling through Coolamine, on his layout the Bogong and Geehi Railway. With Murray in shot it really shows the true scale of his creation, and attention to detail. Photo Murray Scholz

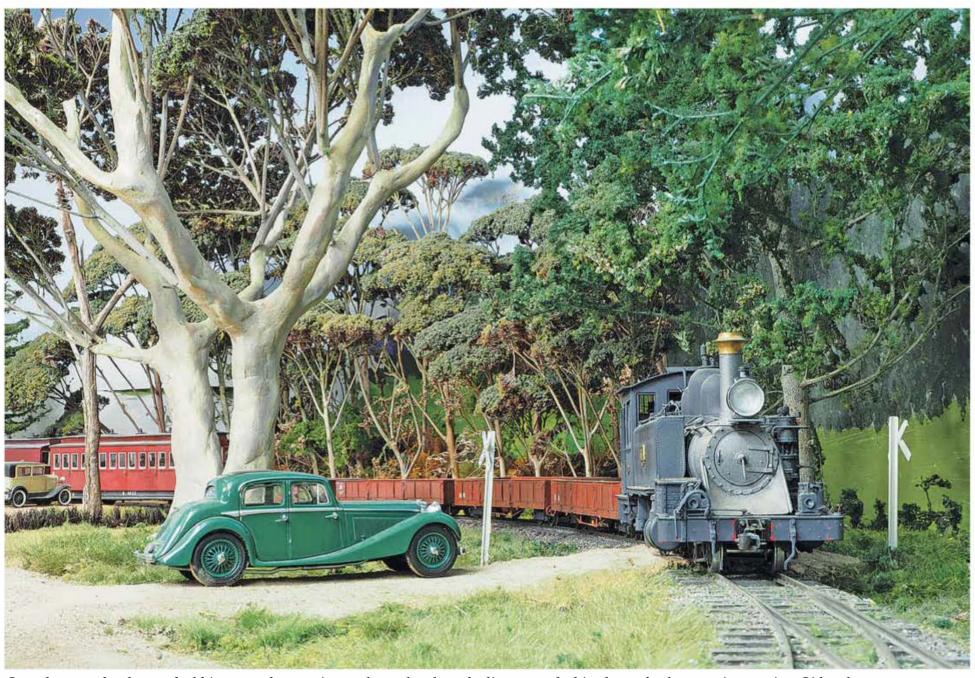




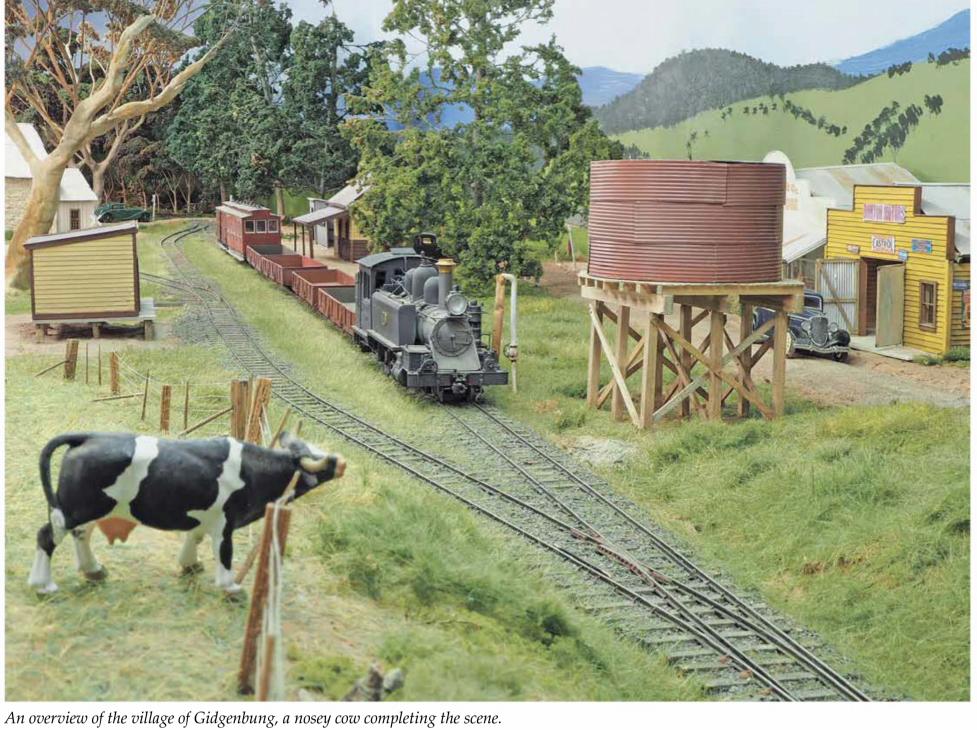


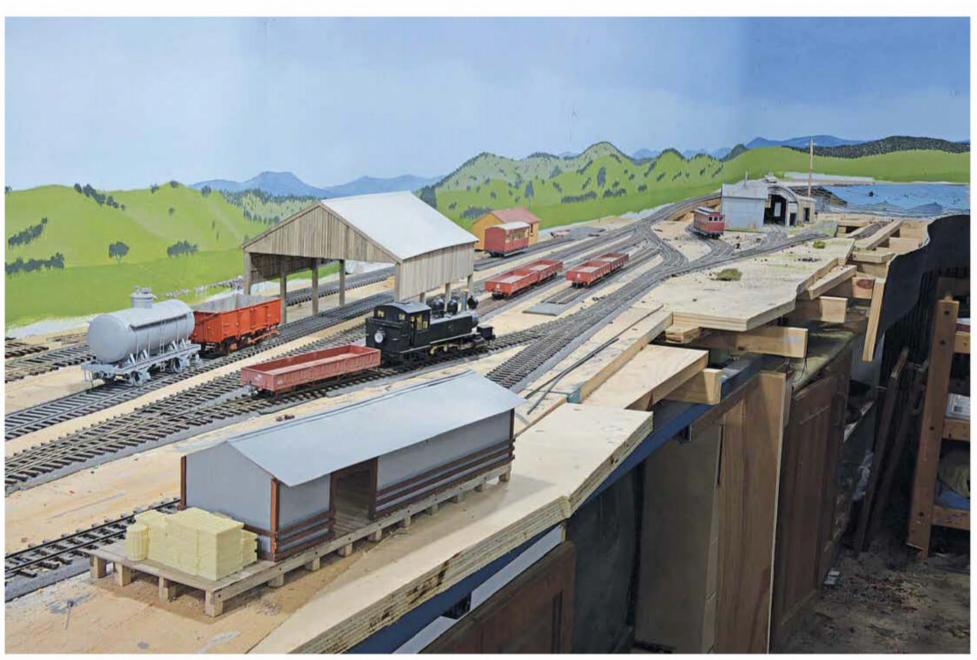
Gidginbung is the original two modules that started my adventure in modelling an Australian prototype in O scale.





Our photographer has parked his car at the crossing and wandered up the line to catch this photo of a down train entering Gidgenbung.





The interchange yard at Majors Creek with the narrow gauge at the front and the broad gauge at the rear. The yard is based on the one at Moe, but with the engine shed that was at Colac. Photo Murray Scholz.





◀ AM models tail discs fitted to SDS Models NSWGR SHG 30ft brake van. Photo Les Fordham.

TAIL DISKS

Will anyone notice?

Les Fordham discusses the modelling of tail disks

There are many modellers who have the skills and the patience to detail their models. While we like to detail our models sometimes you wonder if anyone really sees the little things you add to your models. It is a satisfying thing to add some final touches to a model.

I looked at adding tail discs to some of the rolling stock on my small New South Wales Government Railways (NSWGR) layout. I decided to add a tail disc to one end of a guards vans, a CPH railmotor and the 600/700 diesel railmotor set.

AM Models produce brass etch NSWGR tail discs in HO scale with four round and four triangles in a set. I purchased these



A round tail disc with a metal handle to hang the disk on the back of a vehicle. Note the uses of a round disc on double track! Photo Neville Gee



Railcar 402 is working the 1.15pm railmotor service from Inverell to Moree pauses briefly at Delungra on 27 July 1983, 402 is displaying a round tail disc. Photo Neville Gee

from Casula Hobbies. I painted them white while they were still in the fret. After carefully cutting each disc out of the etch each one was ready to install. The instructions mentioned that round discs were used on single line sections and the triangular disc on lines with more than one track. Simple.

I didn't feel that I could manage to make the discs removable so that when the train reversed, I could move the tail disc to the other end of the van or railcar. It was a challenge to get this small fiddly piece of brass etch mounted without having to change ends, so they are only on one end of the vehicle.

However, you could add a tail disc at each end of a trailer car or brake van, so that the tail disc would show at the rear no matter what the direction of travel.

A small drop of super glue is all you need to mount whatever disk you are using on a model.

After the project was complete it was good to look at the train as it entered the station and see that small extra detail that had been added.

Tail discs on the NSWGR

In the golden years of the NSWGR we were more interested in what was at the front of the train than what was on the end. From discussions with a number of other modellers it appears that early tail discs were canvas, before the metal ones were introduced. The whole picture became more complicated after looking through a number of Train Hobby books. There seemed to be more triangular discs than round discs when you examine photographs. I found ten photos showing round disks and 32 showing the triangular discs. The round and triangular disc rule certainly did not apply in practice as a significant number of trains on rural branch lines had triangular discs.

In Ron Preston's book, 'The Day of the Goods Train' by Eveleigh Press there is a table on page 221 on the use of tail discs and lamps. As I am only concerned with tail discs, I have only listed the text on the tail discs:

- A white disc or triangle indicated that the train is complete.
- A red disc or triangle indicated that a special train will follow.
- A white disc or triangle with a black cross indicated that a special train is due to run in the opposite direction over the same line before the next ordinary train or special train. To be used on single line sections and branch lines.

CPH railmotors were the backbone of many rural branch lines and there is evidence of them using round and triangular discs. When you looked at the rear of a CPH the disc could be on the left side, the right side, in the middle and sometimes anywhere that they could hang it. There is a prototype for everything.

I found photos of round discs from 1957 up until 1983. The earliest photos of a triangular disc being around 1953 the latest in 1983.

Tail discs on the Victorian Railways

The Victorian Railways used a disc that was hinged across the centre as shown in the following photographs that were taken from the Museums Victoria website. When the disc was not being used to signify the last vehicle of the train the hinged por-

▶ Railcars 604 and 704 at Lake Cargelligo, await their 6.30am departure, on 22 November 1983. Railcar 604 is displaying a triangular tail disc. Photo Neville Gee



tion of the disc was lowered and the back portion of the disk that was then showing was painted red.

In the Train Hobby book on Victorian Railways (VR) railcars has excellent photographs of tail disks on various types of railcars showing disks open and closed. It appears that the VR took some pride in how their railcars appeared and the reverse side of many tail discs were painted so that where they covered the lining or stripes, this paintwork was replicated on the disc when closed.

There we have it, the train is complete, but will anyone notice it.

Thanks to Ray Love for information supplied and Neville Gee for photographs supplied for the NSWGR and Victorian Railways.



CPH 1 is waiting to depart Oaklands NSW on the 7.10am Saturday service to The Rock 10 January 1970. It occupies the same platform as DERM 58 and BCPL 3 which had travelled overnight to make a connection. Photo Neville Gee



A B class locomotive heads this colourful collection of different classes of passenger rolling stock out of Bacchus Marsh towards Melbourne on 16 January 1984. When guards vans were removed from Victorian passenger trains, alterations were made on many carriages with the addition of a lamp bracket and a tail disc, thus allowing them to be used as a trailing vehicle. Photo Neville Gee

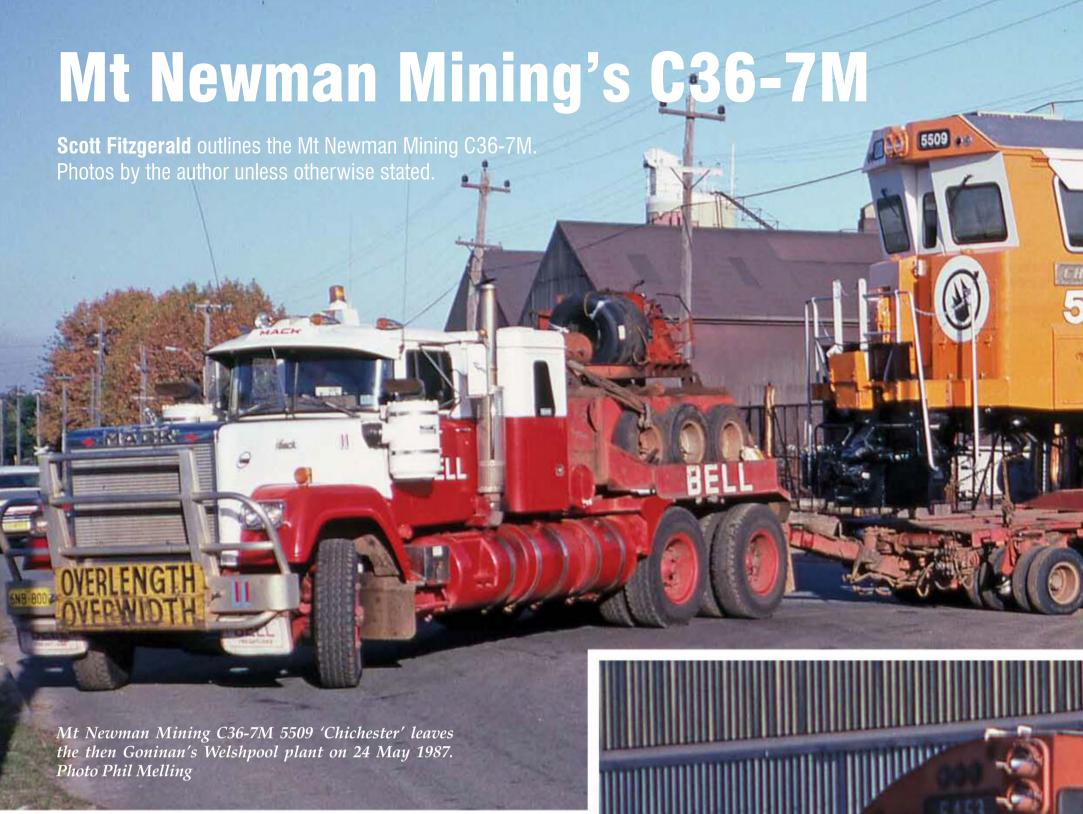


Samples of a Victorian tail disk in its various formations. All photos, Victorian Railways Tail disc, Museums Victoria





This ZL van brings up the rear of a lengthy train of GY wagons loaded with grain. Waiting to head south at Oaklands NSW on 21 October 1969. Photo Neville Gee



Like most heavy haul Pilbara Western Australia railroad operators Mount Newman Mining (Mt Newman) had heavily invested in the C636 Alco & M636 MLW type locomotives. This decision worked very well, as these types provided sterling service in these high demand and harsh conditions. By the late 1970's the C636s were needing a heavy overhaul. Mt Newman's competitor Hamersley Iron (HI) had also amassed a large fleet of Alco type locomotives and they initiated a heavy overhaul/rebuild program. HI commissioned Comeng (Commonwealth Engineering) to rebuild six C636 locomotives into C636Rs.

This rebuild would make the locomotives more user friendly and extend their operating life. The rebuild included the first application of the now famous 'Pilbara Cab,' a raked back front window design to reduce glare. This initial rebuild program spurred additional orders from HI with a total of twenty four locomotives rebuilt into C636R, CE636R and ME636Rs. Comeng rightfully thought they were onto a good thing, especially since Mt. Newman had yet to commit itself to any extensive rebuild program. Mt Newman explored all their options, and Comeng went as far as retouching a photo of a CE636R in Mt Newman livery and numbered it 5506.

However, Mt. Newman wanted to go a step further and in December 1985 Mt Newman Mining Co. placed an order with A Goninan & Co (Goninan) for six C36-7M locomotives (later an additional two C36-7Ms were ordered) to be built using the frames, bogies, fuel tanks and pilots from C636 locomotives.

This is essentially building a General Electric locomotive on top of an Alco designed frame and bogies.

A.E. Goodwin Alco C636 5453 at Goninan Welshpool on 24 May 1987, 5453 looks a little worse for wear, obviously sustaining some collision damage. It will be rebuilt into C36-7M 5513. Photo Phil Melling







Locomotive 5512 'Hesta' at Bing in September 1994. In BHP Mt Newman Joint Venture livery with blue and marigold symbols. Operator cab side mirrors are not installed.

The big Goninan selling point was the opportunity to take advantage of more technology advances, and efficiencies, with increased power output. Some of the features of this C36-7M model are listed as follows:

 Although designated as a C36-7M, the actual power available for traction was 3,750hp not 3,600hp as suggested by the designation. In the USA the first production run of this higher horsepower C36-7 was an order by Conrail which was built in June 1985.

- A boxed housing for dynamic brake equipment.
- Unitised Westinghouse 26L brake rack.

Goninan designed version of the 'Pilbara cab' incorporated the following features.

- Raked back front windscreens.
- Air conditioner housed in the roof section, the Comeng version was fitted under the floor
- Walk in toilet from the operator cab.



Locomotive 5509 'Chichester' at Newman on a supply train in September 1994. With ever increasing numbers of CM40-8M being available, the C36-7Ms were utilised on supply trains like this, along with infrastructure trains such as ballast and steel (rail) trains etc. The two steel plates at frame level resting against the operators cab are drop down hinged 'step flaps' designed to protect workshop staff from falling into the open (recessed step) area, when the locomotive is in the overhaul shop.

The C36-7M also incorporated features from the later Dash-8 series of locomotives including:

- GE SENTRY adhesion control system.
- GE Constant Horsepower Excitation Control (CHEC).
- Traction motor thermal protection.

With these technical advancements - features, Goninan calculated that three C36-7Ms would be able to haul 210 loaded ore cars from Newman to Nelson Point vs three Alco locomotives which could haul 180 ore cars.

To service this new rebuild contract, Goninan established a manufacturing plant in the Perth suburb of Welshpool.

Mt Newman transported six A. E. Goodwin-built C636 locomotives 5452, 5455, 5458, 5461, 5463 & 5466 by road to Perth for rebuilding into C36-7Ms.

Later Mt Newman returned to Goninan for an order for an additional two C36-7Ms. Goninan received C636s 5453 & 5465, for this order.

In service

With their superior cab amenities, the C36-7Ms were regularly rostered as a lead unit when in a consist, and had 'Locotrol' installed.

'Locotrol' is a control system that enabled locomotives to be positioned mid train (slaves) and these could be controlled remotely from the lead (master) locomotive. The master Locotrol equipment was removed from three of the 'Locotrol' equipped Alcos, and installed on 5511, 5512 & 5513

The BHP Iron Ore Era

BHP gained full control of Mt Newman in March 1986, however Mt Newman operations remained unchanged until BHP Iron Ore was formed in 1990 at which time new Blue and White (BHP Iron Ore) livery was introduced which included a Marigold and Teal BHP symbol on the front and rear of the locomotive as well as on each side of the long hood. 5511 became the first of the class to be repainted into the new livery in March 1991. The rest of the



Locomotive 5510 'Newman'. As this locomotive is allocated to the Goldsworthy line at this time, it is fitted with rear vision mirrors. Also note the MU cable holder fitted just under the pilot front walkway sill – anti climber.

class were progressively repainted likewise.

Goldsworthy Joint Venture

BHP acquired Goldsworthy Mining Limited (GML) in 1991.

At the time of acquisition, the Goldsworthy main line ran from Finucane Island to Shay Gap and was built to a standard of 20 tonne axle load.

BHP decided to upgrade GML to enable operation of the 190 tonne C36-7Ms. A part of this plan included abolishing the diamond crossing (Newgold Junction) near Port Hedland. Replacing the crossing with an interlocked junction that would enable easier interchange of rolling stock between the two mainlines and abolish

the 20km/h speed restriction over the diamond.

The first C36-7M test trip on GML occurred on 5 February 1992.

With the Goldsworthy line upgraded, the following C36-7M units were transferred to Goldsworthy Joint Venture operations:

- 5506 renamed 'Mt. Goldsworthy'
- 5507 renamed 'Nimingarra', was the first C36-7M transferred on 05 February 1992.
- 5510 'Newman'.
- 5513 'Kalgan'.
- 5506, 5507 and 5510 had 'Goldsworthy Joint Venture' lettering applied, to clearly designate their use.

The displaced 20t axle load Goldsworthy locomotives GML3 to 9 were

	Table 1. Details of Mt Newman Mining C36-7M Locomotives							
Road No.	Serial No.	Named	Previous Road No.	Build date	Delivery date	In service date	Date withdrawn	To Perth
5506	4839-01/87-071	1.Mt Whaleback 2.Ethel Creek 3.Mt Goldsworthy	5455	Jul-68	18-Jan-87	16-Feb-87	1999	29-Jun-02
5507	4839-03/87-072	1.Ethel Creek 2.Mt Whaleback 3.Nimingarra	5461	Dec-69	15-Mar-87	9-Apr-87	1999	11-May-02
5508	4839-04/87-073	Fortescue	5466	Aug-70	12-Apr-87	8-May-87	1999	25-May-02
5509	4839-05/87-074	Chichester	5452	May-68	25-May-87	16-Jun-87	1999	18-May-02
5510	4839-07/87-075	Newman	5458	Jun-69	4-Jul-87	12-Aug-87	18-Apr-99	July 02
5511	4839-08/87-076	Port Hedland	5463	Mar-70	13-Aug-87	9-Sep-87	09-Mar 98	22-Jun-02
5512	4839-01/88-077	Hesta	5465	Jul-70	31-Jan-88	5-Mar-88	1999	15-Jun-02
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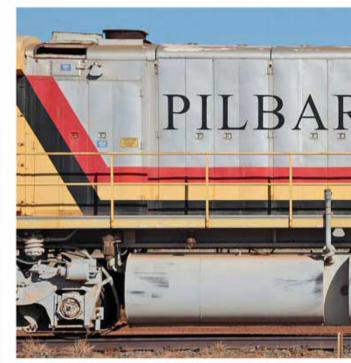
Locomotive 5510 'Newman'. Driver's side. The air dryer and cleaner can be seen mounted under the walkway. Additionally note the orientation of the radiator intake grilles., 5510 is the only C36-7M fitted with a Dash-8 Radiator.



Locomotive 5051. Driver's side (radiator section).



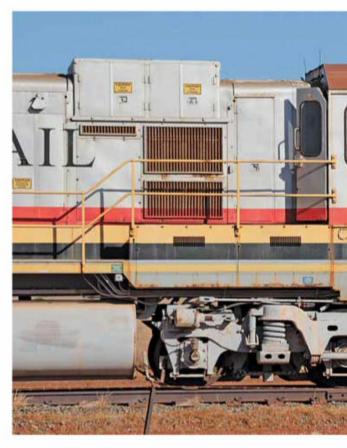
Loco, otive 5510 'Newman'. Driver's side. The fire extinguisher bottles can be seen mounted under the walkway next to the frame. Note the positioning of the 'Goldsworthy Joint Venture' lettering in relation to the 'BHP Iron Ore' on each long hood door.



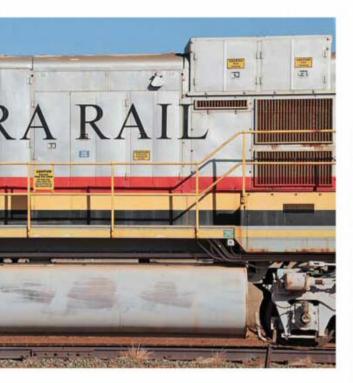
Locomotive 5051. Driver's side (engine section). Compared with 5510, fire extinguishers have been removed from under the walkway. Fuel filler extension installed.



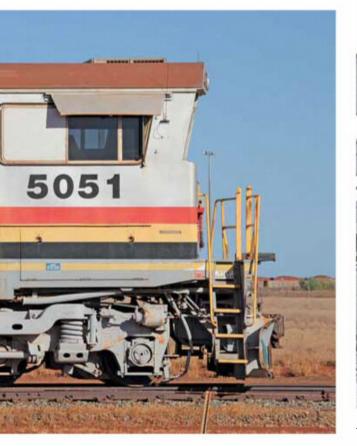
Locomotive 5510 'Newman'. Driver's side. Observe the location of the builder's plate and the name-plate, just above the builder's plate is an additional plate added after delivery, it sits directly on top of the original plate. This plate included the build date and the builder's number, as this was omitted from the original builder's plate. Refer photo 13 which has the original plate removed and additional plate is still installed. Aft of the operator's cab, nestled into the walkway, are the two battery boxes. Compare the battery box covers with the ones installed on 'Pilbara Rail' 5051 and 5052.







Locomotive 5051. Driver's side (operator's cab). Comparing with 5510, the builder's plate is missing, serial number plate still installed. Battery box covers have a grate instead of louvres. Cab sunshades installed, along with a slimline cab mirror. Sinclair antenna has been removed, and whip aerials installed.



5506

Locomotive 5506 'Mt Goldsworthy'. Observer's side, with an array of access panels which allows access to air equipment racks and electrical equipment under the cab and walkway. The dynamic brake outlets are located behind the Operator's cab in the box assembly which sits above the long hood roof line.



Locomotive 5506 'Mt Goldsworthy'. Observer's side, the resistor grids are visible in the dynamic brake housing. The long hood air horn is mounted on the long hood just aft of the dynamic brake housing.



Locomotive 5506 'Mt Goldsworthy'. Observer's side, radiator.



Locomotive 5506 'Mt Goldsworthy'. The radiator end, items of note include double parker lights, coupler light and switches.

shipped from Port Hedland to BHP's Steel operations in Port Kembla NSW on 11 November 1992. GML10 was renumbered GML20 and was allocated to shunt operations in Nelson point yard. In 1994 GML20 was sold to Comalco for their operations out of Weipa, in Far North Queensland, to become their R1004. GML1 and 2 were retained to haul the occasional water or work train. Eventually GML1 was donated to the Pilbara Railway Historical Society in Dampier and GML2 was placed on static display at the Port Hedland Machinery Park.

Locomotive 5510 was involved in a shunting mishap with a 'loadout' on the Goldsworthy line at Nimingarra with extensive damage to the radiator section. The damaged radiator was removed and a Dash-8 type radiator assembly was fitted in its place, 5510 returned to traffic on 25 June 1993.

Roster changes

As BHP Iron Ore received more CM40-8Ms (For full description refer AMRM issue No. 212 October 1998 BHP Iron Ore CM40-8M, CM40-8ML and CM40-8MEFI) the

C36-7Ms found themselves relegated to secondary rosters, such as:

- The Newman Supply train
- Work trains (ballast, rail and sleeper trains etc)
- Nelson Point Yard shunters
- Ore trains on the Goldsworthy line.

Following a rebuild of Nelson Point yard, which effectively created two yards, an Arrival (this includes the Central and North yards) and a Departure yard (including the South yard) connected by a collection of curved dumper roads. The dumping operation was as follows; The loaded train came to a stand in the Arrival Yard and the lead units were detached. A single C36-7M was attached and the ore car rake was uncoupled at the remote locomotives. The first half (rake) would be hauled to the dumper and stopped short. Another C36-7M would attach a compressor set to the rear of the rake then uncouple and stand clear.

Note: A compressor set is two former ore cars with air compressors and air tanks installed. These sets are used to keep the air brakes pumped up and provide the correct amount of friction on the rake while moving though the dumper.

Table 2. Specifications	of 5506 to 5513
Model	C36-7M
Length over Couplers	21184mm
Length over Headstocks	19710mm
Bogie pin centres	12750mm
Overall Height from Rail	4675mm
Width over body	3055mm
Bogie wheel base	4140mm
Wheel diameter (new)	1032mm
Mass in Tonnes	190t
Nominal axle load	32.5t
Fuel capacity, Litres	18,600
Coolant capacity, Litres	1,380
Lube oil capacity, Litres	1,700
Sand capacity.	1.7 m3
Engine Model No.	GE 7FDL16
Engine power-in KW	
RPM max	1000
Traction	2800kW 3750hp
Bogies	ALCo Hi-Ad
Main Alternator	GTA-24-A2
Traction Motors X 6	GE752AF
Traction control	GE CHEC
Wheel Slip control	GE SENTRY
Air compressor	Wabco 3CWDL
Brake system	
Air Westinghouse	26L (unitized)
Dynamic	installed (unitized)
Gear ratio	83:20
Maximum Speed	112km/h
Tractive effort/starting	96,600lbs
Tractive effort/continuous	43,100daN

The lead C36-7M hauled the rake into the dumper and positioned in the dumper cells.

The C36-7M would then uncouple and move away from the dumper.

Each dumper is equipped with an indexing arm and thus doesn't need a locomotive to move the cars through the dumper. The empty rake is pushed into the Departure yard for empty trains. The compressor cars are removed and the C36-7M then moves from the Departure yard to the Arrival yard using a circular 'cut off' track. The C36-7M is then in position to haul another loaded rake through to the dumpers. Hence the prototype has found a use for what modellers have been doing for ages, making circles of track!

In November 1997, to assist with shunting operations, C36-7M 5510 was fitted with a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) camera and monitor. This system didn't prove as effective as expected.

Withdrawal

The arrival of the AC6000CWs meant the C36-7Ms were to be withdrawn.

The first locomotive to be withdrawn was 5511 in March 1998 on account of engine failure. The rest of the fleet was progressively withdrawn in 1999, until just 5512 and 5513 remained.

No.5512 ran the last C36-7M-hauled train to Yarrie on 3 August 1999.

No.5513 was the last active C36-7M, finally shutting down later that month.

No.5508 was the only member of its class to retain its BHP Iron Ore livery with the Teal & Marigold symbols, all other C36-7M's had their livery modified to the grey symbol version prior to withdrawal.

New built CM39-8s and CM40-8s took over C36-7Ms tasks on service trains on the mainline and operating the Goldsworthy line.

The fleet remained at Nelson Point stored in the disused provisioning shed until 2002, when 5507, 5508, 5509 and 5513 were sold to Goninan.

No.5509 was later transferred to Goninan's Broadmeadow NSW facility for use as an engine test bed.

Locomotives 5506, 5510, 5511 and 5512 were sold for scrap.

All of the class were then transported via road to Perth, 5507 being the first on 11 May 2002, and 5510 being the last in July 2002.

Locomotives 5051 and 5052 are just shy of Two Mile Yard with a rake of empty ore cars from Parker Point in August 2003.

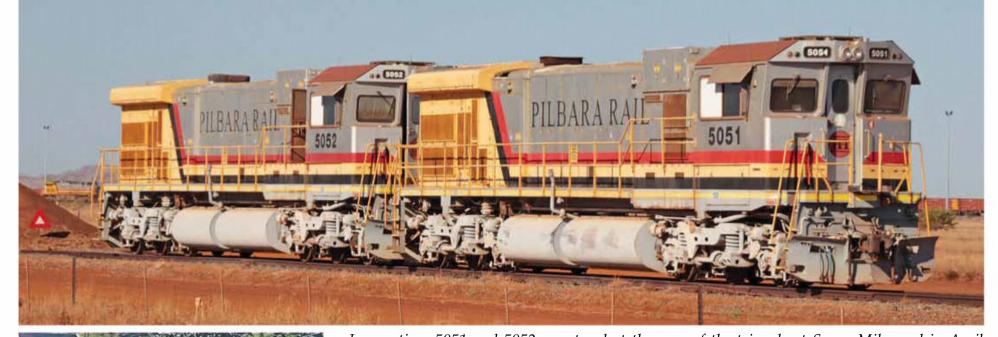


Locomotive 5512 'Hesta'. Driver's side, from this angle the Locotrol antennas are visible mounted on the operator's cab rear wall.





Locomotives 5513, 5512 and 5511 sit at Nelson Point on 1 June 2002. The fuel tanks and snow ploughs have been removed in preparation for transportation. In seven days time 5513 will be the first of the trio to be transported south to Perth. Photo the late Jim Bisdee (Phil Melling Collection)





Locomotives 5051 and 5052 are about to depart the empty car line at Parker Point in August 2003. Observe the sand filler caps on the operator's cab roof, (these were installed by BHP after delivery from Goninan) the double skin roof and the positioning of the air-conditioner. Also visible is the dynamic brake air intake.

Locomotives 5051 and 5052 are stored at the apex of the triangle at Seven Mile yard in April 2013. At the time of publication both locomotives are currently stored at this location.

Pilbara Rail

Pilbara Rail had a requirement for shunt locomotives to work between Seven Mile yard and the dumpers at East Intercourse Island and Parker Point.

The mainline locomotives could bring the loaded rake to the dumpers. As soon as they were set up, the mainline locomotives would return light engine to Seven Mile yard for either servicing, or attached to the next empty rake and depart south for the mine.

A shunt crew and locomotives were required to retrieve empty rakes from the dumpers and bring them back to Seven Mile Yard.

Pilbara Rail were short of power as traffic increased. Therefore it would be worth getting any reliable power, in a short period of time, that could hold down this roster and release a pair of Dash-9s for mainline work.

In 2002 Goninan had purchased four of the ex BHP C36-7Ms and could quickly modify two C36-7Ms to meet Pilbara Rail's requirements.

Locomotives 5507 and 5508 were selected for re-activation, modification and repaint.

Goninan made a number of modifications including:

- Sunshades and slim line rear vision mirrors added to the operator cab.
- Battery box access panels replaced (they were probably corroded anyway)
- Fire suppression bottles removed from their position under the driver's side walkway.

- New radios installed.
- Full repaint in Pilbara Rail livery.
- 5507 was renumbered 5051.
- 5508 renumbered 5052.

In service

Locomotives 5051 and 5052 were paired together to haul empty ore car rakes between East Intercourse Island or Parker Point and Seven Mile Yard.

There was a limitation on the C36-7Ms as they were not capable of hauling a loaded rake from Seven Mile yard to the dumpers.

For a short period of time, the C36-7Ms were used to test a Global Positioning System (GPS) Speedometer. It is not known if this was successful.

As Pilbara Rail received more and more new locomotives, the C36-7Ms found themselves with less and less work. In 2009 they were both stored.

Both 5051 and 5052 remain stored at the apex of the triangle at Seven Mile Yard.

Refer Table 1 for build dates, serial numbers, etc. Refer Table 2 for type specifications.

References

- Personal observations.
- Goninan documentation, drawings and correspondence.
- BHP Iron Ore employees and internal documentation.
- Motive Power magazine various issues.
- Rail Australia magazine various issues.



Locomotive 5052 driver's side.

Building Cameo Layout Boards – Reader's variations

The AMRM team illustrates Reader's design technique improvements to the original article.



Following on from the Building Cameo Layout Boards article (AMRM issue 348 June 2021). AMRM Readers have developed new construction techniques and improved designs for the Cameo Layout Boards based off the original article.

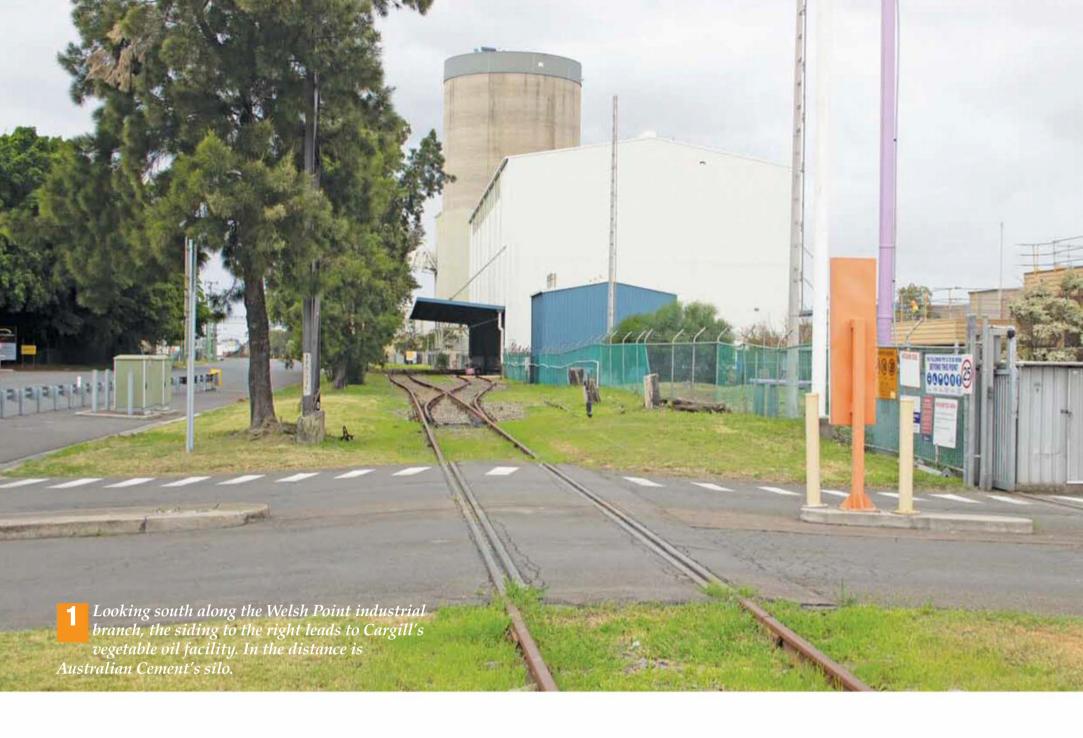
Craig Belcher has built a curved version of a Cameo Layout Board, Craig has incorporated several design improvements.

The C-frames have been spread in an array per the original article, however, Craig deleted back straps, and used the backdrop as the structural strap. This design change has simplified the construction process and saved weight.

To ensure squareness of the curved board, Craig used lengths of 42mm x 19mm temporarily clamped to the end D-frames. This is a simple method to ensure the ends are structurally square.



The original article outlines the use of the SAL Light Emitting Diode (LED) Slimline Seamless SL9706 series batten lights John Miller has used these series of batten lights for his new layout. To get a better spread of light, John added a 45° triangle wedge between the pelmet and the mounting points for the batten lights.



A LOCATION TO MODEL

Welsh Point

The AMRM team presents a small industrial location to model in the ultra-modern era.

Welsh Point is an industrial area branching off Kooragang Island, Newcastle, in New South Wales.

The Welsh Point branch is a good example of a location to model that would lend itself well to a shelf layout and can be modelled in the ultra-modern era.

Situated at the south-eastern tip of Kooragang Island is the Welsh Point branch. The branch splits Heron Road, with sidings on both sides of the road. On the Western side of Heron Road, there are two sidings:

- Facing south is a Cargill's vegetable oil facility.
- Facing north is the Australian Cement siding. See photo 3.

While this part of the branch has only two sidings, this might look simple but operationally can be very complicated, as follows:

There is no run around road at this location, so each shunting manoeuvre will require either a propelling move or a shunt move with a locomotive at each end of the wagons.

The Cargill siding receives tank wag-

ons of cotton seed oil (Vegetable oil) from Narrabri West (thirteen NTOF were converted for this service in 2000). The Cargill facility is set up to take five wagons at a time. Propelling this distance would require protection across Heron Road, and each industrial access road, you could simulate this with a model Ute. Alternatively, you could roster a locomotive at each end of the shunt move.

The Australian Cement siding is very short, thus multiple shunt moves would be required to load each cement wagon. This could be very complicated as there are several level crossings in the area which would need to remain open and thus this would further complicate shunting moves. Again, two locomotives either end of the shunt move could be advantageous.

Both of these sidings are lever locked, so you could model the unlocking and locking of each siding, using working levers such as the ones offered by DCC Concepts.

Modelling notes

A further operational limitation is the length of the shunting neck, the remainder of this siding was used to store condemned rolling stock, and at one-point withdrawn stored locomotives. This would be a great modelling opportunity to model decrepit rolling stock or locomotives, and they add to the operational complexity.

The buildings are large industrial buildings, some of which can be lifted almost straight from a Walthers catalogue.

Large industrial buildings are simplistic in design, and thus it would be easy to either kit bash or scratch build large shed and such using a wooden frame and Evergreen styrene sheets.

Given the size of the actual location, there would be very little need to selectively compress the scene.

The streetscape gives a convenient edging to the layout if modelled from the street side. The branch has a gentle curve throughout, curves such as this are very pleasing to the eye (vs. straight track).

The Kooragang coal facility can pro-

Looking north from the same location as photo 1, to the left is the Kooragang coal handling facility. In the distance is a rake of AWB grain hoppers stored on the northern part of the branch. Heron Road crosses the branch at a level crossing and proceeds under the conveyer.

vide a simple photo backdrop, while the entry and exit can be hidden by trees just after the line crosses over Heron Road.

Semi-trailers and utes would look right at home on the layout and can be parked on the road without looking forced, plus they can make great photo props.

Both tank and cement wagons are closed wagons and thus they can easily pass for loaded or empty wagons.

Locomotives can be almost anything in the Pacific National roster. For example, BL, DL, G, 48, 80, 81 and 82 classes.

The Cargill NTOFs are not currently available as a r-t-r model. However, in HO scale SDS Models NTBF could be used as a stand in. If you're less picky, any generic short North American tank wagon could effectively deputise for an NTOF.

Australian Cement can be serviced with NPCF, VPCF, NPRF or NPRY pneumatic discharge cement hoppers.

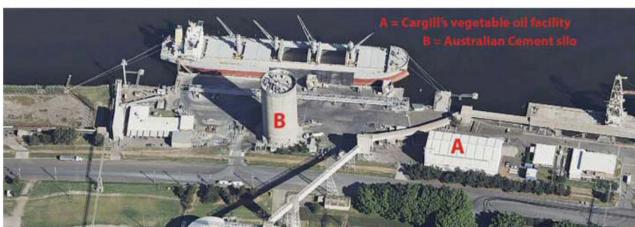
So, if you ever needed a good excuse to model a small slice of the ultra-modern era and you have limited space, or you don't want to spend a lot on rolling stock, then this location might just fit the bill.

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http://www.nswgoodsrollingstock.com/ NTOF.htm

An overall view of the Cargill facility, details of note include the siding has concrete stand offs, which create a bunded area in case of spillage. Bunded areas are rarely modelled, and this one includes track. Note the piping against the building to service the NTOF tank wagons.





This birds eye view from Bing Maps shows the proximity of the Cargill facility 'A' and the Australian Cement silo 'B', the Welsh Point branch can be seen nestled between Heron Road and these two industries. Observe how wide Heron Road is, the additional width of this road is to cater for operation of B-Doubles etc. Note also in this image there are no less than six level crossings.





Looking south, Chris Jones captured a single NTOF at the Cargill facility in the early 2000s.



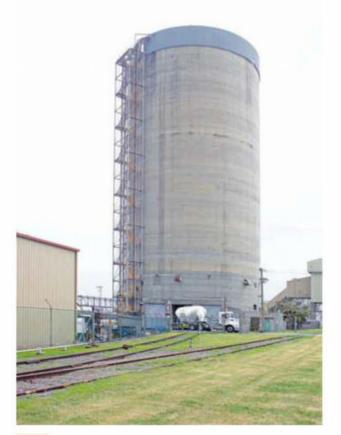
NTOF 1292-D at Carrington complete with Cargill and FreightCorp signage, in the early 2000s. Photo Chris Jones.



Looking north and situated just south of the Cargill facility, is this conveyer which straddles Heron Road. Industrial structures such as this look like they are straight from a 'Walthers' catalogue. Improvisation and kit bashing can produce good results. Note the signage on the level crossing.



Looking south on the Welsh Point branch the slight curve on the branch can be seen, the Australian Cement silo can just be seen behind the structure to the right.



Looking north is the Australian Cement silo and siding, which enters the silo via the third roller door to the right. To build a model of this silo you could start with a section of PVC drainage piping.



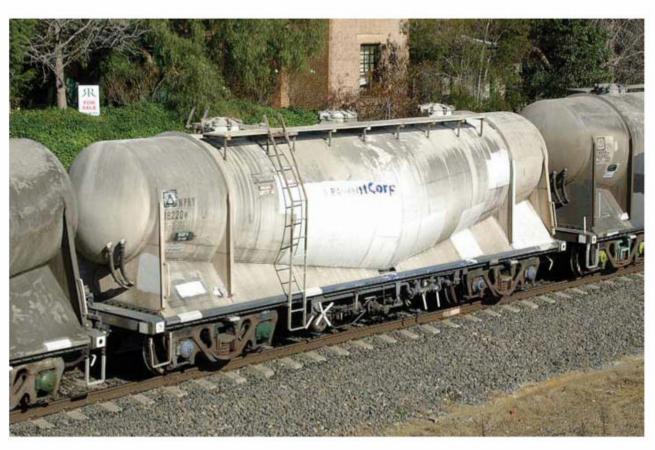
Looking north is the point detail and lever leading to the Australian Cement silo. The buff-coloured shed could be built from Rix Kits sections.

Looking south just after the Australian Cement siding point and lever is this curious tall and narrow building.



Looking north, in 2008 Chris Jones managed to capture a NPCF and a few VPCXs at the Australian Cement siding. PN painted a rake of VPCX hoppers light grey for a project that was going to start out of Walsh Point. At one point in time a few of these wagons were stored on the branch.





Yarra Valley Model Railway Club Exhibition

The AMRM team report on the Diamond Creek Exhibition.

On 16 and 17 April 2022, over the Easter long weekend, the Yarra Valley Model Railway Club held their annual Diamond Creek model railway exhibition at the local Community Bank Stadium.

Notably, attendance exceeded previous year's figures. It seems that modellers are out in force in 2022.

The layouts exhibited included four brand new layouts: *Gunnadoo* by Robert Popovski (of *Gunning NSW* fame), *Culcairn* NSW by Mark Jesser (N scale), *Grosvenor St* by Michael Braun (HO) and *Apple Cove* (On30).

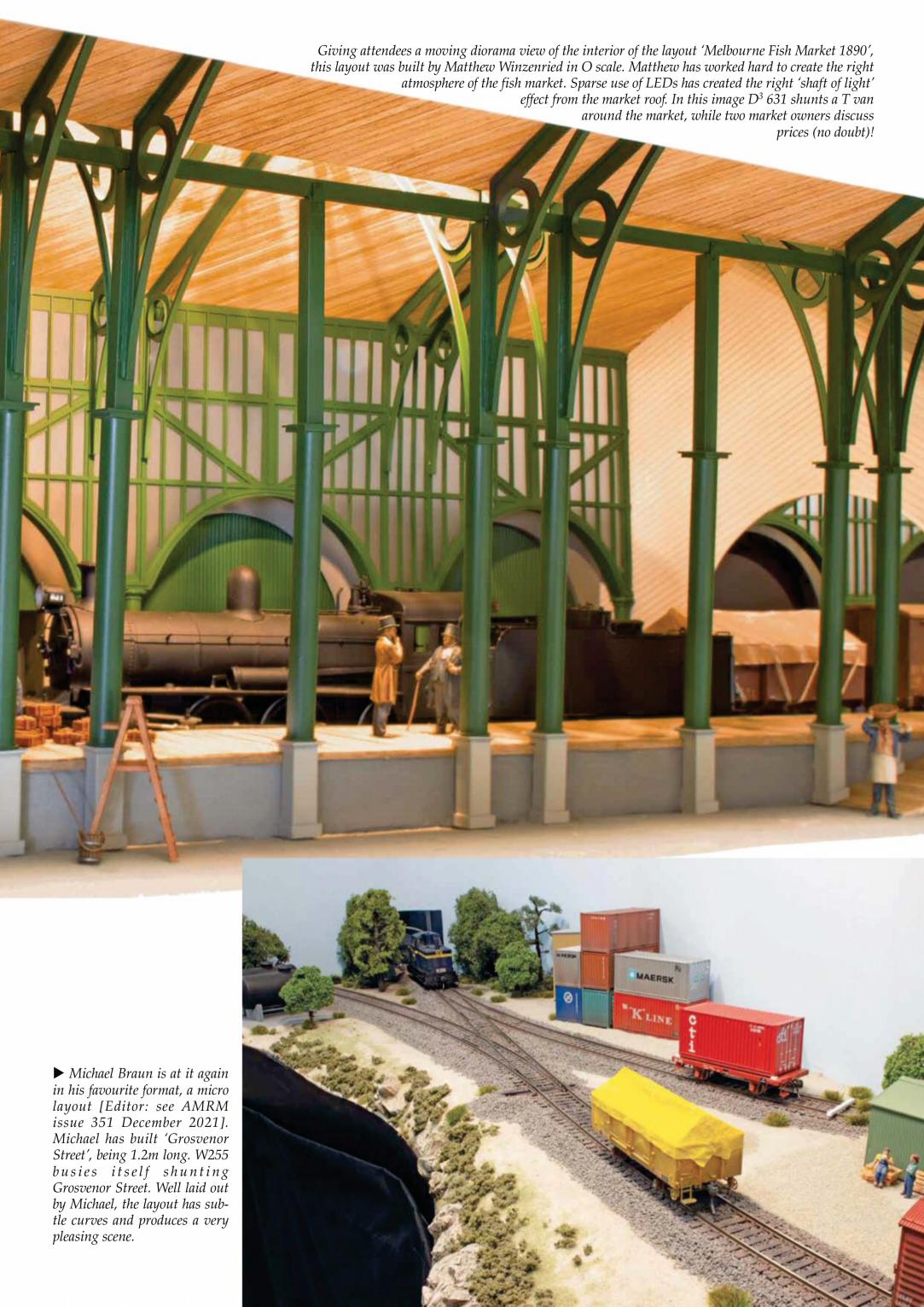
Other layouts included *The Beechy* by the Sunbury Model Railway Club, *Herbert River* (Queensland cane tram, HOn2½), *Daraby*, British O scale, *The Valley*, Victorian N Scale Collective T Trak and *Murray River Bridge*.

Trade stands included Blue and Gold Models, Brunel Hobbies, Lyndon's Trains, Railmotor Models, San Mateo, SDS Models and Section 8.

▼ N scale modeler Mark Jesser has been building on a model of Culcairn in NSW. The buildings are impressive, and Mark has modelled Culcairn in the ultra-modern era, including removal of the pedestrian overpass. The correct modern control boxes have been modelled right down to the grille work. Photo by Mark Jesser.









▲ 'Gunnadoo' is Robert Popovski's latest creation, a small Victorian country station. Robert built this layout in an incredible two weeks! It goes to show what you can do. Photo Mark Jesser.

▼ 'Billabong Flat,' exhibited by members of the Victorian N Scale Collective. B65 has just arrived at Billabong Flat with a short goods train, while J535 simmers near the locomotive shed. Photo Mark Jesser.





IN THE LOOP

Safety First

Trevor Hodges

About fifteen years ago I started working with a manager who wanted me to be on the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) committee at the school where I was employed. It was part of the job description for the role I'd taken on and one of the requirements was that I attend four days of OH&S training, something I'd managed to avoid up till that time. The first thing I discovered upon commencing this training was that the "powers that be" had recently changed the name to Workplace Health and Safety. Being a cynic, I grumbled that here was another example of pointless change that achieved nothing but made paperwork and documentation out of date which would cost a lot to replace. I can remember thinking at the time that I much prefer working in my own workshop – modelling bench where I set the rules and no one tells me what to do about safety.

However, recently a couple of things happened which forced me to take safety a bit more seriously. The first of these was a modelling friend who managed to mangle two of his fingers using a router table. This surprised me because he's a very deliberate person around his workshop. He is always very conscious of his own safety. He always wears overalls or a workshop apron, safety glasses and makes sure he doesn't have any clothing that might get caught by a spinning blade when he's working on a project. When I spoke to him after he got out of hospital and asked him what had happened, he replied that he wasn't sure, "it just happened so fast." One of the main areas of focus in workplace safety procedures is to think about safety before an accident and to try and avoid having to reflect on what went wrong after an accident occurs.

The other thing that happened was the acquisition of a couple of new machines. The first of these was a small Proxxon drill press for my modelling room However, just because such tools are small doesn't mean they can't do you serious damage

if you're not careful. They're just as capable of drawing your fingers into a spinning blade or drill chuck, as such they need to be treated with respect.

The other machine I acquired was at the other end of the spectrum in terms of size and power, a large metalworking mill that weighs in the order of 420kg. I'd outgrown the small mill purchased almost a decade ago to make models on and decided to move up to a more serious machine. After installation, I did my first test cut on a piece of mild

steel. This first test cut was wonderfully smooth and quick, and the quality of the surface finish was fantastic compared to my old machine. What I hadn't prepared for was the way this machine threw out a shower of extremely hot metal shavings (swarf) as it planned. The swarf was smoking as it shot off the cutting head and I had to stand well back to avoid them landing on myself. The problem is that if I stand well back, I can't see what's happening, I needed to be in close to keep an eye on things. If I used my cheap safety glasses, I can't see clearly and if I used my reading glasses these aren't adequate to protect my eyes. Something needed to change.

Thirty years involvement in this hobby has convinced me one of the most dangerous things we do as modellers is to use abrasive cut off wheels in a hand held motor tool. If you're holding something in your hand or a small vice that's being cut while you hold the motor tool with your other hand, your eyes are close to the cutting disk and it's natural to put your face closer to the work piece to see where you're cutting. My new machines convinced me I should finally get a pair of prescription safety glasses.

I've resisted acquiring a pair of prescription safety glasses for the roughly twenty years I've needed them because I don't like spending my money on anything not related to my hobby and I'd convinced myself they were going to cost a fortune. In addition to being cheap I'm also lazy and hadn't bothered to actually talk to my optometrist and ask what the costs were likely to be. When I finally got around to asking my optometrist, she drew out from a cupboard a box that contained the brand of safety glasses she sells from which I selected the style I liked. The glasses took about five weeks to arrive, and their actual cost was \$270 which I consider quite reasonable. I have private medical insurance and this reduced the cost down to \$70. When I got home and gave them a test run I was very

pleased with how clear everything looked and while they don't protect my fingers from spinning blades, I have a better chance of seeing where that blade might be, so all round I'm feeling a lot safer. I've now decided I need two pairs, one for the train room and one for the workshop.

I also have to ask myself: why did I leave this particular purchase for so long? It's probably the best \$70 I've ever spent on my hobby.



The author's prescription safety glasses sitting on one of the machines that prompted their purchase.



■ Ross Balderson's new layout 'Newcastle 1899' is a ten year project that is very much 'Museum quality'. A steam tram stops outside the Newcastle railway station and in the harbour is the costal vessel 'Polly Woodside'. Ross built everything in this intricate scene.

The mainline is for the moment quiet at Goulburn, however there is always something happening, and a 48 class is busy shunting a rake of ballast hoppers in the yard. The Guildford Model Railway Group has worked hard producing a realistic feel that reflects the prototype location.

Canberra (Kaleen) Exhibition report

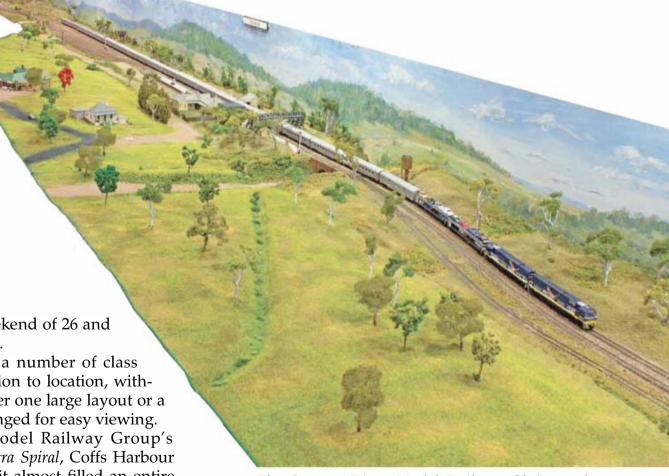
The **AMRM Team** report on the Kaleen exhibition. Photos by the authors.

The Canberra exhibition was held on the weekend of 26 and 27 of March 2022 at the Kaleen Secondary School.

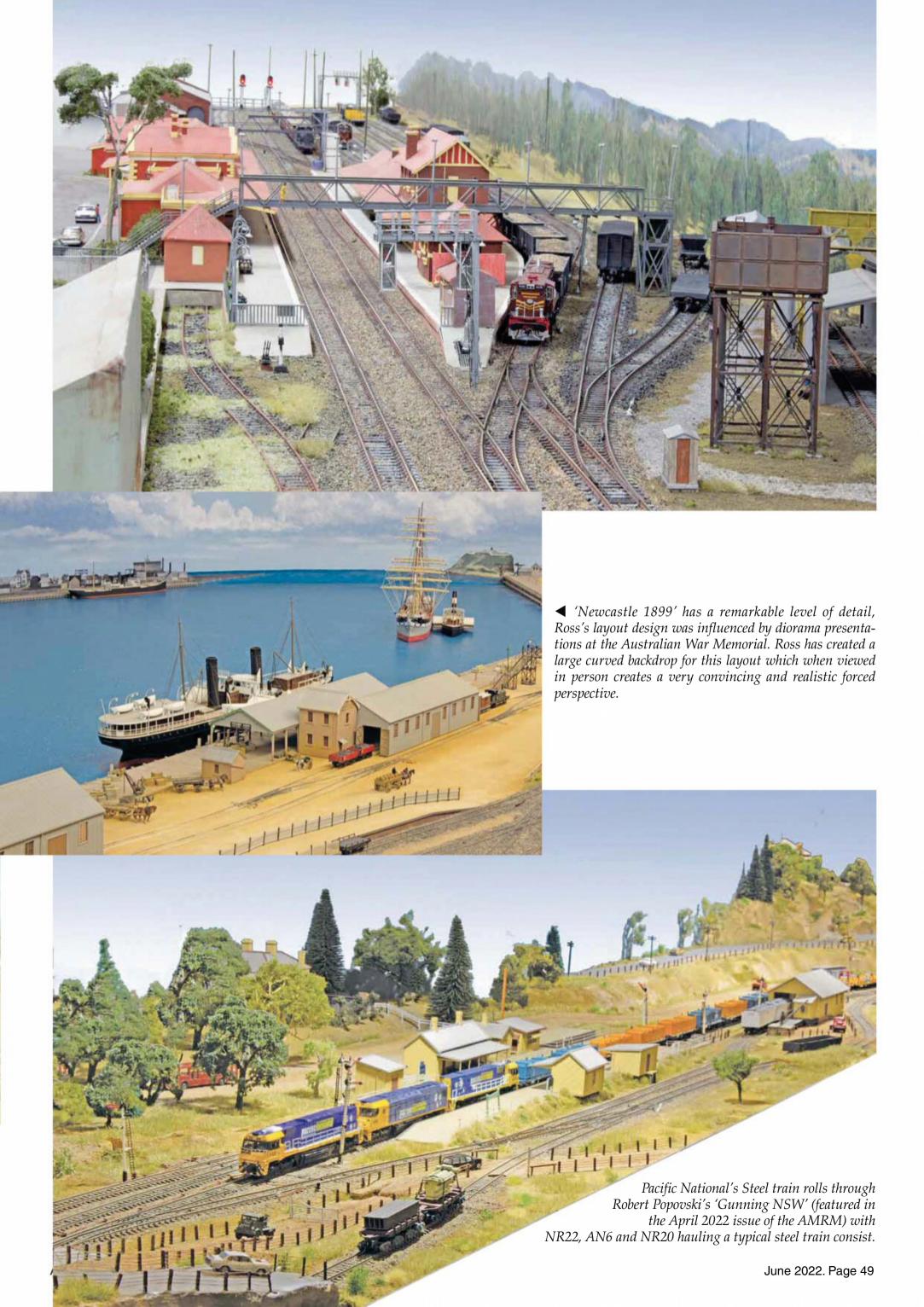
The exhibition utilised two large halls and a number of class rooms. Attendees were able to move from location to location, without hassle. Some of the classrooms featured either one large layout or a number of displays that were appropriately arranged for easy viewing.

Layouts attending included, Guildford Model Railway Group's *Goulburn*, Epping Model Railway Club's *Bethungra Spiral*, Coffs Harbour Railway Modellers' extensive exhibition layout (it almost filled an entire hall) and ACT Model Railway Society's *Yendys*. N scale was well represented, including Robert Popovski's *Gunning NSW*, Ross Balderson's new layout *Newcastle 1899*, The Canberra Monaro N scale group exhibited their extensive modular layout, and Georges River Model Railway Club's *Tarana*.

Trade stalls included, Casula Hobbies, Eureka Models, IDR Models, Kerroby Models, Lyndon's Trains, SDS Models and Trainworld.



The Georges River Model Railway Club members working on their layout 'Tarana' have added a large scenic addition to the front of the layout, which included a model of the local pub. Showing the big advantage of N scale, a full size Indian Pacific consist, with two NR class locomotives (in Indian Pacific livery), passes through Tarana.





Modelling the KF/KW car transporter wagons

David Clark builds a model of a Victorian Railways car transporter in HO scale. Photos by author.

The project

We are modelling the Victorian Railways (VR) KF / KW Car Transporter Wagons with 11'6" wheelbase for which, unfortunately, there are not many photographs. However, refer [Editor note: for Photos 1 to 21 refer to AMRM issue 353 April 2022] Photos 13, 14 and 15 of the prototype wagon KF 1 which is empty and shows the framework and posts. Photos 16, 17, 18 and 19 show KF 1 with Fairlane 500 Ranch Wagons being craned on at the Ford factory Geelong.

The only two drawings I have located are a VR line drawing titled "KW" on www.pjv101.net and VR's GA Drawing No. 15230 KF Wagon of 2July1959, either available in PROV Victoria. Both these drawings give the dimensions of the top and lower frames that car bodies are mounted on and placement of on the wagon.

We therefore can model four variations of these VR 'four-wheel' wagons for transporting cars and bodies as follows:

Note: The main focus though of this article is the first variation (a) below:

- (a) Geelong to Broadmeadows (Upfield) KF / KW wagons with framework for:
 - Type A 2 Bodies double stacked and one truck cab on floor.
 - Type B 2 Bodies only double stacked.

Note: These mainly ran as dedicated Ford trains. However, in the first couple of months of this Ford traffic, or if loading was not sufficient, then the wagons were marshalled into the Geelong to Melbourne goods and then from Melbourne yard into the Coburg–Upfield goods, see Photo 1.

- (b) Broadmeadows (Upfield) to Albury KW wagons with framework as in (a) above but only one complete car (on wheels) or body, on the wagon floor. The other variations (c) and (d) below are briefly mentioned at the end of this KF / KW article [Editor note: the conclusion, part two], as they only need minimal kitbashing for (c) and none for (d):
- (c) Broadmeadows (Upfield) to Albury KW wagons no framework, but doors removed only one complete car (on wheels) or body
- (d) Broadmeadows (Upfield) to Albury or Adelaide: I/IA (11'6"), IZ, GY, HY – (doors were not removed) – only one complete car (on wheels) or body

HO Scale Cars

As can be seen from the above, there are a number of Ford cars that were transported on these specially converted wagons. Fortunately, of the few examples of suitable HO scale model Ford cars which were in use from 1959 to 1964, there are some suitable close to prototypical Australian HO cars produced by Classic Metal Works of USA, as follows:

The Ford 1959 Fairlane 500 and its lower level Custom 300 were released in Australia in 1959. (There are no HO models yet of the Ranch Wagon version).

The Ford 1955 Customline and the Mainline sedans with the new enlarged body. In America, the 1955 top level 'Customline' sedan was called a Fairlane and the low end called a Mainline, but externally both virtually the same. For the sedan, only the middle level Customline sedan was released in Australia in 1956/1957 year and produced until 1959. There were a small number of Mainline

Utilities released in Australia around this time.

In 1959–1962 Ford also used KF/KW wagons to transport raw metal body shells such as Zephyrs, Consuls and Zodiacs, see Photos 1, 10, 11 & 12 where, to be prototypical, I would have much preferred these but unfortunately, they are not made in HO scale as yet.

A United Kingdom model manufacturer has produced a Zephyr, but it is in OO scale and thus too large for this project.

Materials Required

- SEM I/IA 11'6" wagon Kit
- Custom Hobby Decals: decals for KF / KW Wagons
- Various sizes of Styrene from Evergreen Styrene – see text.
- If choosing Option (a) with Brass:
- 1.00mm Angle Brass
- 1.50mm Brass U Channel
- 0.80mm x 0.80mm Brass Square

Tools

- Sharp craft knife with No.11 scalpel blade
- North West Short Line "Chopper" (if required)
- Vernier callipers would help
- Dremel or similar drill or jewellers saw
- Soldering iron for option (a) with brass
- Consumables:
- Your favourite styrene adhesive.
- Super glue.
- Solder 188 degrees/60/40

Also, it is the later model Mark Three or Four. In Australia, only a few Mark Threes were released to order only and the Mark Four was never released, as Ford had decided in favour of the Falcon!

Therefore, modellers licence comes into play, and one will have to partly improvise with other makes / brands of cars of a similar time period. Also as per above, some of the British cars, such as the British Motor Corporation's (BMC), could be used in the Variations (c) and (d) where some are possibly available in HO but with the majority in OO.

I am therefore using the HO Ford Fairlane 500 and Custom 300, which were transported as complete bodies but without the chassis, the Customline and Mainline (the latter as a quasi Customline) which were transported as completed bodies, but only to the firewall and without the chassis. These are all made by Classic Metal Works USA. Also for the raw metal bodies, the HO 'Road Ragers' Ford Falcon XK 1960 sedan and the Falcon XL 1962 Station Wagon will have to deputise as quasi "Zephyrs" etc, even though Falcons were never transported from Geelong to Broadmeadows, either as body shells or completed cars, modellers licence again! Being diecast, when the paint is stripped off, these Falcons will give a very close representation of raw steel bodies.

HO Scale truck cabs

Fortunately, HO models of a 1960 Ford F100 are made by Classic Metal Works USA and a Ford Thames trader truck of the 1960s is made by Toyeko of Spain, for which both of these will have the cabs cut out for transport in the KF/KW wagons with the car bodies.

To begin

For variations of use (a) and (b):

- (a) Geelong to Broadmeadows (Upfield) – KF/KW wagons – with framework for:
 - Type A − 2 Bodies double stacked and one Truck Cab on floor
 - Type B 2 Bodies only double stacked
- (b) Broadmeadows (Upfield) to Albury

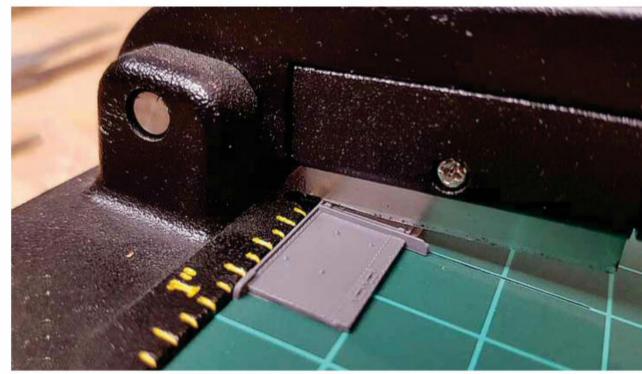
 KW wagons with posts and framework as (a) above but only one completed car (on wheels) or Body on wagon floor, see Photos 20 and 21.

Follow the instructions in the SEM I wagon kit **but** with the following changes:

1. Remove both doors on each of the wagon sides:

This is more easily achieved by using a North West Short Line 'Chopper' Alternatively, a sharp craft knife with e.g. No.11 blade can be used.

(a) Cut off the Doors immediately behind the raised framing to leave, respectively, on both remaining ends of each side, the two hinges on the top and bottom. Then accomplish a light filing if required and set these aside. See Photos 22 and 23.



Cutting doors from wagon sides with chopper.







72 Side with doors cut off and stanchion brackets.

(b) From the removed Doors in the bottom middle, with a craft knife, remove the two 'Stanchion brackets' (see photo 23). When cutting the stanchion brackets off, include a small piece of the door so that the two stanchions are connected as one piece. Later on, this will make attaching them back to the model easier.

2. Wagon Floor:

This Step is optional but will give a far more prototypical look. The thickness of the floor on the model is, by necessity 1.3mm, far too thick for this project compared to the prototype and the removal of the wagon doors will vividly expose this. The wagon floor can be reduced in thickness to approximately 0.5mm to 0.6mm by using a belt sander with 180 grit sandpaper, see Photo 24.

WARNING

Safety glasses should always be worn when cutting any material.



Thinning wagon floor on belt sander.

After

Before

Comparison of thinned wagon floor vs original thickness.

See Photo 25, showing the new thin floor and Photo 13 of the prototype KF 1, then proceed as follows:

Clamp the belt sander upside down in a sturdy vice. With both hands, hold the wagon floor firmly but evenly, not too hard, moving the wagon floor slowly around the sander and check regularly to

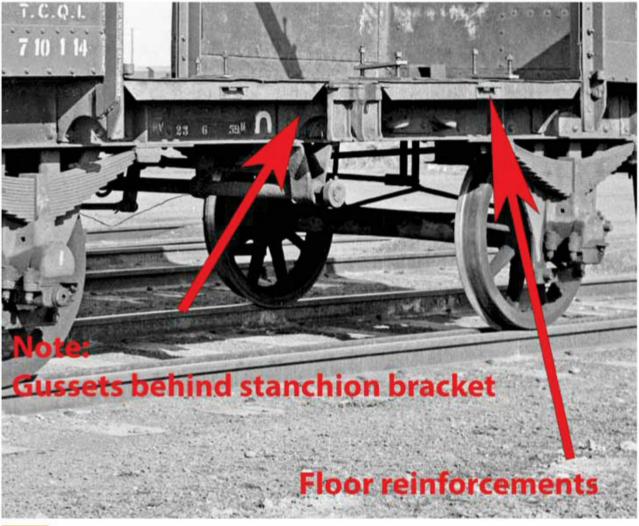
ensure an even finish on each side and end down to about 0.5mm to 0.6mm

(i) Whilst the floor will be quite thin, the ribs of the underframe, will ensure that it is still quite sturdy and rigid and will be even more so when the

thickness. Note:

loor reinforcement Stanchion Brackets

KF Wagon with Floor reinforcements installed, also note the fitted brass posts and cross



KF 1 showing locations of the gussets behind the stanchion brackets positioning of the floor reinforcements. August 1959 (PROV RS 1447)

- cut down sides are cemented to the floor!
- (ii) The above procedure, at the worst, might sand the top of your finger very slightly if one slips off. Only a few such instances happened to me after doing some 40 for these and other projects! [Editor note: remember safety first, while the Author is very adept at doing this task, others may not be as confident, thus you may wish to create a jig to hold the frame while sanding consider wearing safety glasses and or wearing leather riggers gloves, and this might cause a loss of fidelity but that might save your finger tips]

(3) Assembly:

- (a) The cementing of the shortened sides to their respective ends will result in two 2 x 3 sided 'boxes'. Once these have gained some strength, ensure they are square and also a snug fit around the floor ends and sides. Then cement these three sided 'boxes' respectively to the wagon floor. This will be fiddly and check for squareness. Once both have set, the wagon will be sturdy and rigid.
- (b) Cement the two 'Stanchion Brackets' respectively on each underside of the wagon floor on the two gussets [Editor note: these gussets are part of the SEM kit, also see photo 26 and 26a for guidance.] with the top below and just slightly back from the edge of the wagon floor. (Having in (1) (b) left the very thin piece across the top, will make this step much easier).
- (c) Add the wagon 'Floor reinforcements' under the edge of the wagon floor of which, for each side, there will be two, a short and long one as per below:
- (i) Check first with Vernier callipers that the lengths below are correct for your wagon, as the placement of the 'Stanchion brackets' can cause a variance in these lengths.
- (ii) Cut these from Styrene 0.75mm $(0.030") \times 1.00$ mm (0.040") which will be:

two lengths x 13.7mm approx. two lengths x 17.3mm approx.

Cut each end at 45 degrees across the 1.00mm face and cement these to the undersides of the wagon floor for the respective length ensuring they are very slightly set back from the edge of the floor, see Photo 26 and prototype image

Then add brake rigging, handrails (d) etc. as per SEM instructions and any other desired detail. I super detailed the wagons by removing all the moulded-on handrails and un-coupler bars etc. and replaced these with brass fittings. Time consuming, but the results make a superior wagon! Luckily though, SEM are to release a fully upgraded Kit of this I/ IA wagon with more separate etched detailed parts to replace those previously moulded on, making most of the above super detailing unnecessary!

(4) Framework and posts for the wagons: Refer Photos 13 to 15 and 16 to 19 of the prototype KF 1.

Here I have provided two options: (a) using brass posts and cross beams for a finer more prototypical look, which I have used, or (b) a simpler construction method using styrene instead.

Option (a) – Brass posts and cross beams:

The total height of the posts plus 'U' channel needs to be 17.5mm (5'0" in HO scale) from the wagon floor of the prototype, see also Diagrams 1, 2 and 3.

Posts: From 1.00mm angle brass cut 4 x 16.0mm lengths.

Using around 188 degrees solder, (not low melt), solder the ends of the four posts at right angles to the underside of the brass 1.5mm 'U' Channel.

Important: You need to make 2 x left and 2 x right posts with the angle Brass i.e. so that the 'U' on the top of the posts when glued to the wagon sides, will be across the width/parallel to the ends of the wagon for the cross beams to be inserted into.

Note: The use of a simple jig will make the above much easier, particularly as you can initially solder all four posts or more onto the one length of 'U' channel, see Photo 27.

Then with either a jewellers saw or cut off disc in a Dremel tool or similar, cut off each post around the 'U' channel so as to be able to trim / file the 'U' channel to 1.7mm length i.e. that side that is to be parallel to the wagon ends. This will give a slight overhang on one side of the post on the outside of the wagon. See Photo 28 of the posts before and after the above processes and Photo 14 of the prototype KF 1.

Before gluing the posts to the wagon sides, see below, the inside of the U channel will need to be enlarged by careful filing with a small thin (needle) file having one blank edge and test fitting the cross beams as per below.

Cross Beams

From 0.80mm x 0.80mm brass cut 2 x 33mm lengths. Test fit these cross beams

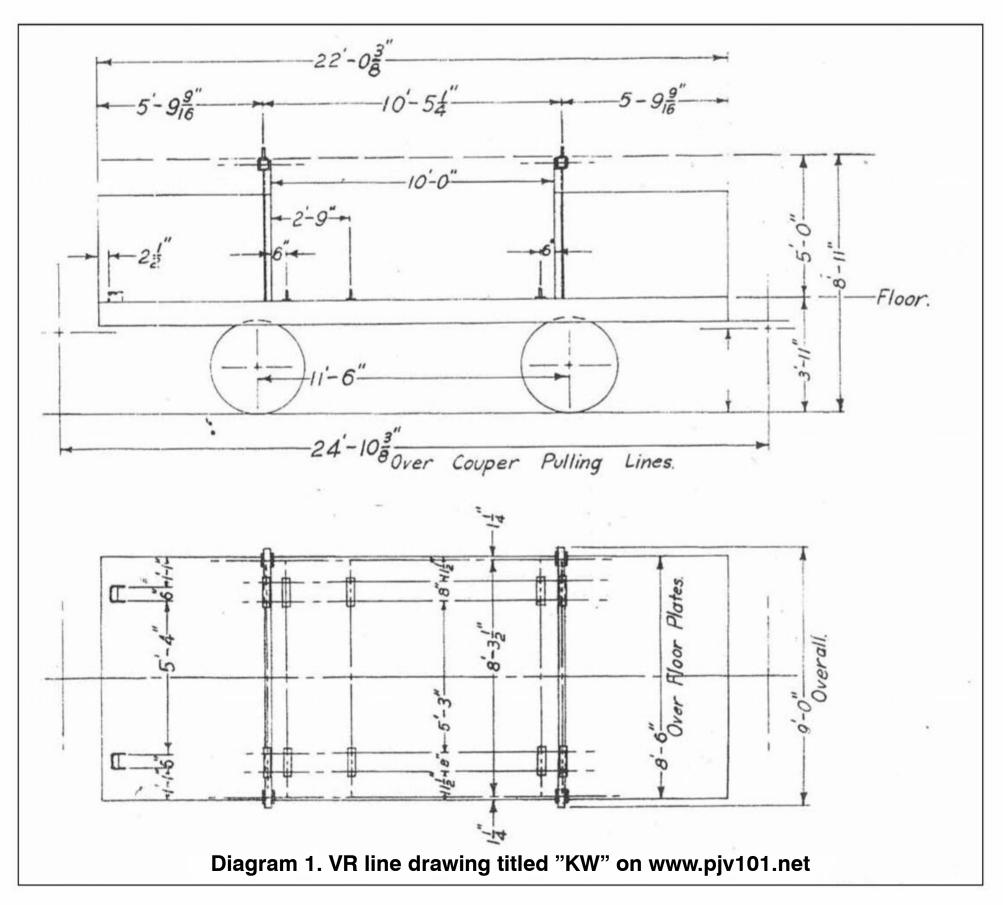
in the U channel to have a firm but not overly tight fit so that the cross beams will stay fixed, albeit these could be glued into place later if desired, then set these aside until later.

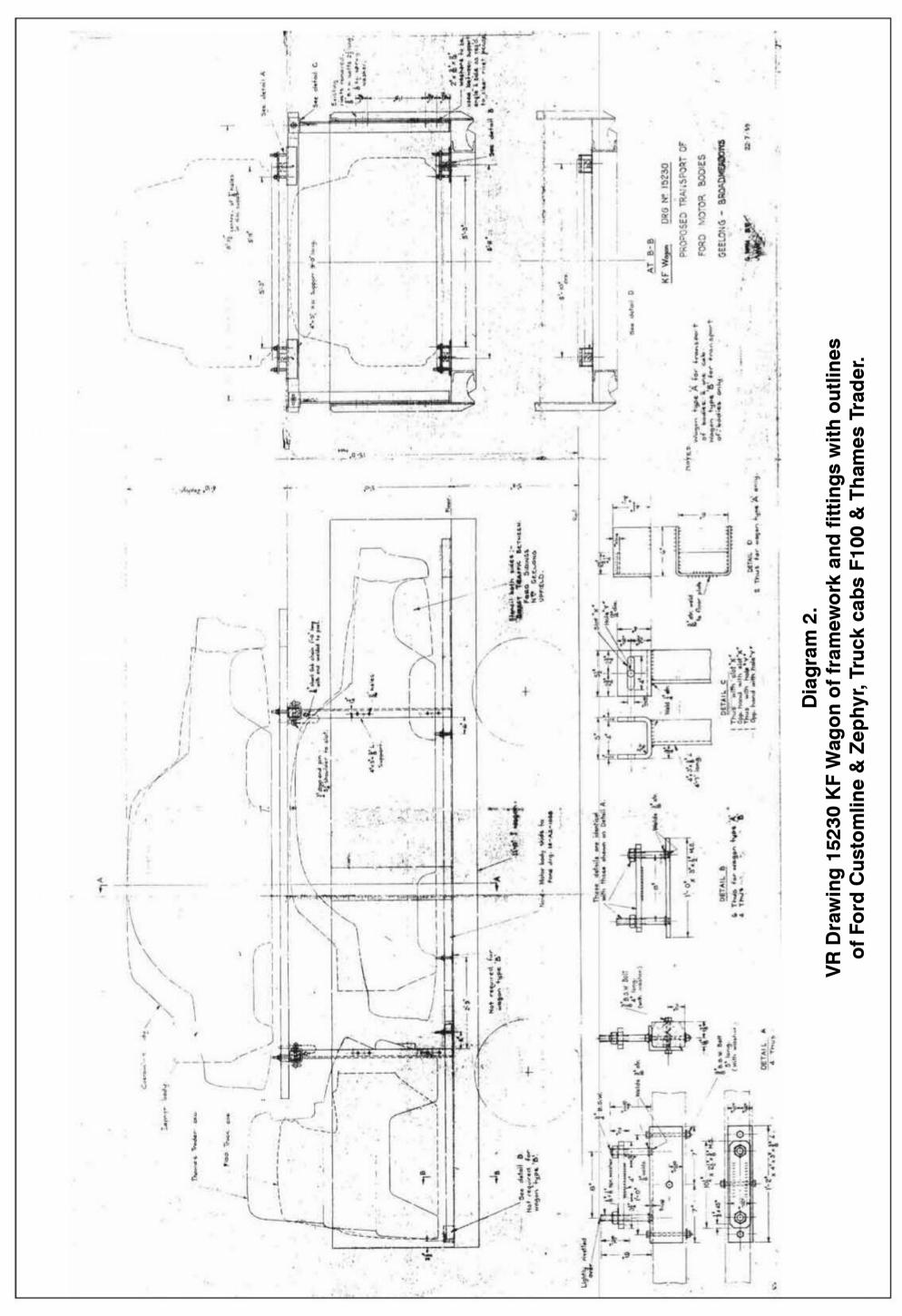
Gluing posts to wagon sides

Refer first to the prototype photos 13, 14 and 15 for exact positioning and placement of posts. Then using super glue attach the posts to the very edge of the wagon sides, being careful that the left and right posts are on the appropriate side i.e. so that the 'U' for the cross beams is across the width of the wagon / parallel to the ends. To ensure the posts are vertical, use a small totally square block of wood approx. 12mm x 20mm x 60mm being laid across the wagon floor against the wagon sides and the post being glued, see Photo 29.

Note:

(i) Due to the face of posts being only 1.00mm angle for gluing and the vertical accuracy required, ensure that you have fresh super glue as once





opened it can lose its strength after a few months, particularly if it hasn't been stored in the fridge. I fell for this trap on the first few wagons, accidently knocking some posts off very easily!

(ii)Given the fineness of the posts and the need to be very accurate when gluing, and to give yourself more working time, use medium CA+ superglue.

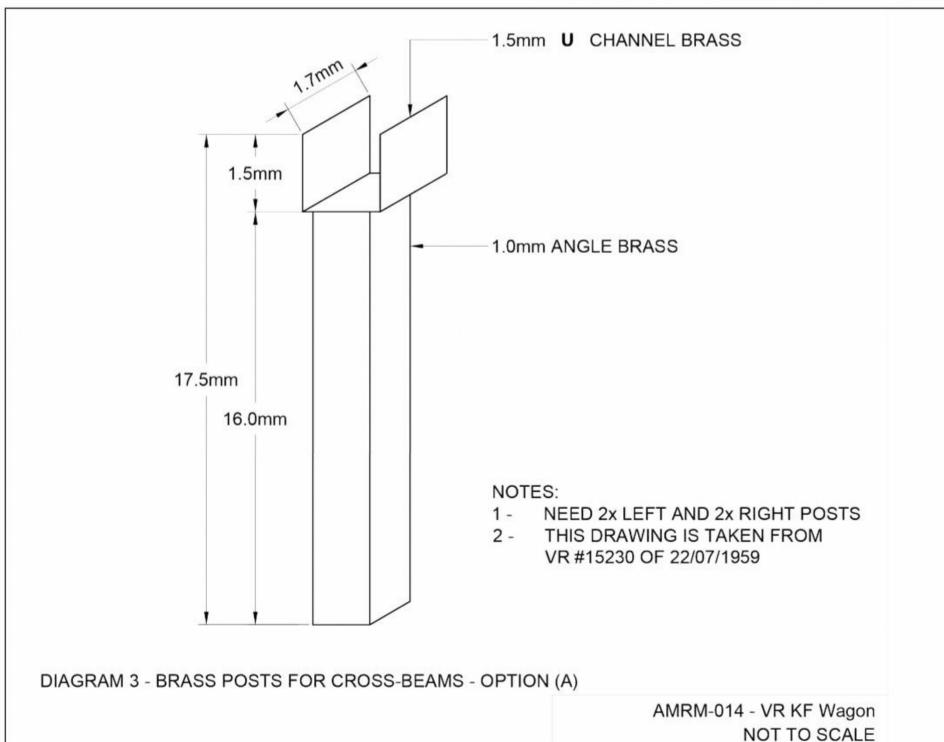
(iii)Immediately after gluing, check that the posts are totally vertical and flush with the wagon sides. If not, then quickly with a sharp craft knife carefully slice off the post before the glue has really set. Then scrape off all the glue from the brass post and wagon side and attach again as per above. (I had a couple of these)!

Once the posts have firmly set, then check the length of the brass cross beams to allow a small overhang of approx. 0.5mm on each side and trim / file if necessary. See Photos (26) of model and 13, 14 and 15 of the prototype.

Note: DO NOT yet glue the cross beams into the U channels as the lower frame with car body has to be first cemented to the wagon floor, see Step (11) to be in Part two

Jig for soldering 1.50mm brass U channel on top of 1.00mm angle brass.

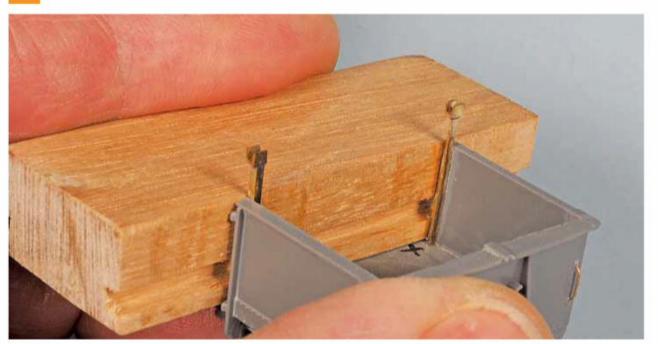




Drawn: Mitchell Campton



28 KF/KW Posts for framework – showing before and after cleaning and filing.



29 Gluing posts to wagon using block of wood to ensure they are square.



Option (b) – styrene posts and cross beams

For those not so endeared to brass and soldering, this is an easier and quicker option.

Similar to the brass option, the total height of the posts and cross beams needs to be 17.5mm (i.e. 5'0" in HO scale) from the wagon floor of the prototype.

Posts: From 1.32mm ($^{3}/_{64}$ ") Angle Styrene, cut 4 x 16.5mm lengths.

With appropriate styrene cement (it would be preferable to use a slower setting cement such as Limonene due to the fineness and vertical accuracy required), attach the posts in the same manner as per above procedure Option (a) brass.

Note: Immediately after cementing, check that the posts are totally vertical and flush with the wagon sides. If not, then remove as per procedure in brass (iii) above.

When set, from 0.75mm (0.030") x 0.75mm (0.030") styrene cut 4×2.00 mm lengths. Then cement these on the inside of the angle at the top of the Posts. This will provide a broader base, though hardly noticeable, for the styrene cross beams to be cemented onto, see below.

Cross Beams

From 1.00mm (0.040") x 1.00mm (0.040") Styrene, cut 2×33 mm lengths and checking against the posts glued to the wagon, trim / file to have a 0.5mm overhang on each side, then set these aside until later, See Photos 30 of model and 13, 14 and 15 of the prototype.

Note:

- (i) These may appear a little flimsy but are strong enough and look far more prototypical than the next size up of 1.6mm square!
- (ii)DO NOT yet cement the cross beams to the tops of the styrene posts as the lower frame with car body has to be first cemented to the wagon floor, see (11) in Part two

Next issue: David Clark concludes his article on building KF/KW car transporter wagons.

Erratum

I have been advised that in the prototype article published in AMRM No.353 April 2022, Photo (5) that the Utility Bodies are actually 1948 Chevrolet 'Fleet Master' built by Holden, and not FX utility bodies as stated.

KF wagon fitted with styrene posts & cross beams (not glued yet) also with car body frames (Note: the inside has been masked for painting.)

A Sputnik set in Zoo Train livery emerges from a tunnel beneath the line to Keating. Few problems with dirty track are encountered in this tunnelled area.



The two electric running sheds, which jointly house eight electric multiple units. Unfortunately, they could not be made longer as there is a structural beam running behind this part of the layout.



Carriage shed showing the Perspex cover, and with the clean-up crew working to remove the vandal's work of art.

Busting the dust on your layout!

Jonathan Majer outlines techniques for busting the dust on your layout. Photos by the Author

Dust! The bane of my modelling life! Unless you have space in your house, you may well have to use the garage, shed or loft for your layout. I too am in this position, with my Paterson-Keating Lines (AMRM Issue 333, December 2018) layout being in an unlined loft. The house has a tile roof that is lined with fiberglass/ aluminium foil Sisalation insulation. This helps keep the dust out but not completely, a situation that is worsened by the fact that we live in a coastal suburb where wind-blown sand is a fact of life.

Part of the layout features a double oval, with the rear of the oval disappearing beneath an upper level line to Keating station, see photo 1. After many hours of track cleaning at fairly frequent intervals, I noticed that the sections of track beneath the upper level did not require cleaning nearly as often. This observation has been pointed out by others in the literature and partly results from the track being protected from falling dust particles. It is also possible that the cover over the track provides a microclimate that lessens the possibility of organic condensates settling on the track.

This led me to consider whether this beneficial set-up could be extended to other parts of the layout. Obviously, a continuous tunnel was not the answer, but other possibilities spring to mind. I wanted to maximize cover over the track without compromising the prototypical appearance of the layout. This was not a problem with the loop connecting the upper level to the main part of the layout, as this part of the layout is 'behind the scenes' in an un-scenicked part of the layout (see the track plan in the original article). All I did was to build a wall along each side of the track and cut some Perspex sheets to shape and place these on the walls, forming a roof over the track. These can be lifted off for track maintenance and occasional track cleaning. This set-up has proved to be most effective and the dust that settles on the Perspex provides a graphic reminder of what threat there is to your track.

Another part of the layout features sidings for my roster of suburban and interurban electric multiple units. Not only did the cars accumulate dust, which tended to 'bake on' with time, the dirt on the track caused frequent bouts of grief for me. I have overcome this problem by building two sheds over the sidings in the electric's depot, see photo 2. The largest shed on the left was built out of stiff card, painted silver to resemble metal sheeting. The other was built out of plastic and card brick material. The large walls were furnished with doors, drainpipes and graffiti in order to provide detail. To use a motoring term, I adopted a monocoque method of construction so that the buildings can easily be lifted off for maintenance purposes.

The final dust excluding area is the carriage sidings. Once again, plastic and card brick sheeting were used and the whole structure is of monocoque, removable construction. I used clear plastic for the roof as I needed to see inside in case I had forgotten what was parked inside, see photo 3. As before, the extensive expanse of wall was broken up with drainpipes and graffiti, complete with a clean-up crew attempting to remove these works of art.

These devices have not completely resolved the problem, but have reduced the exposed areas of track by about twenty five percent, allowing me to concentrate my track cleaning in vulnerable areas. They have also greatly improved my ability to keep rolling stock clean. There are naturally numerous ideas on track cleaning devices and chemicals, but that's another story that has been extensively written on already.

Mailbag

Building NSW overhead catenary.

I was pleased to see the article on the NSW overhead catenary in the April 2021 issue of AMRM. Having lived at Valley Heights for over 39 years, not far from Faulconbridge, I am aware of the arrangement of the unique overhead wiring throughout the Blue Mountains. I must say that Matthew Joiner has captured the feel of the overhead remarkably well. Nevertheless, his reference to 'double-contact' catenary is incorrect. The correct terminology for the threewire overhead catenary used in the Blue Mountains is 'Supplementary third wire double hung' catenary as 'double-contact' catenary is where two wires are placed adjacent to each other at the base of the overhead wiring to allow the train's pantograph to contact both wires simultaneously. This type of catenary is widely used elsewhere in the electrified area of NSW.

From the pictures in the magazine, I couldn't tell if Matthew has modelled the 'Centenary Bridge' over the Great Western Highway as he says that his layout is modern era. I seem to make out that he has modelled the Highway as four lanes and this is correct for post 1995 when the Highway widening was completed. I was the Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) Project Development Manager for that project. As such I was responsible for the pedestrian bridge being implemented in the first place! I would like to see more of this remarkable layout as I also used that bridge on many occasions for train photography, sometimes being mistaken by passing motorists as a speed camera operator!

Garry Kahler Moss Vale NSW

[Editor's Note: The reference to 'double contact', may have been an editorial error, not an Author error. We agree with you, we would like to see Matthew's layout 'Faulconbridge' in AMRM.]

Comment - Vehicles - Setting the era

I have just received my AMRM April 2022 and I have just read the Editor's Comment on Vehicles – Setting the era. So, I would like to share with readers my list of my collection of HO scale Australian model vehicles (Road Ragers).

I have mainly bought these through my local

I hope this helps you with your feedback.

hobby store.

Doug O'Loughlin

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Product Number	Make and Model	Year	Colour
8669	Ford Falcon XK Sedan	1960	Merina White/Koala White
8652	Ford Falcon XK Sedan	1960	Pacific Blue
9772	Ford Falcon XK Sedan	1960	Acacia Yellow/Black Roof
8676	Ford Falcon XL S-Wagon	1962	Cassea Yellow
9789	Ford Falcon XL S-Wagon	1962	Woomera Red/Merino White Roof
8706	Ford Falcon XM Coupe Sedan	1964	Red Satin
8690	Ford Falcon XM Coupe Sedan	1964	Turquoise Mist
9796	Ford Falcon XM Coupe Sedan	1964	Alpine White/Onyx Black Roof
8713	Ford Falcon XR Sedan	1966	Russett Bronze
8720	Ford Falcon XR Sedan	1966	Zircon Green
9840	Ford Falcon GT XR Sedan	1967	Russet Bronze/Black Vinyl Roof
9642	Ford Falcon XY GTHO Sedan	1971	Quicksilver
9277	Ford Falcon GTHO Sedan Phase III	1971	Yellow Ochre
9253	Ford Falcon XC Sedan Cobra	1978	Snow White/Blue Stripes
9635	Ford Falcon XC GS Coupe Sedan	1979	Gold Dust/Black Vinyl Roof
8577	Holden FX Sedan	1948	Glacier Green
8973	Holden FJ Panel Van	1954	Moss Green
9345	Holden FC Sedan	1958	Taxi Yellow Cab
8607	Holden FC Sedan	1958	Skyline Blue/India Ivory
8614	Holden FB Sedan	1960	Colleen Green
9352	Holden EK Sedan	1961	Twilight Turquoise
8959	Holden EK Ute	1961	Seagull Grey
9369	Holden EK Ute	1961	Wedgewood Blue
8645	Holden EH Sedan	1963	Raw Umber/Ivory
8911	Holden EJ Ute	1963	Katherine Beige
9376	Holden EJ Ute	1963	Silverton Grey
9383	Holden EH Panel Van	1963	Ambulance White
8935	Holden EH Panel Van	1964	Fowlers Ivory
9666	Holden HG Monaro Sedan GTS	1970	Indy Orange
9284	Holden HG Sedan GTS	1970	Silver Mist
9239	Holden LG Torana GTR XU1	1972	Salamanca Red
9659	Holden LJ Torana GTR XU1	1972	Cyan Metallic
9543	Valiant S Sedan	1962	Gambier Blue
8836	Valiant S Sedan	1962	Black
8850	Valiant AP5 Sedan	1963	Bow White
9567	Valiant Regal AP5 Sedan	1963	Alpine White/Black Vinyl Roof
9574	Valiant Regal AP5 Sedan & Caravan	1963	Alpine White/Black Vinyl Roof
8881	Valiant Pacer Sedan	1969	Thar She Blue
8874	Valiant Pacer Sedan	1969	Hot Mustard
9536	Valiant Regal VG Sedan	1969	Citron Gold/Black Vinyl Roof
9581	Valiant Regal VG Sedan & Caravan	1969	Citron Gold/Black Vinyl Roof
9550	Valiant Charger R/T Sedan	1971	PMG Red
8904	Valiant Charger R/T Sedan	1971	Vitamin C

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SDS Models 8115 Mk I and 8171 Mk II.

State Rail Authority of New South Wales (SRA of NSW) 81 class diesel electric locomotive in Candy livery r-t-r in HO scale by SDS Models, PO Box 804, Winston Hills NSW 2153.

Phone: 0431423878.

Email: sales@sdsmodels.com.au Web Site: www.sdsmodels.com.au

Price: \$335.00 for powered - DC, DCC ready.

Prototype

With the formation of the SRA of NSW on 1July1980, it took responsibility for the state's Rail, Bus and Ferry networks. One of its main goals was to modernise the NSW rail system. The 81 class locomotive and a new paint scheme were born in this time of modernisation and rationalisation. The SRA of NSW at its formation was reliant on several classes aging 1800 and 2000 hp locomotives. The horsepower at the time was restricted by the traction control systems available.

The previous New South Wales Government Railways (NSWGR) had trialled various 3000hp locomotives from other state operators during the late 70's but were not convinced that traction control systems of the time could make full use of that amount of horsepower. This is where Clyde Engineering, under licence of EMD USA, lobbied its new 'Super Series' traction control system to the SRA of NSW. Locomotive 42220 was offered up as a 'Super Series' test bed and sent to Clyde's Rosewater plant in South Australia for installation of 'Super Series' traction control system and associated modifications etc. On completion it was made available for trials in late 1980. The resulting testing led to an order for 80 JT26C-2SS model locomotives from Clyde Engineering, to be built at their Bathurst NSW Assembly plant (Kelso).

The first of the 81 class, 8101 was delivered in October 1982. Outshopped in the new SRA of NSW livery designed by Phil Belbin, this livery consisted of a red body with silver roof and white underframe with yellow and orange lines along the lower section of the body. This became known as the 'Candy' livery.

The 81 class featured a number of innovations. It has an integral frame as such and does not rely

on a truss car body. This allows sectional body covers to be used that can be easily lifted off to provide easier access to internal components for maintenance. This makes the 81 class stand out as the frame extends out to be visible on the sides of the loco.

Internally the 81 class is fitted with a turbo charged two stroke EMD 16-645E3B Prime Mover and coupled to an EMD AR16 Alternator powering six EMD D77 traction motors.

This was a well proven design in the United States and the 81 class has certainly proven reliable. Construction continued until 8180 came off the production line in February 1986.

[Editor note: In 1991 Clyde Engineering built locomotives 8181 to 8184 for the then named 'Freight Rail' using spare parts as a recommendation from the Booze Allen report.]

There were two modifications initiated during construction. The first was to move the main air intake from the mansard roof section to the body side of the loco. It was found that when travelling through tunnels on grade, hot exhaust gases were being ingested causing overheating issues. The



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The Mk I main air intake and exhaust detail.

REVIEWS

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first of the class to be delivered with this modification was 8128. 8101 to 8127 were later retro fitted with this modification. The other modification was the addition of a removable plate on each side of the mansard roof to provide access to a newly fitted exhaust silencer near the turbo charger. This provided easy access without lifting off the engine room cover. This plate was first added during construction to 8153 onward and then retrofitted to the rest of the class.

There is a bigger story to tell about the 81 class. All class members except for one remains in service with Pacific National, and with 8101's 40th birthday looming later this year. This review is only covering the Candy years till the last example received its 10-year CCO rebuild in 1995 and repainted into the Freight Rail blue livery. During this time the 81 class sure did revolutionize rail freight haulage in NSW; haulage of 8400 tonne coal trains in the Hunter Valley by quad 81's; grain trains all over the state and priority intermodals to Melbourne and Adelaide and also to Brisbane under lease arrangements to National Rail during 1994/1995. The last of the candy 81's were to be seen in Queensland.

Models

SDS Model's 81 class diesel electric model in Candy livery. There are two body versions available as labelled by SDS, SRA Mk I – As Built and SRA Mk II. The Mk I version represents the first 27 units as built before any modifications. The Mk II version represents the 'As Built' 8153 - 8180 and all units after being retrofitted with modifications post 1986. This production run is available as DCC ready, with a 21-pin mother board and sound ready with two speakers fitted. The numbers available in the Mk I as built are 8101, 8104, 8115 and 8123. The numbers for the modified Mk II version are 8109, 8111, 8136, 8142, 8159, 8163, 8171 and 8176. The models reviewed are Mk I 8115 and Mk II 8171. When this model was first advertised there was an option for custom factory numbering on preorders, but this option has now ended as production is under way for the Mk III and Mk IV

body versions and also Candy versions with Factory fitted DCC and Sound.

The Model features

The model comes in a well presented traditional styrofoam lined card box. The 81 class comes wrapped in a soft plastic sheet. There are provisions made with finger holes placed mid box for easy loco removal. Included in the box are two pages, one is an exploded view of the model to show the various parts and the other is an overview explaining various aspects of the model. These include maintenance, installing a DCC decoder, spare parts, and warranty. Body removal and the lighting switches are explained on the reverse side of this form.

On inspection both models had arrived without damage. A quick inspection showed the models to be free of any flash or obvious over spray on the paint work. All parts were in place, and nothing was missing or had come off the model. I thought it would be a good start to go to the SDS website, go to the products page and open up the 81 class model page. I then went through the brief of model features. I checked off the points that were relevant as follows.

- Highly detailed r-t-r HO scale.
- Precisely tooled (ABS) Body. (Upon inspection the body comes as two pieces with the main frame and pilots and a separate piece for the top body. These are held together with four screws on each side and a clip at each end. This works well to hold it all together straight and true.)
- Solid diecast chassis with dual sound enclosed speakers fitted.
- · Chassis fitted with 21-pin mother board.
- 18" minimum radius recommended. (In operation I found no issues and they easily negotiated Peco Number four point work)
- Genuine Kadee Scale Head Whisker Couplers. (The couplers appear to be No.158 Kadees)
- Blackened semi-scale metal wheels. (They measure out as the 110 size and were in gauge)
- Separately applied steel handrails. (These include the front and side of cab hand rails and the grab irons in the foot treads leading to the roof. All done very well)
- Separately applied metal detailing parts. (This includes the mirrors, foot treads under the anti-climber and the eye bolts on the roof. These should prove to be very durable over time)
- Brass Horns. (Looking at the exploded diagram the brass air horns are two pieces. The top row of horns appears to be sitting a little low when compared to prototype photos)
- Highly detailed bogie frames and separately applied brake parts. (The side frames and all the detailed plumbing is a fine representation of the prototype)





The Mk II main air intake and exhaust detail.

- Five -pole skew wound electric motor and dual flywheels.
- LED headlights, marker lights, number boxes and ditch lights. (Head lights and marker lights are bright but the ditch lights are duller by comparison. I did note a little light bleed around the number boxes)
- Detailed cab interior. (There is the dashboard as such and the driver's and observer's
- seats. The interior of the body in the cab is painted in the light green, which is a nice touch)
- Separately applied air hoses.

The body and details

When I look at these models there is a lot to like. They look like the 81 class was intended to look,





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ready for work. Although I do not have a set of plans, comparing it with photographs and other models as such, the overall dimensions look spot on. I had a good look at the shapes involved and where detail points are located. This is where these models have excelled. Cross examining with photos every aspect of the model looks good. The detailing points, such as the body ribs, porthole locations, step locations are spot on.

There were a couple of details that I really wanted to look at closely, due to previously available models being more creative with this shaping. One was the shape of what I call the headboard. This is where the head lights and number boxes are located. I am glad that this shape looks spot on. This then transitions back to the correct shape of the cab roof. The other major one was the shape and angle of the step down in the frame on the side of the body about the fuel tank. The angles and shape look really good. This doubles back to getting the shape and height of the fuel tank and battery boxes right. It is very well executed and a big tick from me. The only small point to let it down was small cut outs at the bottom of each side of the pilot. This looks to be done this way for a better fit of the chassis.

The main engine air intakes and dynamic brake cooling intake grilles are moulded with the ABS body and are see-through. The main radiator grilles and fans have been moulded in tinted POM Acetal, which is the same material used on much of the mechanism and detailing parts, such as the air hoses and pipes. It is a great material for a good 3D representation of these parts. It is, however, very hard to tint silver. They have come off with a light grey appearance. It is very hard to get paint to stick to this material. With models of liveries such as Freight Rail Blue, there will be no issues with tinting. The 3D appearance of these items is well done, especially with the radiator space behind the main cooling grilles.

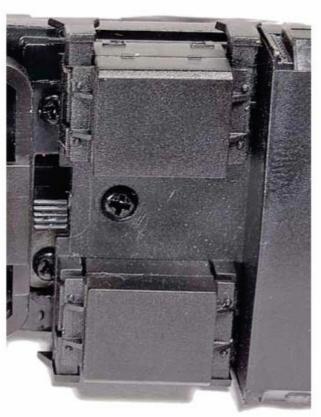
Livery and paint work

The livery and paint work on the model is excellent. The colours are spot on and placement of the Candy Stripes, the L7's and numbering are accurate. The yellow line on the fixed MU hose box on the front of the cab is a little misaligned high on both models.

Operation

Both the models have run faultlessly when I placed them on the tracks. The mechanism looks the same as that used in the SDS NR class locos, other than a shorter wheelbase. So, I have no doubt the 81 class will have a similar performance to the NR's. Under the model at each side of the fuel tank is an on/off slide switch corresponding to the lighting on that end of the loco. For DC use, the lighting can be turned off on either or both ends, which is useful if the loco is not leading in a combination. These





Battery box detail.

switches are large, but out of the way. They look to be durable.

Disassembly and DCC installation

It is easy to remove the body. Following the instructions provided, I first removed the screw holding in the couplers and removed them. The next step was to remove two screws at each end placed each side of the couplers. Once done it just took a little bit of jiggling to get the body off. It felt solid and I didn't fear any damage or finishing up with a hand full of loose parts. The body is connected to the chassis by the head light wiring which could be unplugged for full

body removal. These locos come DCC sound ready, so all that is required is to pull the 21-pin dummy plug out and plug in your chosen decoder. It seems simple enough. I will leave that review to someone that knows something about DCC after the future runs are released!

Summary

In conclusion, after casting a very critical eye over these models, I give the model a rating of 9.5 out of ten. They will make a great addition to anyone's 80s or 90s SRA of NSW fleet.

Justin Moy

Recent Releases



SDS Models has released a rerun of the South Australian Railways (SAR) Australian National Railways (ANR) Australian National (AN) and National Rail (NR) SOC, SO AOQF, ROQF, each pack contains five wagons, this run includes:

- The SAR SOC, SO and AN AOQF are available in four different packs (two with re-run numbers and two with new numbers)
- Two ANR maroon packs and a CR pack.
- Two packs in AN livery with NR patch and ECOFAB covers.
- And six NR packs, two with re-un numbers four with new numbers.
 Additionally, ECOFAB covers are available separately in a five pack.

AMRM News

Auscision Models have received an undecorated factory pilot model of their future release of a C44ACi diesel electric locomotive in N scale. The model will be released in the following liveries: ARG AC class, Pacific National 92 and 93 class, QR National 6000 class, Aurizon 6020 class, Xstrata Rail XRN class, Genesee & Wyoming Australia GWU class, Centennial Coal/SSR CEY class, CFCLA CF class, Fletcher FIE class and Mineral Resources MRL class.

Models will be available in standard DC and with the option of factory

Auscision have also received an undecorated pilot model of their future release of a State Rail Authority of New South Wales (SRA of NSW) 80 diesel electric locomotive in N scale.

fitted ESU LokSound 5 DCC and

sound.

The model will be released in the following liveries: SRA of NSW Indian Red, Reverse, Bicentennial, Candy, Freight Rail, FreightCorp and Pacific National.

Models will be available in standard DC and with the option of factory fitted ESU LokSound 5 DCC Sound.

Both the C44ACi and 80 class projects don't have any firm delivery dates, at time of publication.

Auscision Models has tooled up a total of eight N scale locomotives, including the NR class, 80 class and the C44ACi, so the future for Australian N scale looks very bright.



Auscision Models factory undecorated pilot model r-t-r N scale C44ACi, next to a HO scale model for sizing.



Auscision Models factory undecorated pilot model r-t-r N scale NSWGR 80 Class, next to a HO scale model for sizing.





Railmotor models has released their VHQF aggregates hopper wagon in r-t-r HO scale, in VR, V/line and Pacific National liveries.

Brunel Models has added to their On30 scale product line of kits, with this recently released water tank kit.

AMRM News

Auscision Models have received painted pilot models of their HO scale r-t-r Pacific National NHEH, NHIH and NHYH, Xstrata/Glencore/ Genesee Wyoming Australia (GWA) PHEH, PHYH and AHAH and Whitehaven PHWH coal wagons.

Auscision Models has also announced a re-run of their Southern Aurora® passenger ten coach sets r-t-r in HO scale, This includes 1962 to 1973 era, 1973 to 1986 era, *Sydney/Melbourne* Express 1986 to 1990 era, and 1990 to 1993 era.

Four coach add-on sets will also be available, including the Brisbane Limited 1961-1990 era,

a two coach add-on pack and single coach packs including:

- BCS lounge coach with and without Americas Cup Car headboard.
- RMS dining coach in Southern Aurora® and West Coast Railway livery
- MHN Parcels Van, Southern Aurora®, with and without Illuminated sign, and XPT Demonstration train livery.
- PHN Power van, Southern Aurora®, with and without Illuminated sign.

Finally, Auscision Models is offering a DCC Sound kit for the PHN/PHA Power vans.





Pilot model of Auscision's HO scale r-t-r NHIH and NHYHs in Pacific National livery.





Pilot model of Auscision's HO scale r-t-r PHEH and PHYH in Xstrata. GWA patch and Glencore livery.



MHN Parcels Van, in XPT Demonstration train livery r-t-r in HO scale.



MHN Parcels van, 'Southern Aurora®', with Illuminated sign, r-t-r in HO scale.



Digital rendering of the Auscision Models 'Sydney/Melbourne Express' 1990-1993 era, r-t-r in HO scale.

CGL Models

CGL Models in conjunction with SDS Models have formally announced the Queensland Railways 1620 class diesel electric r-t-r in HO and HOn3½ locomotive project.

CGL Models has been involved with the research and development of this project for Queensland Railways (QR) modellers, and the third QR locomotive model produced in partnership with SDS Models.

The 1620 project comprises 15 versions available DC or factory fitted DCC with sound. Liveries include paint schemes from the 1960s to the mid 1990s, as well as preserved heritage operations and service in Malaysia.

The 1620 class models are expected to be available in 2023.

CGL Models will be offering an exclusive of 1651 model from the 1970's to 1980's era. This model will only be available direct from CGL Models.

IDR Models

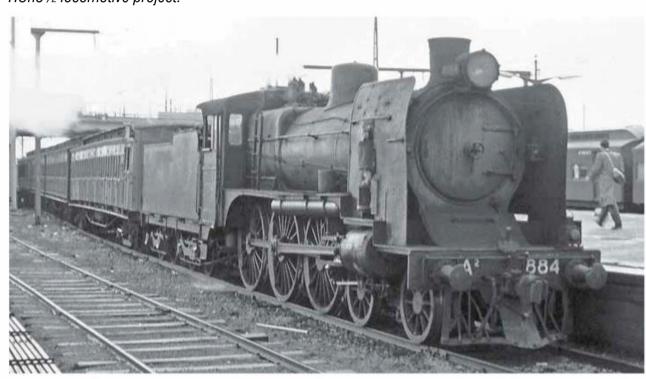
The Victorian Railways DERM and MT r-t-r in HO scale are in production and the CHS coal hopper final pilot models should be completed and sent for review shortly. Once IDR Models has reviewed the samples, production of the CHS coal hopper will commence.

Ixion Model Railways

Work on the CAD drawings for the Victorian Railways LL and MM bogie stock wagons r-t-r in HO scale, and the second run of the J class



CGL Models/SDS Models undecorated pilot model of the 1620 class diesel electric r-t-r in HO and HOn3½ locomotive project.



A² 884 arrives at Sunshine hauling the 07:1 Up passenger service from Bacchus Marsh on 20February1962. Late Weston Langford.

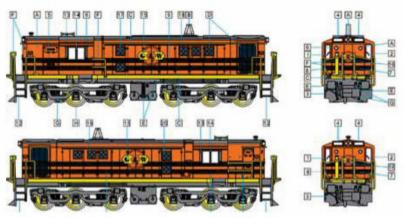


Lyndons Trains initial 3D print of a HO scale cane tramway locomotive.





Lyndons Trains 3D print of a On30 toast rack coach.



Digital rendering of Lyndon Trains GWA r-t-r N scale 830 class locomotive.

◄ Lyndons Trains 3D print of a Queensland cane tramway locomotive, with an Australian one dollar coin for scale.

Lyndons Trains

Lyndons Trains has been working on some Queensland cane tramway locomotives in HOn2½, and On30 toast rack coaches.

Following some late night contemplation, Lyndon Trains has taken the plunge and is offering a Genesee and Wyoming Australia (GWA) 830 class diesel electric locomotive in N scale.

Produced in partnership with Gopher Models, it will be available exclusively through Lyndons

scale mechanism?

Trains. Expected delivery is Q4 2022. Pricing is not firm at this time and Lyndons Trains is not currently taking orders until pricing has been confirmed. Only 150 are being produced initially. An adventurous modeller could contemplate modelling the Port Lincoln Division in N scale by modifying a Lyndons Trains GWA N scale 830 and installing a Z

AMRM News

2–8–0 steam locomotive r-t-r in HO scale have been affected by staffing issues at the factory, this has now been resolved and work has resumed. The Victorian Railways LL and MM wagons are expected in early 2023 and the re-run of the J Class could be here by Christmas 2022.

Ixion has announced that their next new locomotive model will be the Victorian Railways A² 4–6–0 steam locomotive r-t-r in HO scale. All of lxion's features and accessories will be included. Variations of the A² are expected to include both coal and oil tenders, spoked and boxpok driving wheels, and Stephenson or Walschaert's valve gear.

On Track Models

On Track Models next re-run following the VLEX, will be the Victorian Railways VLX, V/line, Freight Australia VLCX r-t-r in HO scale. Pack numbers to be advised.

Railmotor Models

Railmotor models has released their VHQF aggregates hopper wagon in r-t-r HO scale, in VR, V/ line and Pacific National liveries. Competitively priced Railmotor Models has taken a 'small batch' approach to production.

Currently in production are the VR/V/line JAF/VHFF Soda Ash hopper wagon and the V/line VHDX dolomite wagon in r-t-r HO scale.

Railmotor Models has received the pilot model of their timber over bridge kit in HO scale.

Finally, in development is a HO Scale 40' Pantech semi-trailer with three axles.

Stephen Johnston Models

After a long hiatus some more work has been done on the HO scale NSWGR six-wheel gin kit. All the parts have been finalised and the taps have been sent off to be cast in brass. It's taken a while to finish it off, but the end is in sight.

Steam Era Models

Are currently working on retooling the I truck body and floor to bring the 22' I/IA and IY kits up to the same standard as the riveted IZ kit in HO scale. The aim is to have new kits available for sale at the AMRA Caulfield exhibition in August this year.

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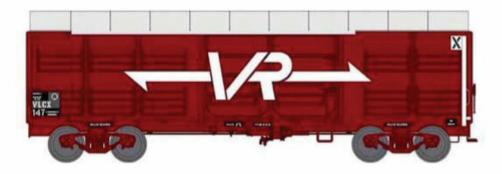
Submitting articles

AMRM readers, if you are submitting an article for publication can you please include your phone number. We have had issues contacting some authors and sometimes a phone call can resolve multiple issues.

Corrections

In AMRM issue 353 April 2022 the Casula Hobbies NSWGR Z19 Class 0-6-0 steam locomotive review, stated the negotiated radius as 30cm, this was in fact 30 inches.









Digital rendering of On Track Models re-run of Victorian Railways VLX, V/line. Freight Australia VLCX r-t-r in HO scale.



Stephen Johnston Models HO scale NSWGR six wheel gin kit.



Phoenix Models

Phoenix Models Victorian Railways (VR) D³ 4-6-0 steam locomotive r-t-r in HO scale re-run is currently in assembly and should ship around mid year. These models will be DCC and Sound equipped with an improved speaker assembly.

The first factory pilot models of their improved VR K class 2-8-0 steam locomotive r-t-r in HO scale arrived days prior to the recent Diamond Creek Exhibition.

Opportunity was taken to run these models at AMRA Vic clubrooms during the weekend. These factory pilot models were a combination of old and new parts, Phoenix Models expect full pilot models in coming weeks.







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SDS ModesI—CGL Models undecorated pilot model of their r-t-r HO and HOn3½ Queensland Railways 1620 class diesel electric locomotive.



SDS Models undecorated pilot models of their r-t-r HO and HOn3½ Midland Railway of Western Australia (MRWA) F class diesel electric locomotive.



SDS Models undecorated pilot models of their r-t-r HO and HOn3½ Midland Railway of Western Australia (MRWA) F class diesel electric locomotive.



Latest run of the r-t-r SAR/ANR/AN/NR SOC AOQF ROQF concentrate wagons in HO scale has arrived in Australia and will be ready for distribution very soon.

The second run of the State Rail Authority of New South Wales (SRA of NSW) 81 class diesel locomotive r-t-r in HO scale is nearing completion. The vendor has started to mould and paint the Mk III and Mk VI versions for their next assembly project.

The SAR ANR 900 class diesel locomotive r-t-r HO scale model is progressing with all the chassis parts assembled and now waiting for the final paintwork to be completed. These will be ready to ship to Australia just after mid year.

The Queensland Railways (QR) 1460/1502 diesel electric locomotive r-t-r HO and HOn3½ models are in production with the plastic parts moulded, most body parts painted and the chassis are partially assembled. Delivery is planned for late third Qtr 2022.

SDS Models have received undecorated pilot models of their QR 1620 class diesel electric locomotive and Midland Railway of Western Australia (MRWA) F class diesel electric locomotive.



SDS Models undecorated pilot models of their r-t-r HO scale AKEX and RCEX steel coil wagon.

VALE

John Buttsworth 1947–2022

It is with sadness we advise of the passing of John Buttsworth (big John) on 8 April 2022 at the age of 75. John has been a member of the Southern Cross Model Railway Association for decades and the Epping Model Railway Club since 1979. Like many, he has been a valued behind the scenes person, over the years holding numerous committee positions in both organisations and has helped with their activities. He has worked on the Epping Club Exhibition second-hand stall for the past 20 years.

While John modelled the New South Wales Government Railways (NSWGR) in HO scale, in recent years he has used CAD and 3D printing to build O scale models of four-wheel freight wagons and CUB coaches of the NSWGR. John was well read on the railways of the United Kingdom and New South Wales. He was always willing to share his modelling experience with other modellers. Despite his bad legs, John always had a smile for everyone that he met and a kind word for their modelling efforts.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends in model railways and his cousins in the North Coast town of his birth.

Trevor Moore

Russell Merriman 1946–2022

Sadly, we advise the death of Russell Merriman on 23 February 2022. Russell was the third editor of Australasian Model Railroad Magazine [Editor note, 'Australasian' was changed to 'Australian' early in the AMRMs life], leading the team for a short period.

Russell was born 2 April 1946, raised and schooled in San Souci NSW with secondary education at James Cook Boys High School, finishing about 1962. He then studied engineering at Sydney Technical College and worked for the NSW Department of Main Roads, the construction of the F3 highway through Waterfall being one of his projects. In the 1960s he

was conscripted into the Australian Army, serving in Vietnam with the army engineers. After working with the Main Roads Department, he became a customs officer before retiring in Oberon, where his home included a lined shed which housed his model railway.

For a period, he resided in Hazelbrook on the Lower Blue Mountains escarpment, where he raised a family and was an active member of the Warrimoo Model Railway Club until it ceased about 2008. After which he joined the Upper Mountains round robin group.

During this period, he was also a member of the local Rural Fire Brigade where he served for 45 years, receiving many awards.

In the late 1960s into the '70s, Russell was a member of the Eastern Division of the Southern Cross Model Railroad Association and helped with the Australasian Model Railroad Magazine when Peter Woolley, as editor, led the team. When, in the early 1970s, Peter stepped aside from his role, Russell took over the task of leading a team of youngsters, including John Bevan and Bob Kable, to produce the magazine. John Bevan remains active, being the chairman of the committee that oversees the management of the magazine and Eveleigh Press.

Although Russell's role covered a short period in the life of AMRM, it was a very important time as the printing industry was moving from solid type to offset printing. This demanded a change in pre-press preparation and led to the era when the use of photography was financially less expensive. Russell handed the role of editor on to Ray Wurlod.

During the latter part of his life, Russell was often seen on the exhibitor scene assisting Steve Wright with his Galong and Boorowa layout and devoting time to the Christian Life Centre ministries where, among other duties, he was an 'Official Visitor' in the local prison system.

His contribution to AMRM and his promotion of modelling the Australian railway scene was an extremely important step to where the Australian model railway hobby is today. Russell willingly encouraged the local manufacturing scene which was then seeing the release of the NSWGR and VR brass crafted locomotives and the HO kit scene.

Russell is survived by daughter Alison and son Darren. Rest in Peace, Russell.

Bob Gallagher

Diary

EXHIBITIONS & EXPOS

LAVINGTON – NSW. May 21-22, 2022. Murray Railway Modellers Train Show. Mirambeena Community Centre, 19 Martha Mews Lavington 2641. 9am-5pm (Sat), 10am-4pm (Sun). Grant Myers 0417 538 700. galamy@bigpond.com

MT CLAREMONT – WA. June 4-6, 2022. AMRA WA Inc 2022 Model Railway Exhibition at the Robinson Pavilion, Claremont Showgrounds, Mt Claremont. 9.30am-4.30pm (Sat & Sun), 9.30am-3.30pm (Mon).

ANGLE PARK – SA. June 11-13, 2022. Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition. Greyhound Park, Cardigan Street, Angle Park. Find us on Facebook. www.modeltrainshow.org.au

BALLARAT EAST – VIC. June 11-13, 2022. Ballarat & District Model Railway Club Inc. Annual Exhibition, Queen's Birthday Weekend, Woodman's Hill Recreation Centre, Fussell Street, Ballarat East. 10am-5pm (Sat/Sun), 10am-4pm (Mon). Family \$25, Adult \$10, Child U/16 \$5, under 5 free.

GLEN WAVERLEY – VIC. June 11-13, 2022. Waverley Model Railway Club Annual Exhibition, Brandon Park Community Centre, 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10am-6pm (Sat), 10am-5pm (Sun), 10am-4pm (Mon). Adults \$12, Children \$6, Family \$30. exhibitions@waverleymrc.org.au

MORWELL – VIC. June 11-12, 2022. LVMRA Morwell Exhibition. Kernot Hall, 50-70 Princes Drive, Morwell. 10am-5 pm (Sat), 10am-4pm (Sun). Family \$20/Adult \$10/Child \$5. President: 0400 011 066 Secretary: 0447 882 593 **CALOUNDRA** – **QLD**. June 25, 2022. Sunshine Coast Model Railway Club, Uniting Church Hall, cnr Queen and Ulm Streets, Caloundra commencing at 8.30am.

Terry Hicks (07) 5491 4617. ghicks4@bigpond.com

BRISBANE – QLD. July 9-10, 2022, 9am-4pm (Sat & Sun). The Railway Modellers Club of Qld presents the Pine Rivers Model Railway and Hobby Expo, South Pine Sports Complex, Cribb Road, Brendale.

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STAWELL – VIC. July 9-10, 2022. SES Hall Sloane Street, Stawell. 9.30am-5pm (Sat) & 10am-4pm (Sun). Stuart 0438 545 233. Grampian Model Railroaders Inc. www.gmrinc.org.au

CANBERRA – ACT. August 6-7, 2022. Malkara Model Railway & Scale Model Exhibition, Malkara Special School, Wisdom Street, Hughes. 9am-5pm (Sat) and 9am-4pm (Sun). Gavan Bennett 0401 308 926. malkara@actmrs.org.au

CAULFIELD – VIC. August 20-21, 2022. Caulfield Racecourse, Station St, Caulfield. (Melway Map 68 Ref E). 9am-6pm (Sat), 9am-5pm (Sun). Vince Battiato 0418 544 700. Clubrooms (03) 9885 7034. exhibitionamravic@gmail.com

COWES – VIC. September 17-18, 2022. Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers Inc Model Railway Exhibition, rear Cowes Senior Citizen's Club, Lion Court, Cowes. 10am-5pm (Sat), 10am-4pm (Sun). Adults \$8, Child \$5, Family (2 adult+3 child) \$20.

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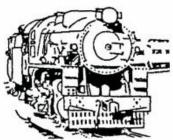








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BRISBANE – QLD. November 6, 2022. The Railway Modellers Club of Qld Open Day at clubrooms, 20 Terrence Road, Brendale. 10am-1pm. rmcqevents@gmail.com. http://rmcq.org.au/home/calendar/buy-sell-days

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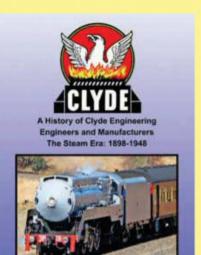
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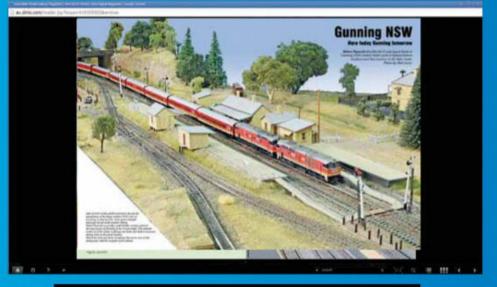
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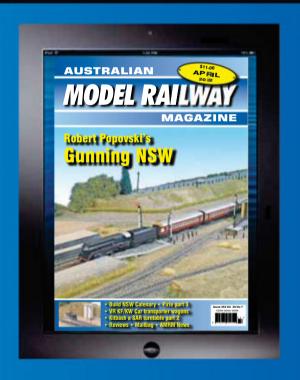
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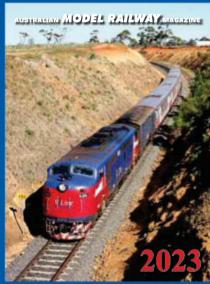
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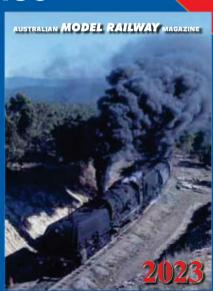
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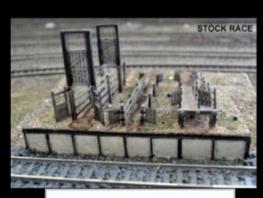


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