

DIVISION 6 NEWS

JANUARY 2014

By Peter Jackson

On a very warm summers day, some 19 members gathered at the Tate residence at Hillcrest for the first NMRA meeting of the New Year.

Peter was sunning himself at the beach with family from interstate, so Ron Solly stepped in as Acting Div Super, welcomed members and thanked James and Vivienne for being the hosts.

Ron reported on the success of the December 2013 Christmas Show held at Forreston at the Brownbill's. The diary for 2014 is now almost full - thanks to those members who've offered to host meetings.

We are waiting on AMRE to advise us if we have been accepted again for the 2014 Exhibition and, if we do, Ray suggested that we get a couple of the modules we started a year or two ago and continue to work on them. Ray also asked if someone had a spare DCC system that could be used to run trains on the modules and a couple of offers were received. It was also advised today that the AMRE organisers have 50 layouts to choose from, including 15 new ones. It was requested that members think about participating in the June Exhibition and, if interested to help, advise Peter for the NMRA tables and Max for the DECCA SIG area by end of March.

Ray Brownbill had nothing to report on the Achievement Program.

Ron reminded members about ARC nominations due this year.

'Show and Tell' covered many aspects including :

Ainslie has many surplus Model Railroader mags to give away

Scott's 'G' scale van using Sketchup to draw it out

Ray and his signalling circuit – the relay etc, and paper drawn circuit

Hutch about 5mm ply 3.1 x 1,2 meters @ \$9 a sheet

Ian W has some large foam blocks that can be used for scenery.

Michael asked about SAR M van and colours of the numbers. Suggested he contacts Rail SA Forum at <http://www.railsa.org/forums/> or Railpage at <http://www.railpage.com.au/f20.htm>

John P has some railways VHS tapes to give away plus some magazines from

BRANCHLINE MODELLER & AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF RAILWAY MODELLING plus mentioned about ID plates for NSW loco depots

John E has a method of detailing and getting wheels round and flat

The afternoon rounded off with refreshments and nibbles.



DECCA SIG NEWS

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Ray Applebee hosted the first SIG meeting of 2014 and 13 members were able to attend.

Max reported that both the DECCA SIG and NMRA groups had received an invitation to attend the Noarlunga Exhibition to be held in October. The group decided to accept the invitation and would prepare the display layout for both the AMRE exhibition in June and the Noarlunga show.

There wasn't much for show and tell but a few photos were taken of members working on the layout.

After several intensive years of establishing this particular SIG, Max advised that he would like to take a break from the co-ordinator's role come May this year. His early notice should give ample time for a replacement to be found.

The DECCA SIG has a full program of monthly meetings scheduled for 2014 – thanks to those who have volunteered to host meetings.



DECCA SIG members working on the DCC display layout at the January 2014 meeting



A well deserved AP Certificate – Chief Dispatcher presented to Ron Solly (right) by Ray



LEFT: Peter Jackson (left) congratulates Max on receiving the Hopkins/Bone Award