

Paterson Points

NEWSLETTER OF THE RAIL MOTOR SOCIETY INCORPORATED



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Here we go again another year ahead of us. I wish to congratulate Geoff Murray on being bestowed the honour of Life Membership. I also wish to thank Norm Faulds and Cathy Lock for their past participation on the Management Committee. On the incoming Committee I personally wish you have a good year ahead of you. There is plenty to do and workers are required to fulfil our obligations to keep the Society afloat.

Congratulations to Keith Angel and Carol Hayes (Catering Officer) in filling the vacant Committee positions for the year 2008/2009. Also I would like to thank other personnel for staying. Namely, Eric Larkins Vice President, Bryan Hicks Secretary, John Redman Treasurer, Maree Hicks, Peter Kitcher, Stafford Payne, Bev Redman (Committee).

Line Managers Bruce Agland (Operations), Keith Angel (Infrastructure), Stafford Payne (Rolling Stock) I thank you for your continued support for 2008/2009. No word on the 620 Class units from the Rail Heritage Group.

Many thanks to Keith and his crew for their tremendous effort in having the dangerous hole repaired and completing the track work to enable the movement of trains in and out of No.2 and No.3 roads.

SAFETY WARNING

Just a reminder to all members when travelling on our trains it is the Safeworking Supervisors responsibility to ring the right-a-way bell for the commencement of our train journeys. Here's hoping for a safe and successful year ahead.

Arthur Burgess

ROLLING STOCK ENGINEERING REPORT

1 The 12 monthly & 3 yearly bogie servicing has commenced. CPH 1 trailing bogie has been removed and is dismantled.

2 The axle boxes, horn stays are being rebuilt at present by Wilson & Oliver Engineering Works, Sandgate. All CPH couplings & screw couplings are being dyed/crack tested and the necessary paperwork obtained for ITSRR audit as requested.

3 The recently reconstructed overhead crane assembly has been relocated in the rail motor shed and allows our rail motors to be positioned either side of the overhead crane assembly to carry out bogie overhauls. A huge improvement for our workshop operations.

4 A new parts washer & oil drain tank assembly has been installed in the workshop for workshop personnel use.

5 CPH 3 & CTH 51 are only having cosmetic work carried out at present on these units and work is steadily progressing on them

6 Hopefully HPC 402 will be running again shortly on a job which means some seating changes could be necessary.

POSITIONS VACANT

Currently the Society has the following vacant positions

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER PROMOTIONS OFFICER

EDITOR for the bi-annual newsletter, "TIN HARE GAZETTE".

These positions are on a volunteer basis and for further information,
please contact the Secretary on 0249 54 4904
or write to Secretary, P.O. Box 445 Charlestown NSW 2290

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Since the last report a lot has been done with No.2 road having to be removed in the vicinity of the wash out so that work could be carried out on the June 2007 storm damage. Sixty tonnes of road base was required and also 15 tonnes of 30 mm gravel for track drainage was obtained this was delivered on Tuesday 25th March by Presland Brothers. The work on the storm damage was carried out on the 29th March with a pipe being fitted into the culvert so that the bank could be battered back. This work was supervised and organised engineer by Mark Lokiec.

The goods shed has had one side reclad with good iron during January and February. This roofing iron was donated by a non member. Erection of fencing has continued along the drain in front of the TAM and BR cars and also above the base behind the signal box. The Maitland end of the MHO has been painted to prolong the life of the external timber sides. Scrap surplus to the Society's needs has been slowly placed in designated areas around the depot compound for easy handling into scrap bins when they arrive. Surplus rail that was stacked near the car parking area had been relocated near the north-eastern boundary fence to allow work to be carried out on the drain. This rail will be used for retaining wall posts and for the future platform between No.1 and No.2 roads.

THE JUNE STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

The Infrastructure group decided to have a go at fixing the storm damage caused in June 2007. It started with the Infrastructure Manager having a meeting with the Regional Manager of Momentum Rail on the 23rd January and he advised that he had a contact that maybe able to help with the drain restoration. With this the TRMS Infrastructure Manager contacted Mark Lokeic Engineer and arranged an appointment to visit the depot and ask for his professional advise on how to pipe and strengthen the drainage walls.

After a site meeting with Mark on 31st February it was decided on the best way of restoring the damage so as to restore No.2 road. The TRMS was to buy 60 tonnes of 40 mm road base PI 5-10 but before work could commence, there was work to be done with scrap metal that had been piled up near the drain which had to be removed, so a scrap bin was ordered and this arrived Wednesday 7th February. The following week the bin was loaded with all the scrap in the area and was made ready to be removed with this being done on Tuesday 11th March.

After the bin was removed we then had to relocate the rails that were stored there, this was done with the assistance of Ian's Kanga (small digger) dragging the rails away and storing them in a new location. On completion the rails and sleepers that were above the wash out had to be removed so as to have access to the damaged area and this was done over the next two Tuesdays. On Tuesday 25th March Presland Brothers of Paterson was contacted and organised to deliver the 60 tonnes of road base which was done on that same day. Engineer Mark Lokeic was contacted and advised of the deliveries to the TRMS depot and it was organised that the excavation of the drain and installation of the pipe would commence on the following Saturday 29th March (AGM Day). The work was finished before the AGM started and parking was allowed in that area after the safety fencing was installed.

I would like to thank Mark Lokiec, and his workers on the day, Kane and John for their cooperation also Presland Brothers of Paterson for the transport of the road base to the depot at short notice. This work could have been without the dedicated infrastructure groups workers. Work has now started on restoring two road and this should be completed in the near future.

Footnote:

On Thursday 17th April, a 9 man track gang from Momentum Rail along with the Regional Manager arrived at the depot and proceeded to relay the sleepers and rails that were moved for the drainage reconditioning. Many thanks to the Regional Manager of Momentum Rail and the track gang for their valuable assistance on the day. Photos of the work carried on the following pages.



*Top Photo:
Work on the drainage began with preparation of the pipe and drain walls. 29th March 2008
Photo courtesy Norm Faulds*

*Bottom Photo:
The end result of strengthening the drain wall and a new pipe in place. 15th April 2008
Photo by Peter Kitcher*



Top Photo:

View looking north showing the work done to tidy up and strengthen the drainage that was damaged during last years June long weekend deluge. 15th April 2008

Bottom Photo:

View looking south showing the track bed before the rails were re-laid. 15th April 2008

Photo by Peter Kitcher

- STOP PRESS -

As this edition of the Paterson Points was going to press, the Rail Motor Society depot received 75mm (3") of rain on Thursday 24th April 2008. From the deluge that was recorded and as a result of this, much damage was again done to No.2 road. A report on the repair will be covered in the July edition.

TRMS WORKING BEE 15TH MARCH



An excellent BBQ was put together by Carol, Sue and Kathryn for the volunteers that were present at the working bee on the 15th March 2008.

Both photos courtesy Carol Hayes

WORKING BEE BBQ 17th MAY

The working bee on the 17th May 2008 at the Rail Motor Society depot, Paterson, a BBQ is being held with Sue & Carol cooking lunch on the day. If you can attend, the Sausage sandwiches will be \$2.00 and Steak sandwiches will be \$3.00. See you there!



Christmas in July Tour



Gulgong – Zig Zag Tour
Saturday 12th to 14th July.

Contact Ted on (02) 65524352 or 0428652865 for booking form and details



*During the 2008 Newcastle Show the Rail Motor Society was invited to man a stall at the Heritage Week presentation. At the time this photo was taken, it was attended by Geoff, Maree, Bev, John and Brian.
Photo courtesy Bryan Hicks*

Remember, Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax Deductible

WORKING BEES

As this is the best time for members to meet from afar, why not try to come up to Paterson and participate in helping to maintain the Society's Depot. If you would like to assist with one of the many tasks that need to be done, then this is the time to do it. Please, when you arrive at the depot, and from an insurance point of view, it is essential for you to sign-on whenever you do any work for the Society at the museum. So if you can spare the 3rd Saturday in the month, please come up and we look forward to seeing you there.

Note: Please bring sturdy boots if assisting with clean-up or heavy duties.

WORKING BEES 2008

17th May
15th Nov

21st June

19th July

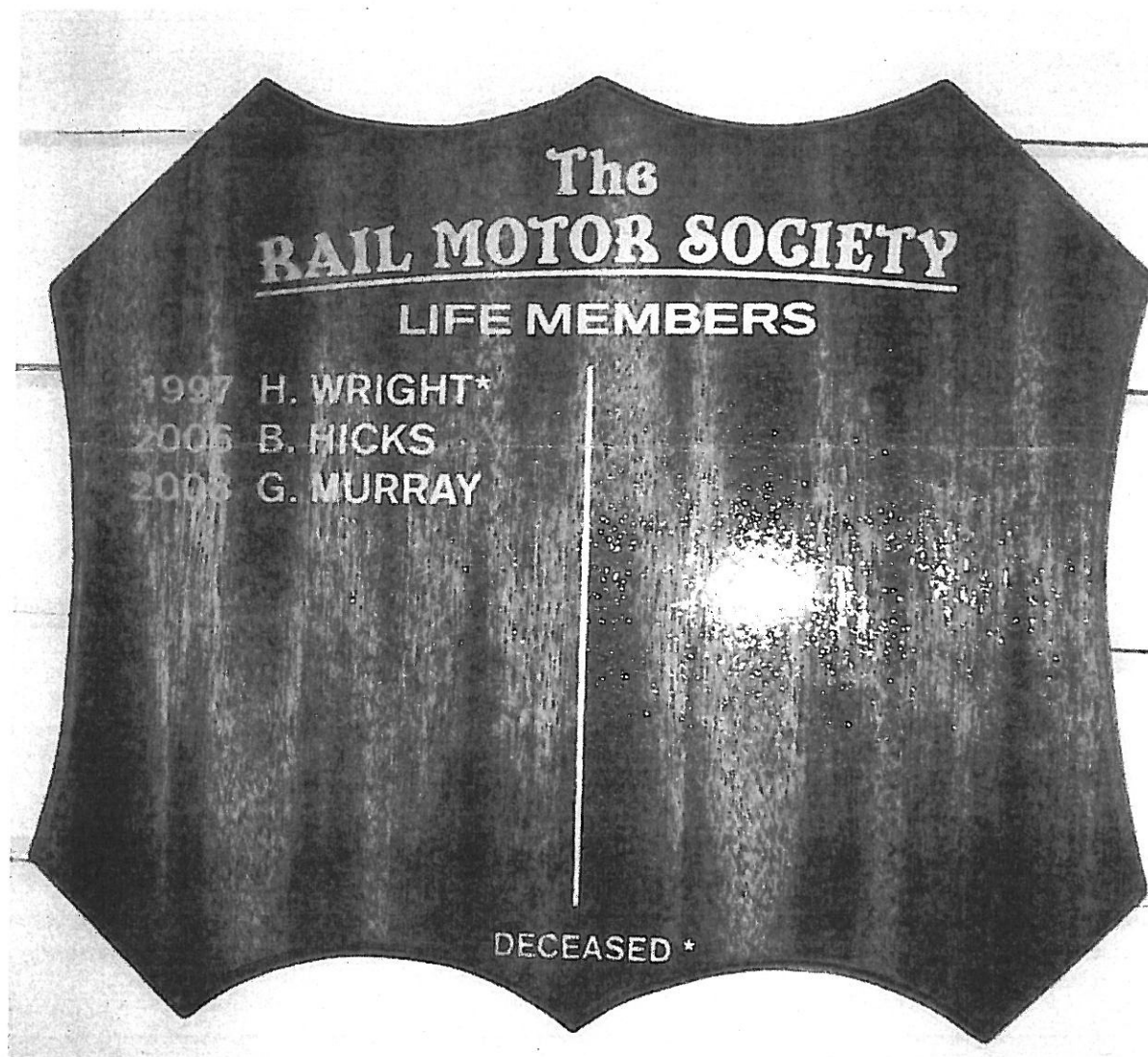
16th Aug

20th Sept

18th Oct

CAROL'S CLIPPINGS

Our best wishes must go to Kathryn Kitcher for her upcoming surgery. Our thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery.



*The society's Life membership board that is displayed in the SM Cottage, Paterson
Photo courtesy Bryan Hicks*

TOURS in 2008

18th-21st May	Albury Private Charter	23rd May-1st June	TRIPS South West Charter
6th-9th Jun	Coonamble ARHS	21st-22nd Jun	Taree Taree Modellers
12th-14th Aug	Gulgong Ted McKellar	16th-17th Aug	Taree/Broad Taree Modellers
24th Aug	Gulgong Ray Barry	7th-9th Sept	SPER (Loftus) ARHS/TRMS
14th Sept	Berry Private Charter	11th Oct	Private Charter
12th Oct	Denman Private	22nd-23rd Nov	Mudgee/Dunedoo Peter King
6th-7th Dec	Maitland Markets x Taree Ted McKellar		

Tentative trips are awaiting confirmation and these will be notified when on hand.



*CPH 7 & CPH 1 nearing Manduramah on the 8th May 2006.
Photo courtesy Daryl Judge*



*CPH 7 & CPH 1 stand at Gulgong Jct prior to coming of the Mudgee Branch on the 19th November 2005
Photo courtesy Daryl Judge*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Practical help and financial donations towards restoration projects and depot infrastructure replacement are appreciated.

The Rail Motor Society is looking for more volunteers to bolster its core working membership.

If you can help in any way, skilled or not,
Please contact the secretary, 4954 4904

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are planning to move, please ensure that you advise the Secretary as soon as possible so as to receive your Paterson Points and any other information relevant to the Rail Motor Society. Also, please check that your details on the label of the envelope that you received this newsletter in, are correct.

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