



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

March 2021

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We remain under ~COVID-19~ guidelines.

Message from our Division 2 Superintendent.

Hello Division 2 Members,

Div 2 Tumut Meeting:

Twelve members traveled to Tumut NSW to attend the March meeting hosted by Martin, Alex, Nico and Lulu at their home.



Photo courtesy Alex

Great hospitality from our hosts, with Martin firing up the BBQ and salads to accompany our lunch and afternoon tea to round out the day.

John BAILEY being presented with his 25 years membership award by Stephen O'BRIEN



Photo courtesy Alex

Martin and Nico have built layouts in HO and N scale in a space under their home running Digitrax DCC. It was interesting to see the two newest radio throttles in action.

If you are considering buying a Tesla electric car or a robotic vacuum cleaner, Martin and Alex would be the people to speak to, as several members had a test drive around town!

Kaleen Expo 2021

The Kaleen Expo 2021 has been and gone and appeared to have been a successful event for the organizers, exhibitors and traders working within the Covid guidelines and the public seemed to be in good numbers over the weekend.

Graeme Schulz, a Division 2 member, from Laverton NSW and co-owner/builder of Ettamogah Freight Hub received The Best Layout Award. The layout also featured in the February 2021 Australian Model Railway Magazine.

ARC March Meeting

Members are encouraged to register on the US NMRA website to access Member only Benefits. A Virtual Convention 2021 was an agenda item, with initial comments made. Not sure how the Virtual Banquet would work, maybe McDonalds.

Div. 2 in April

Meeting Host / Venue to be confirmed for April

June and September meetings have been offered.

We are looking for Hosts or Venues for those remaining months.

Any suggestions or comments please email, sob1952@hotmail.com

Thank you, Stephen.

Never a dull moment as two impromptu performances on the day focused attention to the wording 'chairing of meetings' no names no pack drill.

Martin explained a trip to a Division 9 meeting in Perth, where he travelled from Katherine NT to Perth, Car 300 km Katherine to Darwin and by plane 3 hours from Darwin to Perth. Return trip in reverse.

This gives some insight to venues & distances.

Keep on training.

Robin.

Jon BAILEY with his 25 years NMRA Membership plaque.



Meeting and at home Show-n-tell activities.

John BAILEY:

Updates to SYDNEY Rail Infrastructures as tunnelling under SYDNEY Harbour, projects to Metro lines are online <https://www.sydneymetro.info/sydneys-rail-future>

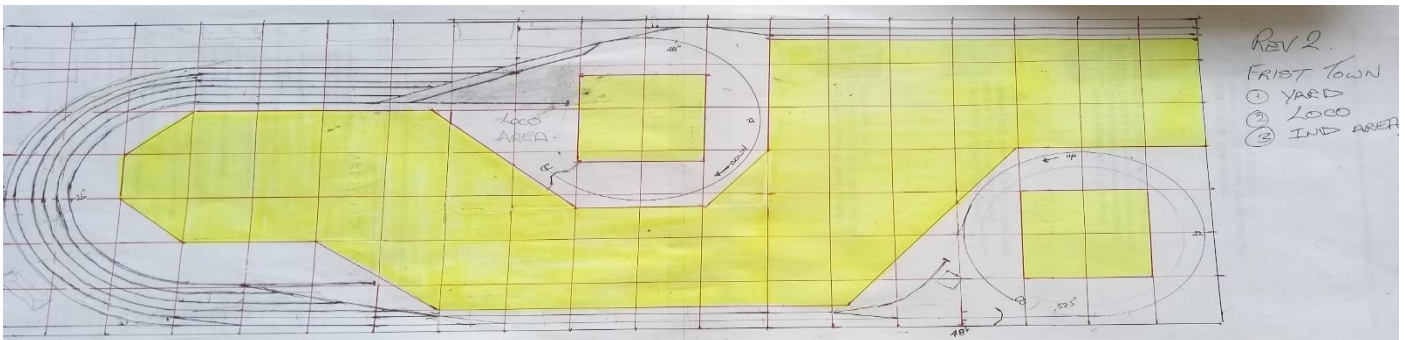
Robert LEWIS:

The layout: Period 1970, three levels inside a Container inside dimensions area 19' x 7' 6"

Top level running & industrial radius 60"

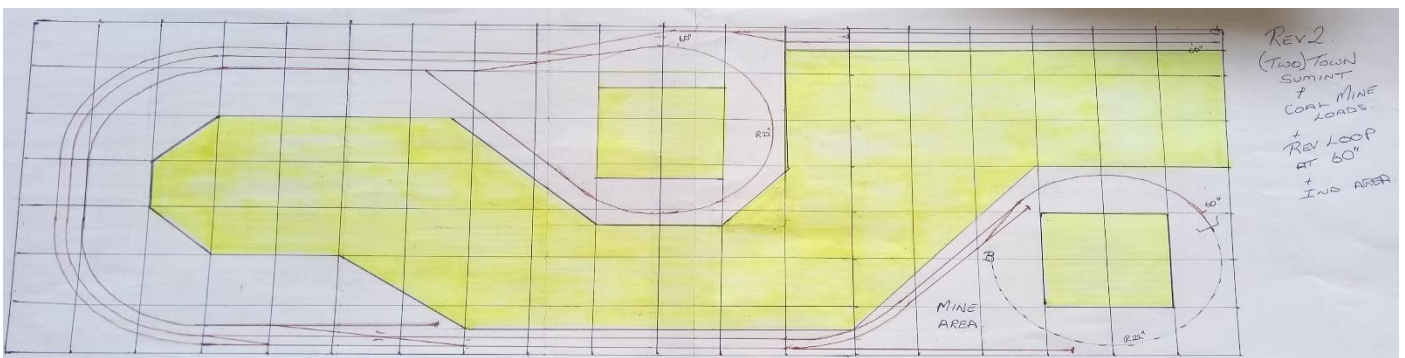


Middle yards radius 42",



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FRIST TOWN
① YARD
② LOCO
③ IND AREA

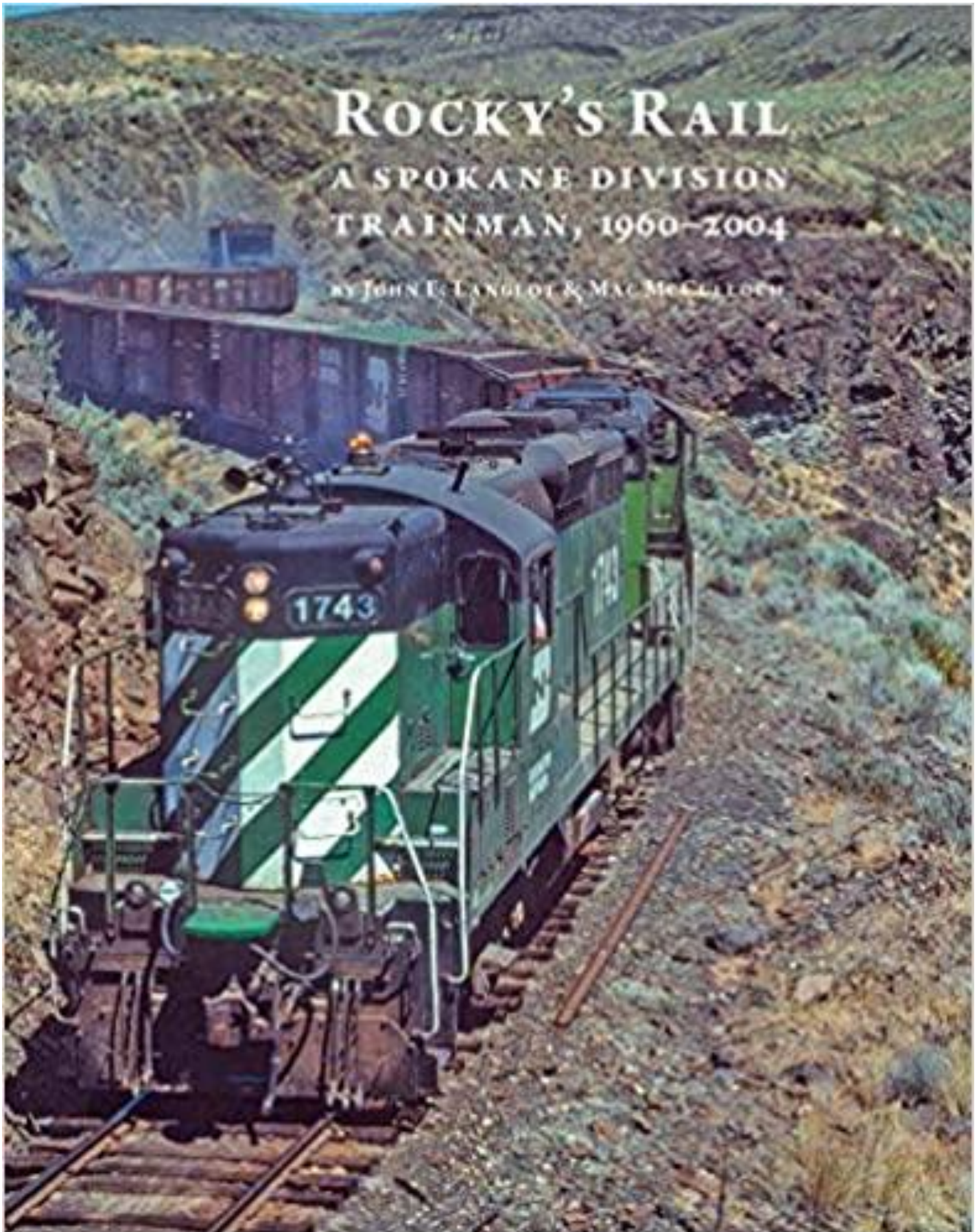
Lower-level / staging radius 30",



REV 2.
(TWO) TOWN
SUMMIT
+ COAL MINE
LOADS.
+ REV LOOP
AT 60"
+ IND AREA

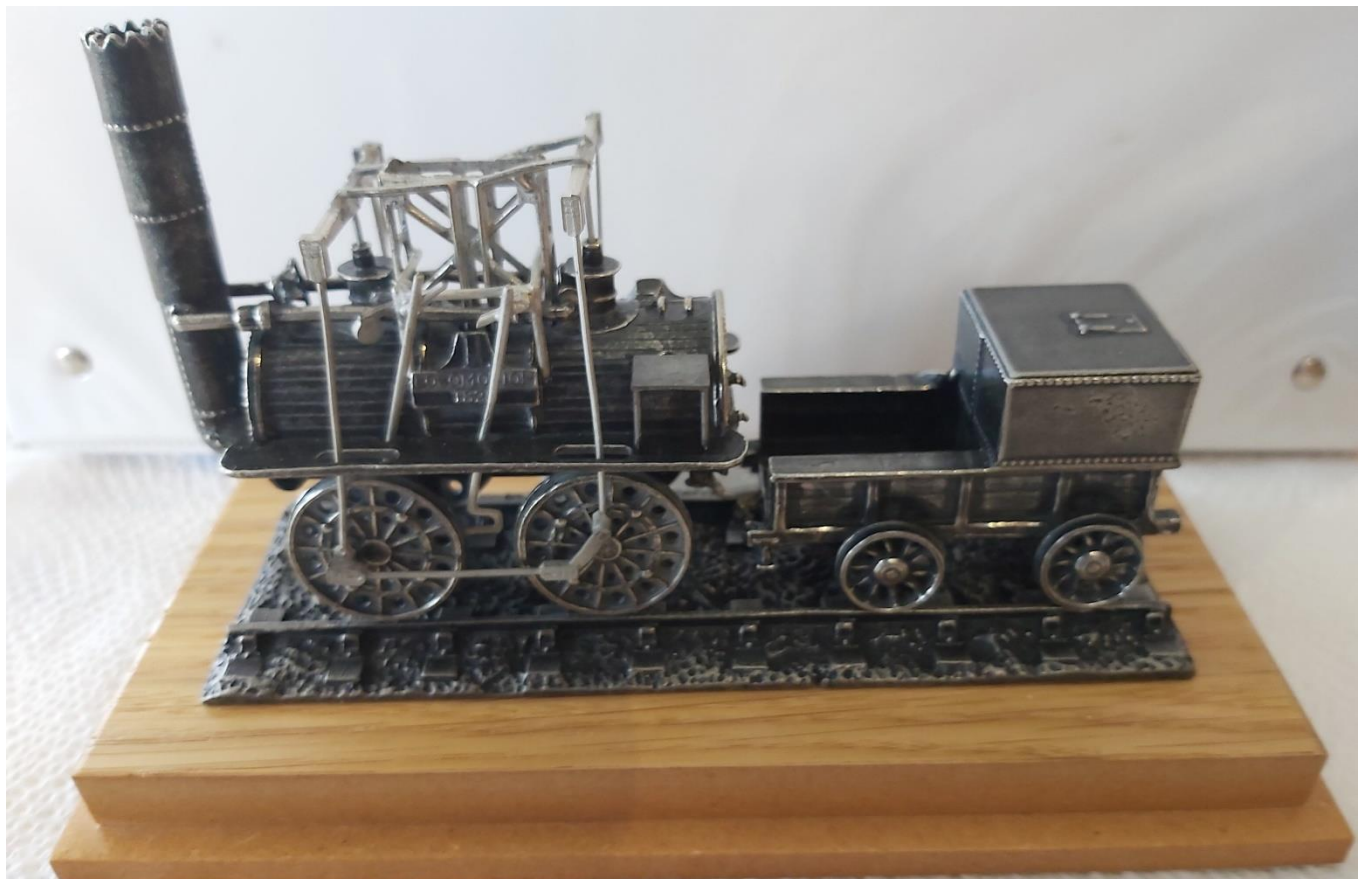
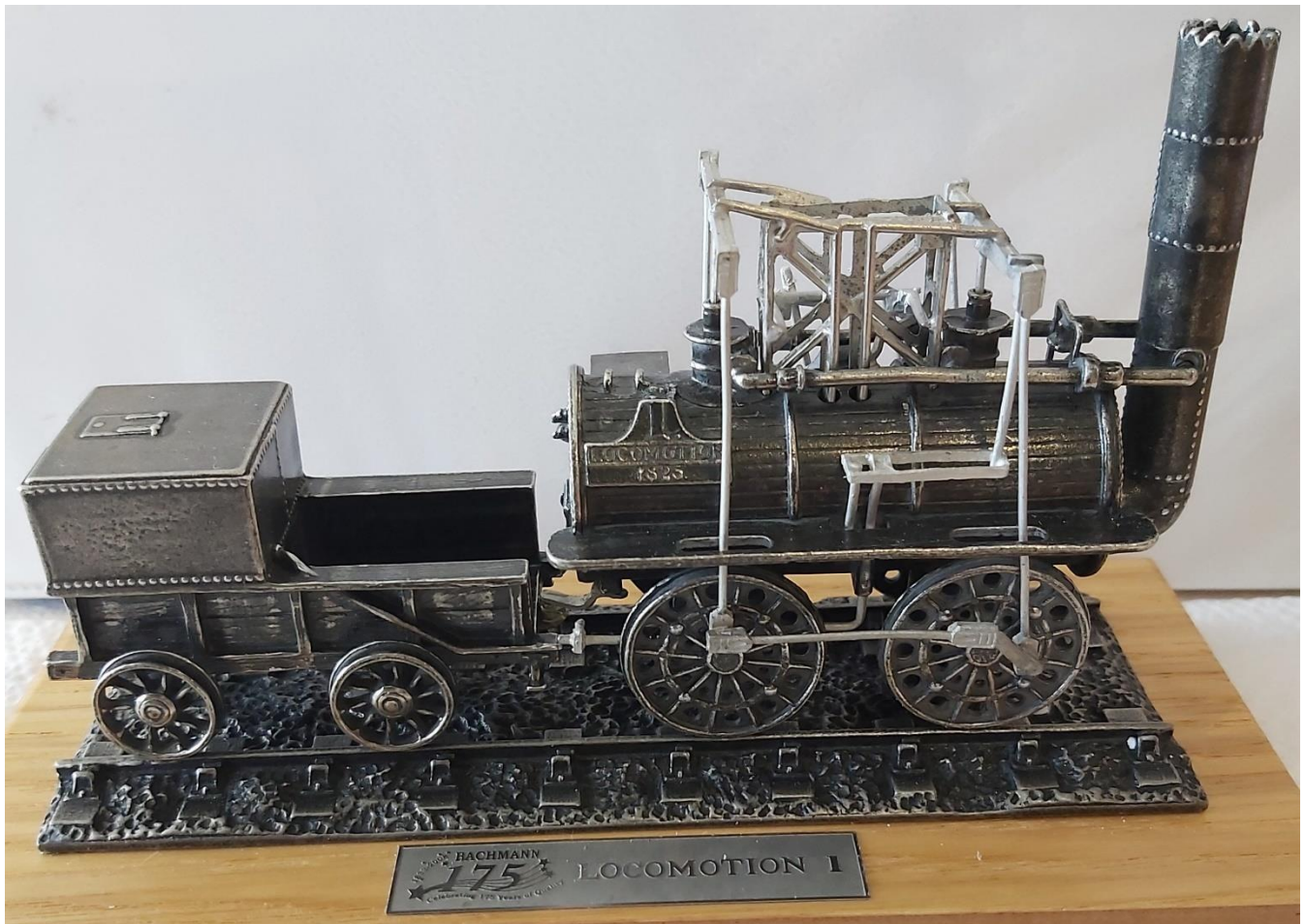
John GILLIES:

Rocky's Rail 1960 – 2004 Spokane Division, life story GN Montana, lots of information with few pictures the book price US\$ 60.00 postage US\$ 70.00 (worth every \$). Mal RISBY was fully immersed in reading where one was at the point if John was ever going to have it returned to him.



Rob NESBITT:

Bachmann 175th limited edition pewter Locomotion number 1 in O scale



Painting Wagga station: I started brush painting the trim on my HO Wagga station on Thursday. Very tedious and one needs a steady hand. Unfortunately, 2 coats will be needed. Taken around 5 hrs so far on the trim painting - and only about 1/4 the way around the station. Flash photography is harsh but due to the conditions outside it was flash or no picture. The roof and chimneys are removeable so the roof painting can be done later.

Wagga station paints. I used Taubman paints, rather than hobby paints. At under \$5 for 250ml sample pot is a steal. Matching the colours, when all one has are photos was a bit of a challenge. I selected "Streetwise" for the red, and "Bamboo Cane" for the cream. I probably should have used a grey undercoat, as the red was a bit patchy, even after 2 spray coats. As an aside, the Taubman's paint range, mixed with Tamiya thinners does spray OK, although the Bamboo Cane colour doesn't brush as well as Tamiya hobby paints.



David VIRGO:

I haven't been getting much model making or training over the past few weeks but I have purchased a new DCC command station.

It's a Digikeijs DR5000 which comes complete with power supply and USB cable. It supports multiple wired bus protocols allowing users to choose various hardware throttles (mainly Loconet e.g. digitrax or Xpressnet e.g. Lenz or Roco) but not NCE or MRC.

Roco Z21 Wifi throttles are supported directly (without a PC), including the "Z21" throttle phone app and the "Digitrains" phone app. I used both of these apps to test the unit was working.

JMRI wifi throttles or withrottles are supported via connected PC or Raspberry Pi running JMRI.

It would suit users who want wifi and/or computer connectivity straight out of the box and at a decent price. It's available locally from just under \$300. One downside is that it requires a PC connected via USB to set up, so is less straightforward than an NCE or MRC starter system.

In fact I would say it would suit users who are more familiar with PC or DCC networking or know someone who is, but once a protocol is chosen and set up, adding compatible DCC hardware should be no more difficult than any other system.



Robin FOSTER:

Couldn't resist an eBay listing for two RAPIDO Canadian National 52' 6" Mill Gondolas CN (Noodle), then the next week another two listed a CN noodle & as delivered. I was the only bidder for both listings. The floor weathering is factory applied.



Ian BARNES:

Ian Barnes has enjoyed a Golden Spike moment on his East Coast Railway (ECR). After two years of construction the railway's principal contractor has linked the railway's two termini. Just the other day the final section of mainline was recently spiked into place amidst a cacophony of hoopla's and hollering from the small crowd of spectators and sticky beaks. A waiting train immediately tested the final route, carrying the usual gaggle of dignitaries and hangers on.

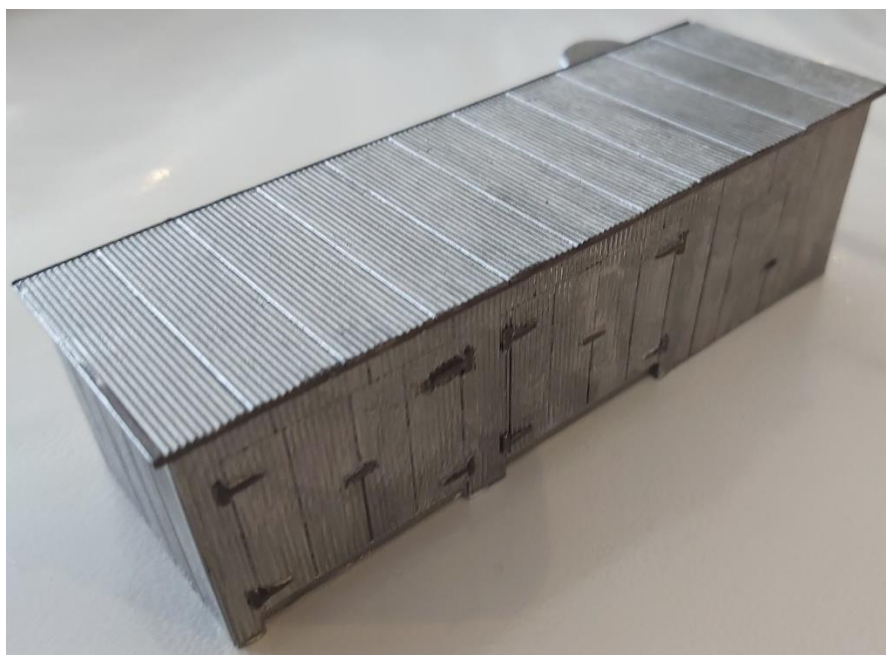
Ian's HO scale ECR has 60 metres of mainline and it takes a NSWGR goods train 15 minutes to complete the journey from Melba to Brizzy. The contractor has completed some of the scenery but still has a big workload on the newest extension where many hills, valleys and other topographical features are planned.

You can enjoy Ian's railway and others on the **19th/20th June when the Eurobodalla Model Railway Club hosts the Division 2 meeting**. Visits to several other layouts in Batemans Bay are also planned for the two days so you might consider making a weekend of it. The photo of the moment captured by George Saisanas



Terry CRAIG:

NSW fettlers hut constructed from Struct-0-Rama kits. The doors are a cast in feature & do not open (yet) as some precision cutting being considered at some stage to allow some inside workshop detail and a trike.



Weeds & grass growth between rusted rails with very weathered sleepers



Shed rails set in the concrete, dirt, rocks, weeds amongst the rails & sleepers with a concrete inspection pit!



John MARTIN:

As mentioned at the Tumut meeting, I am working on detailing a Walthers Mainline chopped nose GP9 the loco has a Loksound Essential sound decoder is factory installed and the sound is excellent.

Further improvements: adding all the lift rings and grab irons (which were available as a detailing kit from Walthers), along with the EOT aerial, firecracker aerial, a better detailed brass horn, winterisation hatch.

MU hoses, and NP style bell on the long hood. Coupler lift bars still to be added, then I can do all the paint touch ups and finally 4 white conspicuous strips on the side sill (2 on each side) before weathering!

Photo's John MARTIN.





Wow; have not had to detail a loco to this extent for 10 years; but it has been an enjoyable experience.



I should point out that it will not be exactly as per the prototype MRL #108 as the handrails on the ends are not correct; but then again neither is my Athearn Genesis MRL #109!

This is the prototype photo I am using as the basis for my model.



OUR HOST

Martin and Nicolas Canteros Paz:

<https://youtu.be/T6DCgKlonMA>

The layouts, in the basement areas, are aptly filled with Martin's lower-level HO scale & Nicholas N scale on the higher level under the conduits & plumbing! Pictures from Martin are worth 1000 words.

Photo's courtesy Martin.







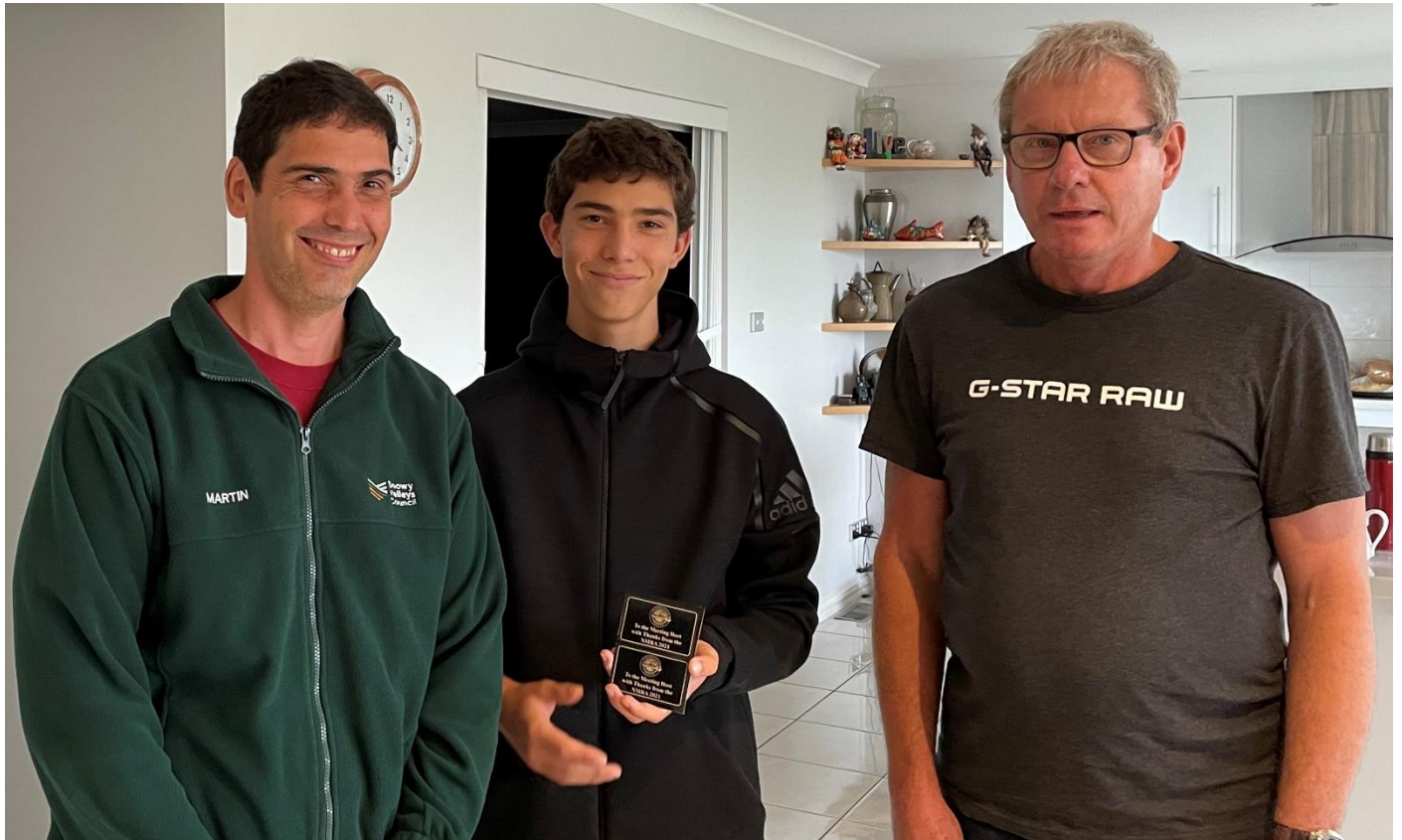


A celebration cake of the Club returning to visit our home where I am glad, I was a privileged spectator of the rare event 😊 it was lovely sharing time with you all fine gentlemen! and it was fitting for the Club President to cut the cake. Stay well, Alex.



Photo & cake courtesy Alex.

All acknowledged the generosity of the Canteros Paz Family with a hearty round of applause for hosting this meeting, then the presentation of the meeting plaques to Martin & Nicholas by Stephen.



FOR SALE, WANTED & FREEBIES

Brad HINTON:

BROADWAY LIMITED EMD SD40-2 (DCC/Sound), BHP Iron Ore #3078, Blue Scheme, Paragon2 Sound/DC/DCC, HO. I have two of these as new locos for sale (\$250 each for a Div.2 NMRA member). I have this model advertised in AMRM for \$325. Contact bhinton3801@gmail.com



Robin FOSTER:



The last say.

Austerity Frugal & Recycle.

Remember and adhere to any ~COVID-19~ restrictions.

Div 2 continue to 'BLING' my inbox on those 'at home' show-n-tell projects.

Keep on training.

Robin.

To comply with current COVID-19 rules meetings will be advised.

2021: we are under starters rules for scheduled events.

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