



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

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From the editor

Meeting & At home ~ Show-n-tell

The last say

A fascinating story in today's "**Guardian**":



The city's original tram network, once one of the largest in the world, was closed between 1955 and 1961. Contemporary pictures show how different the city's streetscape might have looked today, but for the ruthless decision to prioritise motor transport

Credit "**The Guardian**" for providing this story, along with a terrific collection of photographs. The following link to the article is well worth a look:

[Sydney Trams](#) (ctrl-click to open)

Welcome to the August edition of the Flimsy.

Thanks to all who attended the lovely bbq and afternoon meeting at Rob Anderson's home in Bemboka

Due to overall size and interface considerations, I have distributed Rob's presentation as a separate email "**Operating a Model Train Layout.pdf**".



From the superintendent.

The Australasian RoseHill Convention is but a month away.
If you are a last minute registrant, it might be better to register now.
Registration will give you access to the Clinic and Layout Tour programs.
Some Clinics and Layouts may have reached their quotas !
Don't leave it too late.....

The September meeting will NOT be in Bemboka as currently shown on the website.

Our Host for September will be Jon Bailey of Pearce ACT.

A home layout not seen for many years, but will be worth attending. The meeting will focus on running trains on this extensive basement empire.
A Homage to John Armstrong doyen of Track Planners.

See you in September.
Stephen O'Brien

Another sad story in the news:
Details in this link: [Casino Coal Loader burns](#)



Stephe Jitts has submitted the following update to a question at the August meeting:

G'Day all,

You will recall I asked the question about Rasberry Pi WiFi connections at the meeting last Saturday.

Further enquiry revealed that the Rasberry Pi 4B (The one that I use) is capable of making 32 WiFi connections,

HOWEVER....

It would appear that despite making that many connections it may not always be capable of handling the information flow demanded of those connections. This can result in confusion.

Regards

Stephe

August Show & Tell

David Virgo – tools and tips.

A Battery Powered foam cutter from Games Workshop @1999.

This hot wire foam cutter has been in my modelling cupboard for many years. It is powered by 2x “D cell” batteries. Recently I started using it more frequently to cut both styrofoam and the, less messy, poly-propylene packing foam. (note: not sure if it is polypropylene)

Although decrepit and aged, it has outlasted other more sophisticated tools. It's only real drawback is the width of the jaws.



Battery power for my TS100 soldering iron.

The TS100 and similar soldering irons are useful for most electronics work like DCC and loco wiring, but not so good for soldering droppers to track.

I have had a TS100 soldering iron for a while and ran it from a 24 volt 3 amp laptop supply which works great, but the cord is stiff and the cables messy etc. So I looked for a more portable solution using an Ozito 18v drill battery. On the OCAU forums I found a neat solution using an Ozito 18V battery USB adapter. These are quite cheap at about \$17.

I opened the adapter and soldered 2 wires to the main blade terminals. I attached these wires to a XT60 connector from Jaycar. I used the short lead and XT60 connector that comes with the TS100. It doesn't need to be long as the battery is right next to you and the cord is very flexible.

The OCAU link is here: [Ozito battery power](#)

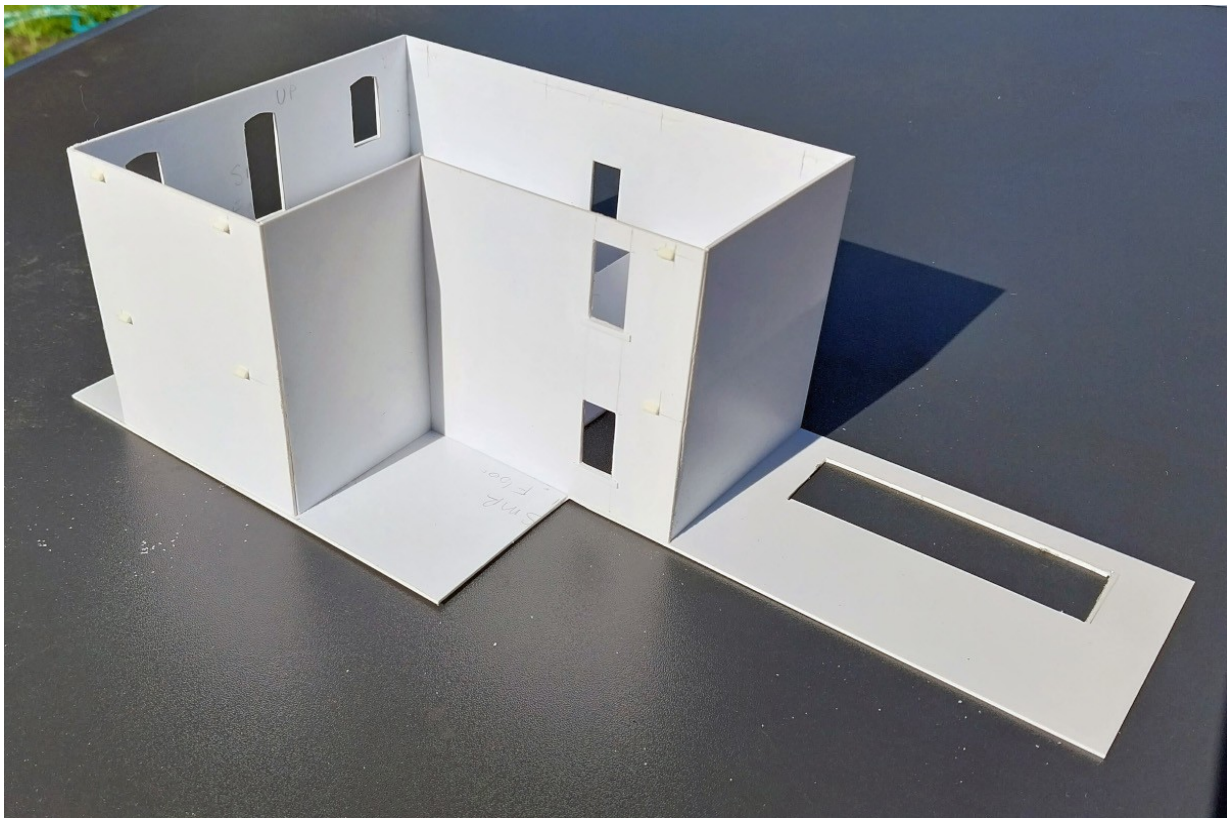
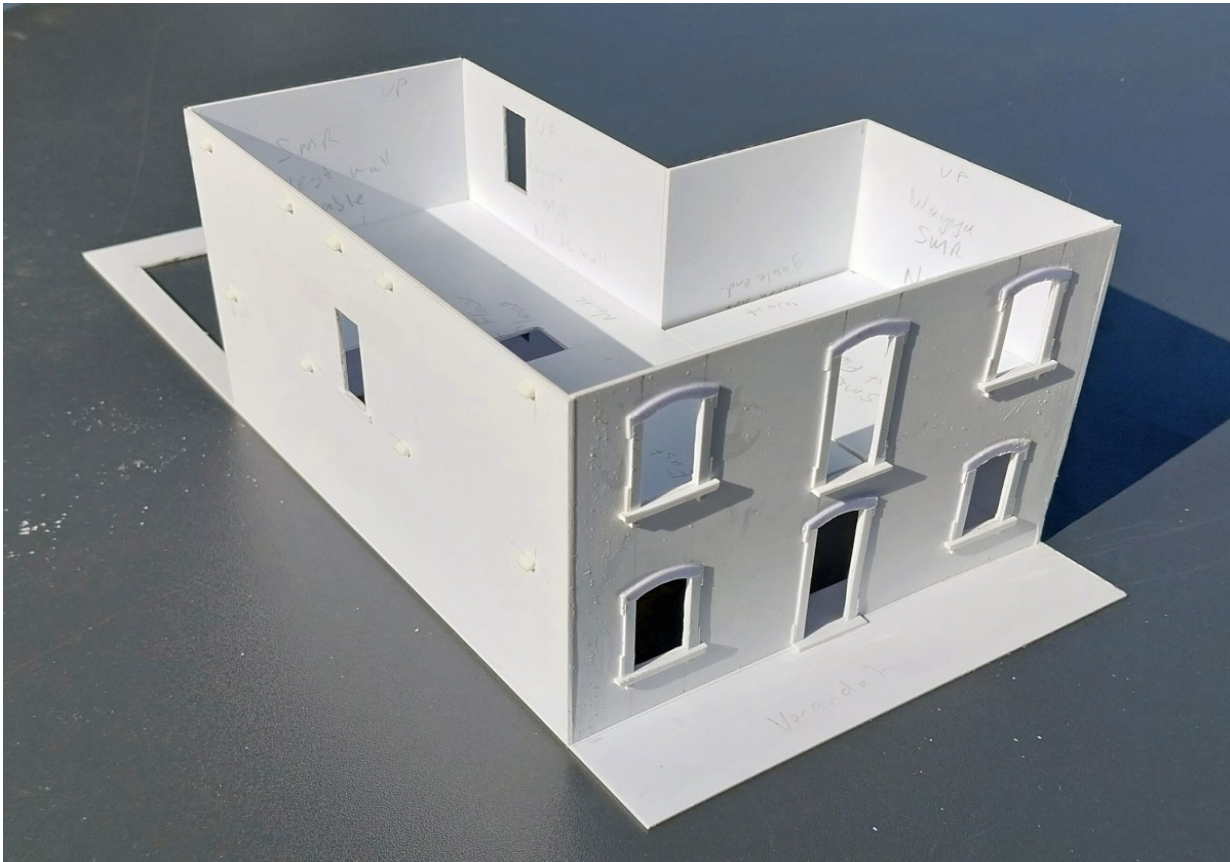




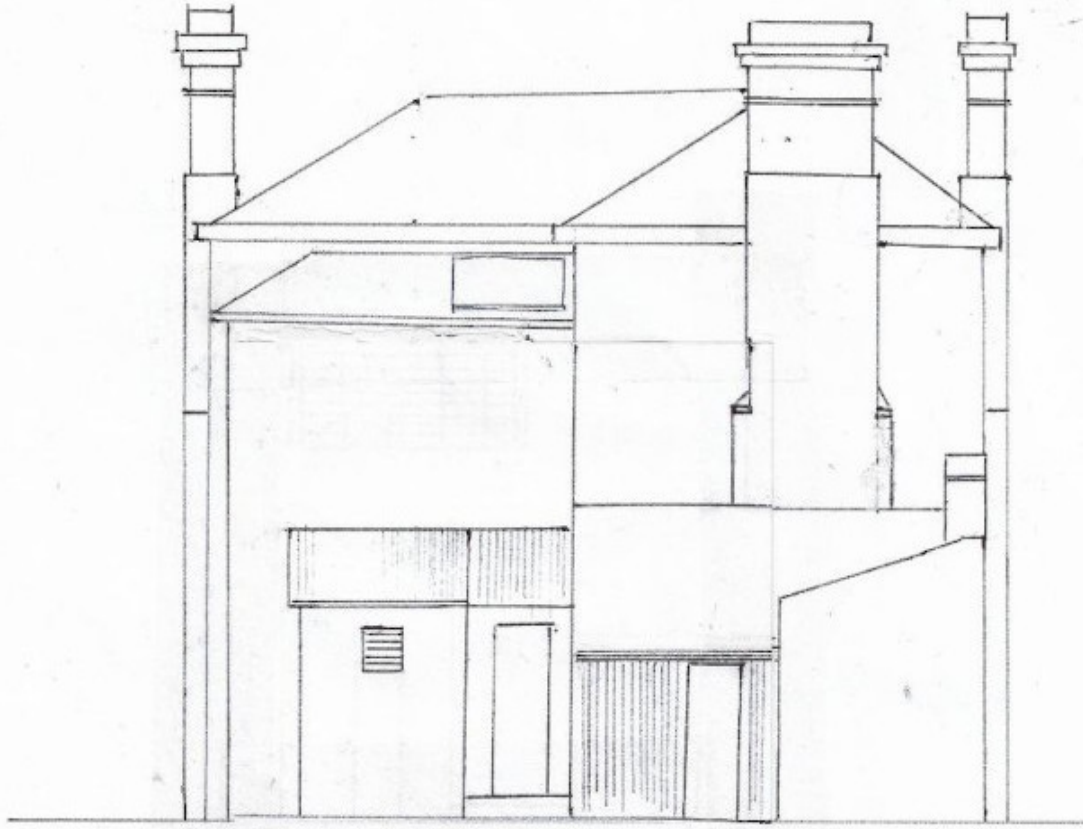
Rob Nesbitt :

Wagga Wagga station master residence.

I've begun construction of the Wagga Wagga station master residence. The self-drawn plans were presented at the July. Meeting.



Wagga Wagga S.M Residence
buildingwagga.blogspot.com



Robin Foster - Pigeons for your layout

TANGENT scale Models HO Pigeons (Qty 24) TSM-211 there are 3 to a sprue x 8

GREEN STUFF WORLD Pallet

Vallejo Model Color acrylic BLANCO FRIO 70.919 COLD WHITE, shake well;
like PECK'S Paste a drop goes a long way

Brush 5/0 Leeman Hobbies 3330 Springer Pinsel
One must give allowances for the International spelling!

Keep on training.

Robin.



(ed. - now all we need is some statues.....)

Thank you to all who have provided submissions for this issue.

Check your emails for updates to Div 2 meetings. Please send updates of your modelling at home activities to jbc@starbytes.au

(note new email address)

Happy Trails / Happy Rails

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