



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

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COVID-19.

In crisis times like the ones we are currently experiencing, it is most important, beyond anything else, that we keep our sanity and our perspective.

Covid-19 is without doubt a killer, but Australia has experienced killers before. At these times we have pulled together for the common good, gone without, experienced restrictions in personal freedoms and all the while maintained a cheerful countenance. These times create stresses that manifest themselves in toilet paper hoarding, robbing chemists of a single bottle of hand sanitiser and other inane behaviours.

We of the model railway community are blessed, in that we have a hobby that will assist us to maintain our equilibrium. The cabin fever currently being experienced by so many people, will be offset by the many models that we have said that one day we get around to making. When we are finally able to gather again I expect to see an overcrowded show and tell table with at least a model a month from every member!

In the meantime, be kind to your families and also to yourselves. To reiterate the words of that famous song that many of you will have heard, "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when..."

Kindest regards to each and every one of you.

Stephe:

The two links to KVHR <https://kvhr.weebly.com/>

"Cab ride" that is a little old at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQd5dyqmsXY>

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We are in trying times; having restrictions placed on many of our normal daily routines as travel, closures and meetings where exhibition's & conventions being cancelled.

But all is not lost as various electronic Medias will fill & play a part in communications to the current event unfolding for the foreseeable future.

The Div 2 hosted March meeting, by John MARTIN, was cancelled owing to those restrictions of the number of person being allowed to congregate in defined spaces, then the 1.5 metre rule was implemented so being close became distance.

Ben FEATHERSTON has put forward a suggestion that Video Conferencing for future meetings be considered, this suggestion also has merit for those that are some distant away from hosted meetings or cannot attend for other reasons could be involved in the presentations as discussions.

The sending of an email "As the Div 2 meetings are in limbo, for the foreseeable future, I make a proposal that members submit Photograph's & a spiel of their items that would be of interest whilst we are 'layout bound' items especially those from the March postponed meeting would be ideal", has reaped rewards in response's to allow continued communication to Div 2 Members doing projects or at least some modelling now we're layout and housebound.

The following 'show-n-tell' via emails should provide what we lost in the MARCH meeting as looking forward to future issues if / as the need arises or circumstance's change.

Keep on training.

**Robin.**

## March Meeting .... Show-n-tell

**John MARTIN:**

What we missed would have been an interesting slide presentation on Trams, however unfortunate circumstances required a change to a NSWGR profile on steam era where John indicated that there were some 300 slides in carousels!, where we look forward to his next hosted presentation

John provided an attachment as information where, 'At one point I was going to give a presentation on Brisbane trams, although I no longer have the slides, I do have a very interesting piece of memorabilia'.

Attached is a photo of my "Last Mail Envelope" for the last Mail carried by tram from Woolloongabba post office to the GPO in Brisbane. This was done daily at 5pm to clear the last mail to the GPO and it was only done between these two locations.





### **Martin and Nico PAZ:**

This is a section that we are working on.

It is an N/HO scale combination and features many plaster rocks painted to look like a Utah landscape. We started this layout 9 months ago and we upload updates every week on our YouTube channel, [https://www.youtube.com/user/katherinestation/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/user/katherinestation/featured?view_as=subscriber)



### **Jack CHILD:**

A WOMBAT 32 class enters service with the first of the out shopped carriages for the South Coast Daylight Express, work continues at Jack's workshop on construction and painting, more to this in the next issue.





**Ross BALDERSON:**

The progress on Newcastle continues showing the story in 'a time gone by' to models as minute detailing.









**Rob NESBITT:**

Adding scenery continues on the N scale Bethungra Loop layout, being built for the Junee Broadway museum. It should have been completed by but has taken time to assemble trees & would like to be back into his preferred HO modelling. Regular updates on the layout build have been posted on Rob's blog pages <http://buildingwagga.blogspot.com>



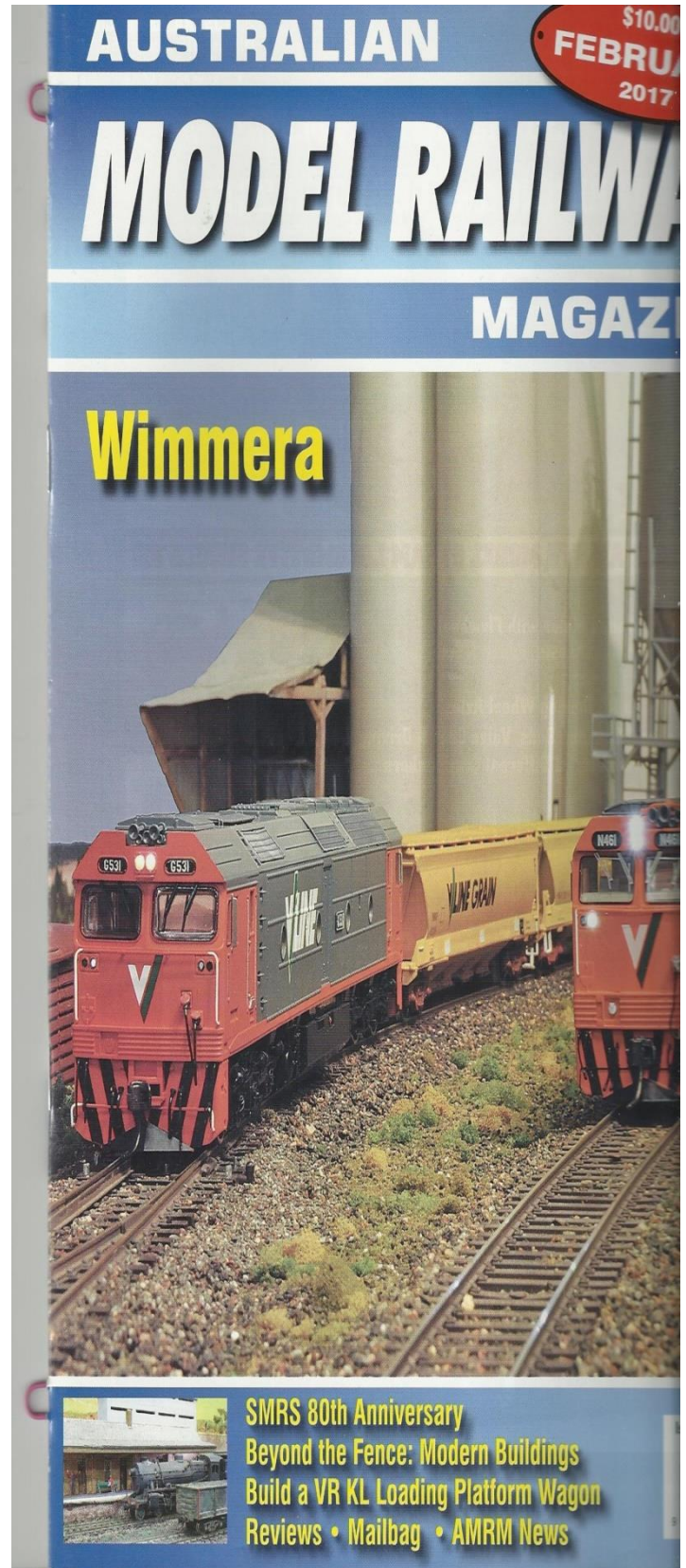
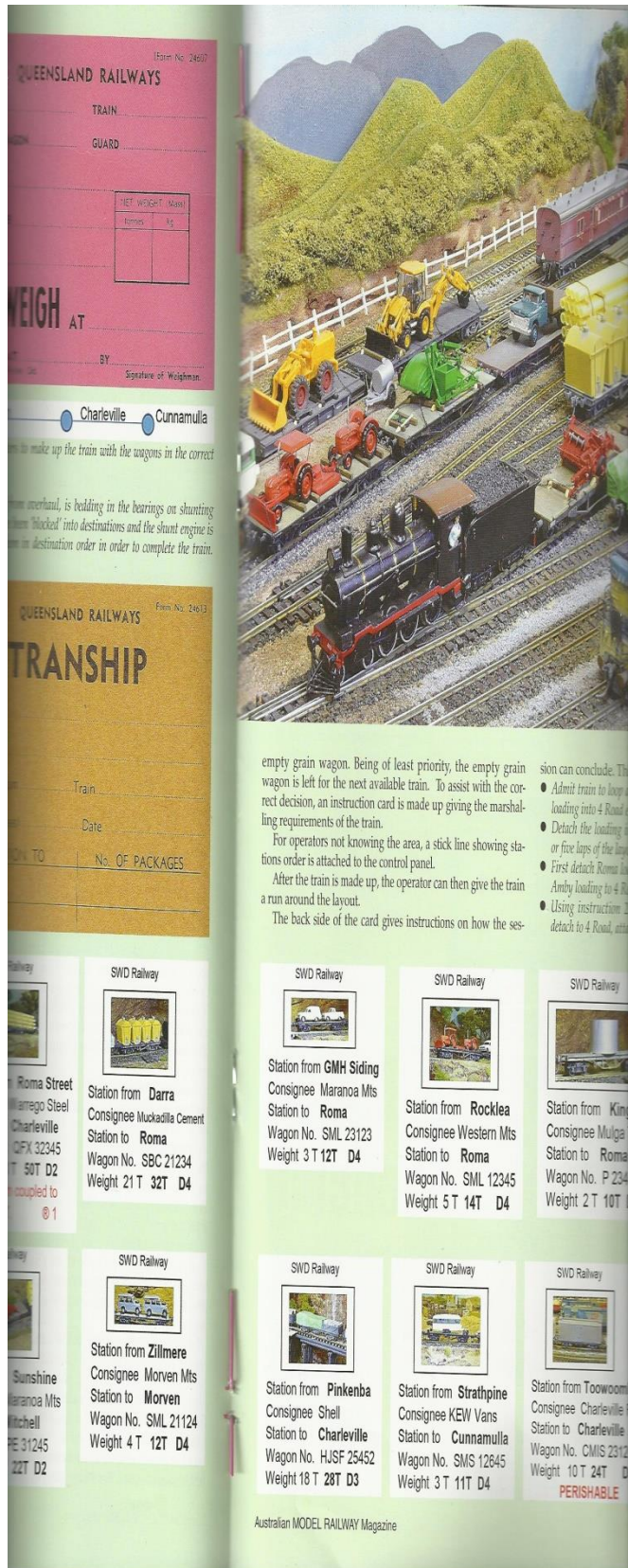


Storing magazines: showing the paperclip modifications the idea in an old AMRM but I have been unable to find the original article.

To help drill the holes, I have an A4 paper "jig" with the holes positions marked. I transfer the marks to the inside of the AMRM, and drill it out with a small drill in a pin-vice.

The modifications are good as if I ever decide to bind AMRM the paperclips can be simply removed without any concerns to loss of quality.

(Below left showing the 2 splayed paperclips in the centre of the magazine and right the 2 attaching rings)





## David VIRGO:

I have been trying finish off a couple of projects started before the fires. The first project is a HO scale NSWGR A5 station similar to the one at Crookwell. I have produced 2 examples. One for my layout has a lower profile with the back cut off to fit the platform location (this is the one with a silver roof). The second example has a complete back wall and now sees use in the loco area of my fiddle yard as the yard office (it has been moved from the temporary position across the tracks!). The stl files for the full depth version are available on thingiverse here: <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:4224600>





## Ian BARNES:

Ian submitted the following article with photographs on Peter Robins who resides in Moruya NSW who has recently joined the NMRA Division 2.

He has entered the model railway hobby in a not so usual way.

A few years ago Peter came by a small broken down layout and he decided to accept the challenge of rebirthing it. Using his considerable boat building skills he has rebuilt it into a very portable and very credible showpiece.

His 'Bellascalìa' railway is in Z scale, 1500 x 750 mm in size, and represents a small town somewhere in Europe. His locos and rolling stock are predominately German models made by Marklin. He built all the scenery and buildings from old kits, recut and bashed back into shape. He delights in taking a small piece of domestic refuse and shaping into a Z scale structure or feature.

Peter lives in a small cabin so Z scale suits him perfectly. But, as we well know about the model railway hobby, it hasn't been quite enough. He is now building a small N scale layout on the back of a door, forcing a rearrangement of the interior of his small abode, minus door.

Well done Peter!











**Ben FEATHERSTON:**

I have been working on a series of buildings that will form the backdrop to my Pacific North Western inspired city. They will sit along the backdrop immediately behind the main station, King Street Station.



Preparations of the DPM shop fronts clean any flash, wash, dry & prime.





Masking various parts were fashioned from styrene and slowly built up areas of detail with Vallejo putty and sanded to form the profiles.



Setting the town scene Painting has begun using a few different techniques. While a flat paint was done and then a wash, to me the results were hit and miss and little unsatisfactory. Another was airbrushing the building and then carefully dry brushing the tops of the bricks, while slow a much better result in my mind.



Line-up of buildings fronts in various states of assembling. These are still much unfinished so now the fun part as adding some details to each. The only kit is the store (red brick with blue windows) next to the corner café (the one with the awning)



**I'm not doing well on my social distancing rules today.**



### **The last say.**

Appreciation goes to DIV 2 members who answered the call for the information & pictures supplied which made this issue possible now we're 'layout and housebound modelling'.

What is on your project table? keep those 'show-n-tell' articles coming for April edition of The FLIMSY.

Keep on training.

Robin.

Div 2 Hosted meeting have been postponed for the foreseeable future & will be advised when the COVID 19 crisis is over, in the mean time it is planned to continue with issues of The FLIMSY.

2020 if you are interested in hosting a meeting this year contact Stephe who will provide necessary information.

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