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From the President's desk:

'Spring has sprung!' Let's hope summer is a good one! A lot has been happening at the club last month. The building is coming along really well. We are laying concrete in a couple weeks and that will clean up and get rid of all the mud. The spouting is being made and will be on site next week. Once that's installed, it should stop the water running down your neck. After that we can start thinking about the vinyl and carpet and getting all the rubbish out of the clubroom. The kitchen needs one or two things done after the floor is laid as the dishwasher and oven still to be wired in.

The raised track tipping rail is nearly finished thanks to Dave Richard and Ian. Thanks to Neil, Robin and Alan for their work on the crossings lights and bells. There's plenty of work in that area still to do. **Thanks** to the Wednesday team! **An extra thanks** must go to all the junior members who turned up last Sunday. We would have really struggled, without their help to cater for the large crowd that arrived on that lovely day. We had seven trains on the track and their help in keeping things running was great. Thanks guys. **Awards Night** is on **the first Tuesday in October**. Get the dust of those models and bring along your pride and joy.

Thanks again everyone for your help in turning up to work on your railway.

September 2012 Edition



George Maylam Enjoying Himself



Progress on the Club Rooms

Loco Foreman's Report:

The purchase of a new compressor has been completed. The Safety Committee is to consider all aspects of pressure/vacuum braking arrangements in safety valves on loco air receivers.

Modifications are needed in the steaming bay area, to facilitate the extra demands that arise on occasions such as Show Weekend and Canmod. The formation of a Track & Signals Group to oversee future developments.

I would also like to thank the younger Club members for their reliability and enthusiasm.



Thanks to Our Younger Club Members

From the September Committee Meeting:

HALSWELL GLT: A concrete pour is booked for 28th Sept. There is to be a windbreak provided to protect the signalman and recently planted trees. Soil testing for the engine shed extensions has been completed. Thanks to John for his ongoing commitment to managing the progress of the new buildings.

LIBRARIAN: The old P. O. Box No. will be operative until Mar 31st 2013.

The new Box No. 37307 Halswell is operating. Six bound Vols. Of Magazines are missing: Workshop Machinist 2007, Aust ME 2009, ME Workshop 2003, 2004, 2005, Model Shipwright 2009. Dave reminded members of the options for Library installation in the new Clubrooms. Members agreed that Option 2, the Wall mounted shelving, near the kitchen, for books and models offered a number of advantages.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Thanks to those who assisted in emptying the Container. The container is being offered to Graeme Chisnall for period of 6-8 months then offered for sale on Trade Me. The maintenance arrangements are in hand for club locos. Peter Grounds has the overall responsibility for scheduled maintenance with Rob and Trevor assisting as required. Rob has documentation relating to each loco. Options for arranging alarm systems for both buildings at Halswell include inviting FBI, Security 1 and Rhino to provide quotations and their recommendations as to the best solution for the total Halswell complex.

CANMOD: Invitations are ready for posting. Catering for evening meals is not yet resolved. Alistair requested that 32mm track be added along with the G scale track information on the invitation letter.

Neale has found that the battery charger used for signal lights etc does not meet a number of safety requirements. The design of a new charger needs to be investigated. Neale will modify the existing charger to meet safety requirements as an interim solution.



The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner

Our sailing day this month was rained out. Let's hope for nicer days to come and good turnouts of boating members.

We have been informed by the CCC that they are not in favour of us putting up permanent fencing around the pond dock area. Therefore we are planning to install fold-away gates at each end of the raised wooden platform. Fortunately, the council have indicated that this solution is acceptable to them.

Iain Begg came to our last boating night and gave us an update on progress with his yacht hull. I have put together a jet boat complete with reversing bucket and trailer. See <http://www.deanshobbies.info/108188225> for details of it.



Iain's yacht hull.

NEW PO BOX

Please note that the club has a new postal address:
**PO Box 37307
Christchurch
8245.**



Dean's Jet Boat.



Trevor Gage's Burrell 4" Scale Traction Engine

REMINDER: SUBS

Discount valid until awards night.

Subs	Full Price	Discount
Town	\$100.00	\$90.00
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Year Ending 31/3/2013



7.25" Gauge Berkshire Boiler

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This is what happens when your boiler gets too big to fit under your drill press or milling machine (left).

A sheet of heavy gauge steel is clamped to the boiler and a magnetic base drill is broaching out a 20mm hole for a crown stay.

The boiler is for my 7.25" gauge "Berkshire" 2-8-4. At a fraction under 50 litre capacity, the boiler is the maximum allowed under the Australian ME Boiler Code. Almost ready for welding.

Further pictures of the "Berk" will turn up from time to time.

Peter Grounds

LIBRARY AMNESTY

I have started to see what was needed for our move to the new club rooms at Halswell. One of the issues was the yearly volumes that are missing from the shelves. To keep a good library going we need to have all our members follow a few rules, the main one being: *If you want to borrow a book or a volume, it has to be booked out in the register!* Please bring it back after one month and book it back in. If you damage or lose a book or volume, let me know.

The new current issue magazines in coloured binders are for everyone to see the latest ones. *These do NOT leave the club rooms.* They can be photocopied for your own use. If you have a book or volume sitting around at home bring it back in to the old clubrooms or give it to a committee member.

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For a Laugh

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea was to simulate collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed through the shatterproof shield, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions. NASA responded with a one-line memo: "Defrost the chicken."