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Celebrating Fifty Years

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SARMA Inc. meets on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7.30 p.m in the **'Log Cabin'** building on Lyons Road, Dernancourt, at the corner of Balmoral Road. Modelling nights are held on other Wednesday nights in the shed adjacent to the log cabin. See the Diary on Page 2 for details.

UBD Map 96 Ref D12: the red Scout symbol marks our clubroom.

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Joining Fee:	$10.00	Corporate:	$80.00
Full:	$60.00	Pensioner Concession:	$45.00
Family:	$70.00	Country Concession:	$45.00
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Pre-meeting gatherings are in the adjacent shed, where drinks and the Library can be accessed.

The shed will be locked during the meeting for security.

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Diary

Wed 9 May **General Meeting**
Entertainment:
Phil Curnow: "Wagon Loads of the Railways in South Australia."
Model Display:
Freight wagons and loads.

Wed 16 May Layout Construction Night

Wed 23 May Layout Construction Night

Fri 25 May **Committee Meeting:**
Host: Roger Wheeler @ Home

Sat 26 May **SARMA 50th Anniversary Dinner**
Wakefield Tavern

Wed 30 May Modelling Night: 700/710 & Accident Train

Wed 6 June Layout Construction Night

Fri 8 June – Mon 11 June AMRE, Greyhound Park

Wed 13 June **General Meeting**
Entertainment:
John Evans (S.A. Tourist Bureau & Historical Society of S.A.):
"Railway Station Buildings 1856 - "
Model Display:
Railway Station Buildings.

We have pleasure in presenting this issue of *The Buffer Stop*, marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of SARMA.

We hope that you find the story of SARMA and its activities over the years of interest, and also a challenge and inspiration as we enter the next fifty years.

Our thanks go to Trevor Carter, Tony Sitters, Barrie Mackinnon, Bill Coles, Don Snow, Hugh Williams, Roger Wheeler, John Willmer and David Jameson who helped with articles, photographs and diagrams.

One piece of advice has come out of this exercise: always label your slides and photographs with the date, the place and the event. Your memory a few decades later will not be up to the task!

Chris and Harry.

Down the Track…

May 18 – 20:
National N Scale Convention

May 26:
SARMA's 50th Anniversary Dinner

June 9 – 11:
AMRE Greyhound Park

July 6 – 8:
Stawell

July 29:
Noarlunga Swapmeet

September 7 – 15:
Royal Adelaide Show
Grain Board Layout

September 8:
Modelling the Railways of South Australia Convention
http://www.mrsac.com/

September 22 – 23:
Mildura Model Railway Show

October 11 – 15:
British Railway Modellers' Assoc. Convention, Old Reynella

November 2:
Noarlunga Card Table Swapmeet

November 14:
AGM; Master Modellers

November 25:
SARMA Swap Meet

Cover Photo:
Hugh Williams' Rx
at Ross Hurley's Coaling Tower
on John Gordon's Layout
Photo: Ross Hurley

Cover Masthead:
The Buffer Stop, 1957 – 1968

From the President

Hugh Williams

Congratulations to the club and its members on achieving its fiftieth birthday and on conducting model railway activities over all of this period. Fifty years is a long time in the life of a Model Railway Club and this month, SARMA certainly has a milestone worth celebrating. I hope many of you will be able to join us at the Club Birthday Dinner on the last Saturday in May. There will be a photographic presentation at the dinner showing some of our activities over the last fifty years.

Whilst there is an article on the history of the club elsewhere in this month's magazine, I would like to touch on some of the successes as well as one or two notable disasters the club has had over the fifty years.

First and foremost, the club is a group of likeminded people who have got together to exchange ideas, learn about, teach and promote the hobby. SARMA has had around 800 members over the fifty years, but I think it says a lot when I tell you that we still have members who come regularly who joined the club in the 1950s. There are one or two who were at the inaugural meeting.

The club's achievements include printing a monthly magazine for the best part of fifty years. I say the best part, because there was a year when the magazine was published every two months. This magazine has had around 10,000 pages of information and club activities printed in its pages. There is a wealth of information in the form of plans, (especially from Tiny Edwards) photos and articles printed over this period, and a copy of it is in our library.

The club has had several good sized layouts. Two of them were at Tin Town where the Festival Centre now stands, but sadly had to be pulled down in a hurry after a fire in Tin Town. Our Club layout at Mile End around the walls of our "Nissen Hut" was one of the more successful from an operating point of view, because club members had regular operating sessions on the layout. We had a fabulous layout at Islington on which many thousands of hours of work had been carried out, and our biggest disaster was to have to move out of the Islington area with little notice. We have also had many portable layouts, and between these and the club layouts, there have been plenty of opportunities to learn about building and running layouts.

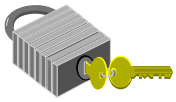
Our construction nights in which members have been shown how to build items of model railway interest have, in my opinion, been another feature of the club's activities.

Other highlights include a multitude of train trips taken by members, mainly when a passenger car was attached to the back of a freight train, and off we went to a country destination. One of the better trips was a round trip to Terowie, Peterborough, Port Pirie and back to Adelaide over a two day period. Tony Sitters organized many of these trips and it's a pity the lines no longer exist to enable us to do it still. The State, I'm sure, will eventually rue the day it decided railways were old hat and should be scrapped.

Our focus now has to be on the next 50 years and in particular, finding a permanent home for the club that we can't be kicked out of at a moment's notice. It looks as though we should be moving into some good besser brick style accommodation in the next few months. Planning is about to begin on a new club layout and, hopefully, this one will be in sections that can be moved easily should the need ever arise.

Congratulations to all the members who have made the club and its activities so successful over the last fifty years. May the next fifty years be just as rewarding for those who continue with, and for those who take up the world's best hobby – Model Railways.

Hugh



Maintenance Report
May 2007
Tilley Reserve

On Saturday 14th April we continued the clearing out of our storage bays at Tilley Reserve.

Many thanks to the twelve willing workers who put in the morning's work. We managed to disassemble the last three large modules and save some important structures particularly the entire oil depot scene and most of the mine scenes. [See page 31]. This leaves us with two complete long modules hopefully to incorporate in a future layout and a pile of timber baseboards and angle iron, which we hope we can remove by trailer intact and or by rubbish skip. This work will be done as soon as possible after the SARMA Rail Show.

On behalf of SARMA and myself thank you to the Tilley willing workers.

Many thanks also go to Allan Norris, for stripping and reclaiming copper wire, which brought $239.40 to the club.

Dean Schluter

Library Report

Allan Norris

Recent additions to the Library for May.

Australian Railway History	May 07
Dispatcher (SANGS)	Apr 07
Model Railroader	May 07
Phoenix (Ballarat & District Model Railway Club)	Mar 07
Right On Track (Noarlunga Model Railway Club)	Apr 07
The Decoder (DECCA)	May 07
The Branchline (AMRA WA)	Apr 07

May Meeting

Hugh Williams

Our guest speaker for the May Meeting will be Phil Curnow who is a past member of SARMA. He was editor of *The Buffer Stop* in the late 1960s and early seventies. He was also editor of the Australian Railway Historical Society magazine *The Recorder* for a number of years, and was an editor of the Australian Model Railway Magazine in the early eighties. His responsibilities included working out the layout of the magazine, and from a South Australian perspective, in that period it was as good as it has ever been.

Phil is a prolific photographer who has been taking pictures, slides and some video over a period of about 50 years. He has been known to travel the best part of 100,000 kilometres a year getting photos. Needless to say, he has an extensive collection of pictures of trains and rolling stock from all States, and probably the best photographic collection of freight rolling stock of any person in South Australia.

Needless to say, Phil's topic will be on wagon loads and freight rolling stock from the 70s up to the modern era of today. He has some amazing pictures.

The display model theme will be freight wagons of all eras, especially including ones with loads and modern era wagons with containers.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS ASSOCIATION Inc.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 11 APRIL 2007

Meeting opened at 7.38 pm by President, Hugh Williams.

Members in attendance: 35

Apologies: 3

Visitors: 1, Presenter for the evening, Mr Tony Presgrave

Minutes from previous meeting: Moved Colin Barnes, Seconded Treven Barnes, Carried

Business arising: Nil

In the absence of the Treasurer and the Secretary, Barrie Mackinnon and Roger Wheeler were appointed respectively as acting for the Meeting.

Members not wearing their name-tag requested to donate $1 to the Club.

Correspondence:

Out: Nil

In:

- March 2007 *Phoenix* Magazine from Ballarat & District model Railway Club Inc.
- April 2007 *Right on Track* Magazine from Noarlunga Model Railroaders Inc,

Both magazines given to the Librarian.

- Request from Ronnie Hansen, 0412 365 715 rodent@ihug.com.au re info on the AN Ghan in its Red and Yellow livery. Request to be answered by Hugh Williams.
- Call for help from Mark Batten markb@logicalfs.com.au re helping the Gilles Plains Special School students utilise a model railway set that they have.

Business from correspondence: Nil.

Finance: Nil due to absence of treasurer.

Reports:

Premises – Nil

Exhibition Layout – Nil

Club Layout – No subcommittee meeting held to date; members' attention drawn to the questionnaire in this month's *Buffer Stop* and request that they be returned to a Committee member ASAP.

Social – Nil

Buffer Stop – Reminder that the next issue is the 50th anniversary issue

Library – Full report in the *Buffer Stop*

Maintenance – Nil

Bulk Buys – Nil

Special Projects – Demolition of the Club's Layout at Tilley Reserve will continue from 8.30 am Saturday 14 April; all day if weather is not too hot.

Railshow – Iain Kennedy requested assistance in the distribution of leaflets in the Tea Tree Gully area and advised that advertising stickers for car rear window are available. Also second hand goods to be sold must be accompanied by the forms and further assistance is required for Security duty, refer Peter Pickering. Price of BBQ left at $1.50 and drinks at $1.00. Colin Barnes to check on BBQ price once the price of the sausages is known. Adverts will be run on Channel 7 in the week prior to the Exhibition.

50th anniversary – Roger Wheeler advised that 557 letters to ex-members have been sent with 25% being returned promptly, as not known at the address. Members requested to pay tonight or next meeting for attendance.

General Business:

- **AMRE Exhibition** – Bill Lewis requested assistance in manning the Door. Allan Norris advised that the forms for the second hand stall goods will be available at the next General Meeting.
- Allan Smith a friend of Trevor Carter has a DCC basic Roco set for sale $200
- Alistair Whibley advised that he was requiring a transformer 18V @ 3A. Dean Schluter to look into providing same.
- Barrie Mackinnon advised that if 5 people require the book "Sign of the Times" he can procure the order.

Raffle: Not run this month

Model Displays: Post Office Trains of the SAR.
Vic Kollosche, Bill Lewis, Terry Jomartz, Alistair Whibley and Hugh Williams spoke about their model exhibits.

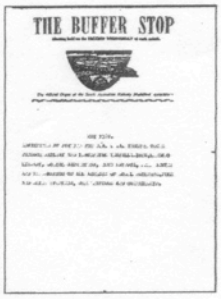
New Members: Hugh Williams advised the meeting of two new member applications; members voted to accept Robert (Bob) Price and Andrew James Chapman into the membership. Hugh Williams welcomed Andrew who was present into the club.

Presentation: Post Office trains of the SAR.
After a 20 minute break Mr Anthony (Tony) Presgrave gave a very informative presentation on the Post Office Trains of the SAR which included both Broad and Narrow Gauge vehicles.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

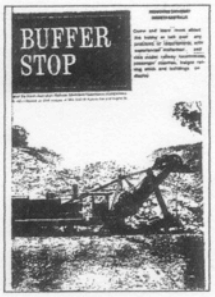
FROM THE 'BUFFER STOP' ARCHIVES

40 years ago – May 1967.



President-Bob Irvine. Secretary-Trevor Carter. Treasurer-Stan Filsell. Committee members:- Bill Coles, John Page, Tony Hill, Geoff Barnes, John Gordon and Eric Milne. Editor-Laurie Edgar. Sub Editor-Paul McDonald:: Tonight Bill Coles and Geoff Barnes will talk on Signalling:: Sat, Jun 3rd, Dinner/Dance at the Richmond Hotel, Rundle St. $3.50 per head:: Semaphore Hobby Centre has Tyco G.P. 20s in stock $14.46. Tyco 2-8-2 Locos $29.30. Rivarossi 2-8-8-2 Locos $61.95:: Overheard at last meeting:- Ainsley Brittain's Thyristos Controller attracted a lot of interest. Watch for step-by-step article on how to build one yourself.

30 years ago – May 1977.

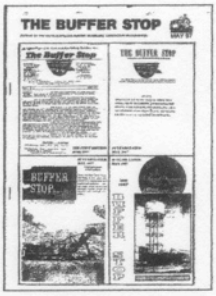


President-Trevor Carter. Vice Presidents-Vic Kollosche and Alan Kitto. Secretary-Bob Irvine. Treasurer-Don Snow. Librarian-Tony Sitters. Layout-David Jameson. Maintenance-Alistair Whibley. Entertainment & Records - Len Redway. Editors-Rob Burford & Geof Pearson.. Tonight is a lecture on Early Locos of the S.A.R. by Hugh Williams:: Sat, Jun 25th A La Carte Birthday Dinner/Dance at the Highbury Hotel. Main meals from $2.75 to $6.50:: M.E.K is available for 60¢ per 500 mil. BYO container:: The $5.00 Levy was due in January and if you have not paid, you are no longer financial. A $5.00 'Joining Fee' now applies to all renewals.

20 years ago – May 1987.

President-Rob Burford. Vice Presidents-Austin BaInaves and Steven Masters. Secretary-Tony Sitters. Treasurer-Don Snow. Layout Director - David Jameson. Social Director-John Willmer. Maintenance Director - Brian Woods. Librarian-Dean Jackson. Editors-Don Bishop and Terry Jomartz. Special Projects Co-ordinator-Geof Pearson:: Subs-Adult $25.00. Family $30.00. Country $18.00. Junior/Pensioner $12.00:: Entertainment tonight is Kalmbach's video 'Glory Machines':: Sat, Jun 27th, Birthday Dinner at the Skyline Restaurant, corner South/West Terraces. Cost $25.00 ea:: Julia Farr Model Railway Club is looking for assistance.

10 years ago – May 1997.



President-Trevor Carter. Vice President Admin.-Peter Carter. Vice President Special Projects-John Doherty. Secretary-Brian Leaney. Treasurer-Don Snow. Layout Director-John Willmer. Modular Layout Director-Philip Hart. Maintenance Director-Bernard Martin. Social Director-Edward Jackson. Librarian-Barrie Mackinnon. Editors-Paul Mackinnon and Bill Button. Seniors Representative-Dean Schluter:: Sat 28th Jun, 40th Birthday Dinner at Port Dock Station Railway Museum:: Jun 7-9, AMRE Exhibition, Hamilton Hall, Wayville:: Sat Nov 1st, SARMA Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens:: Red & Green Colour Light Signals by Stan Wilton.

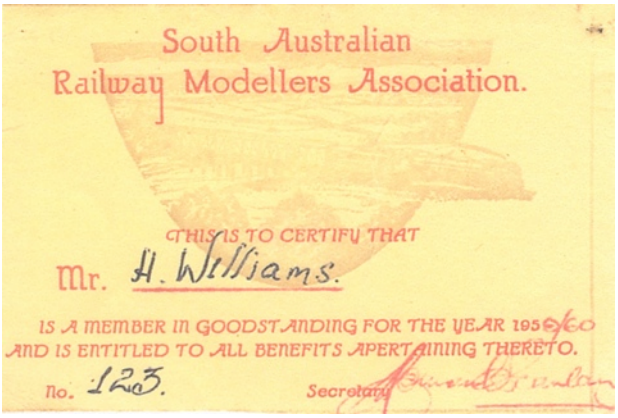
This is the 65th and last page in this series. I hope that you have enjoyed reading about what has happened in the club over the past 50 years and that someone will continue with this theme for a few more years. Please advise the editors if you would like to do so. Next month marks the 50th anniversary of the first Buffer Stop being printed for the June 1957 meeting.

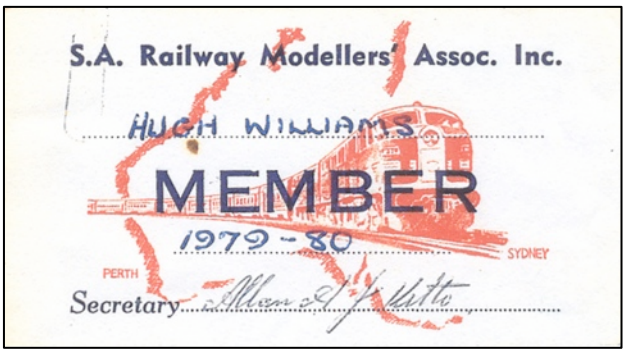
SARMA Badges

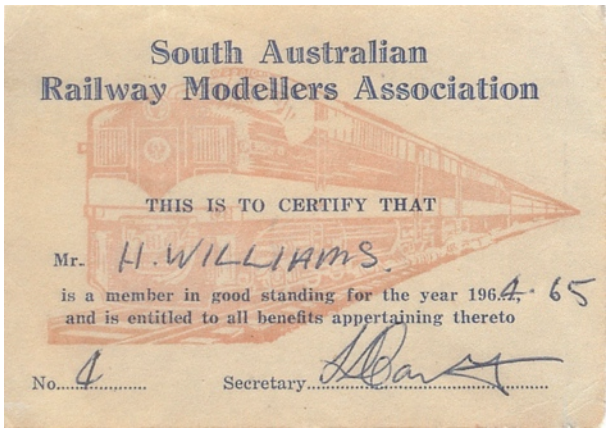
The first club badge, November 1957

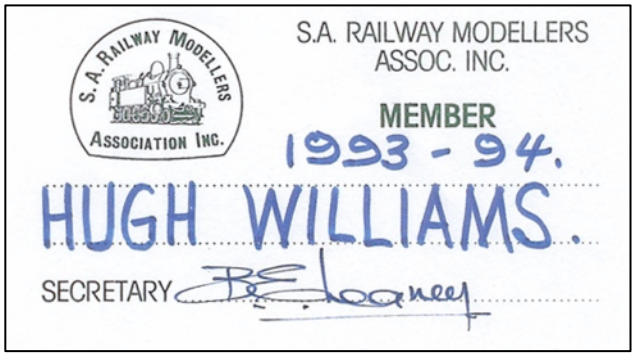
The current club badge, May 1981,
designed by David Jameson

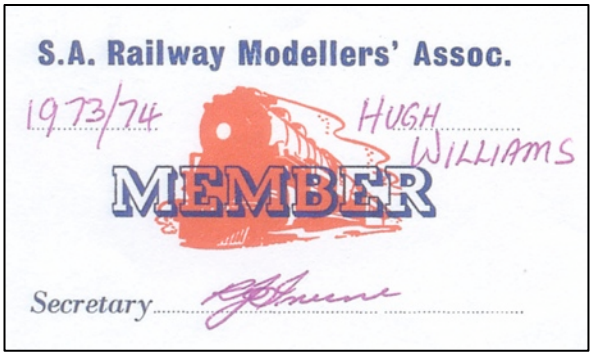
Membership Badges Through the Years

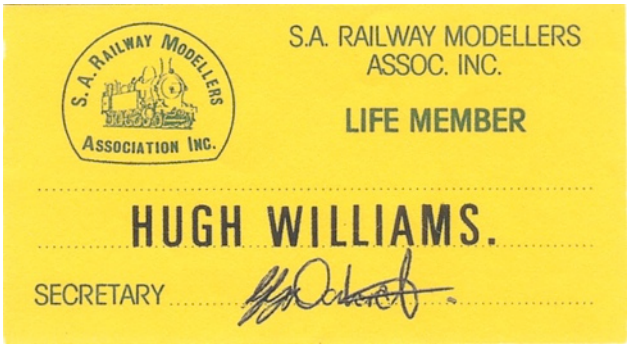












The Year 1957

- The Prime Minister of Australia is Robert Gordon Menzies.
- The Governor-General of Australia is Sir William Slim.
- The Premier of South Australia, Thomas Playford, receives his knighthood.
- The Governor of South Australia is Sir Robert George.
- Anthony Eden resigns, and Harold Macmillan becomes the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower begins his second term as President of the U.S.A.; later in the year he suffers a stroke.
- Andrei Gromyko becomes Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R.
- Willy Brandt becomes Mayor of West Berlin.
- The European Economic Community is established.
- President Sukarno of Indonesia declares martial law; Indonesia nationalises 246 Dutch businesses and expels all 326,000 Dutch nationals.
- The Democratic Labor Party splits from the A.L.P.
- The International Geophysical Year begins.
- Adelaide does not yet have television.
- The basic wage is £12-6-0 ($24.60) per week.
- Ansett takes over Australian National Airlines.
- The Asian Flu epidemic sweeps Australia.
- The Commonwealth Government discontinues National Service for the Navy and the Air Force, and introduces a "birthday ballot" to select 18-year-olds for National Service in the Army.
- The U.K. explodes a balloon-borne atomic bomb at Maralinga.
- 70 tons of nuclear waste at a Soviet disposal facility explodes near Kyshtym in the Ural Mountains, forcing the permanent evacuation of 30 towns and villages.
- A fire at the Windscale nuclear power plant in Cumberland in the U.K. releases radioactive gas and forces its closure.
- The Suez Canal reopens after Middle East conflict.
- Felix Wankel tests his prototype rotary engine.
- Albert Sabin develops an oral vaccine against polio.
- Joern Utzon wins the competition for the design of the Sydney Opera House.
- The Australian Antarctic base at Davis is established.
- Australia suffers a severe drought, and the Commonwealth Government makes plans to import wheat from Canada.
- The Hamilton Watch Company produces the world's first battery-powered watch.
- The Wham-O Company produces the first frisbee.
- The first Toys'R'Us store opens in Washington, D.C.
- The Cavern Club opens in Liverpool.
- Teenagers John Lennon and Paul McCartney meet for the first time.
- U.S. Marines Major John Glenn flies an F8U supersonic jet from California to New York in the record time of 3 hours, 23 minutes and 8 seconds.
- IBM introduces the computer programming language, FORTRAN.
- Ghana and The Federation of Malaya gain their independence from the United Kingdom.
- The U.S.S.R. launches Sputnik 1 and Sputnik 2, the world's first artificial satellites; the U.S.A.'s first attempt to launch a satellite blows up on the launch pad.
- The radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, U.K. begins operating.
- The following are on top of the Hit Parade in Australia during the year:

  Just Walkin' In The Rain (Johnny Ray), *Hey There* (Rosemary Clooney), *Singing The Blues* (Guy Mitchell), *Cindy, Oh! Cindy* (Eddie Fisher), *Young Love* (Tab Hunter), *Marianne* (Terry Gilkyson), *The Green Door* (Jim Lowe), *Round and Round* (Perry Como), *A White Sport Coat (And a Pink Carnation)* (Marty Robbins), *Wonderful, Wonderful* (Johnny Mathis), *Love Letters in the Sand* (Pat Boone), *Around the World* (Bing Crosby/Victor Young), *Diana* (Paul Anka).
- Slim Dusty records *A Pub With No Beer* (went to No. 1 in 1958).

- Films: *Jailhouse Rock, Bridge on the River Kwai, Twelve Angry Men, Peyton Place, The Pajama Game, Robbery Under Arms.*
- TV premieres: *Perry Mason, The Phil Silvers Show, Leave It To Beaver, Father Knows Best, The Benny Hill Show, The Sky at Night (Patrick Moore), The Army Game, In Melbourne Tonight (Graham Kennedy), Pick A Box (Bob Dyer)*
- The final year of *I Love Lucy* and *The Roy Rogers Show*.
- *West Side Story* and *The Music Man* open on Broadway.
- The *Andy Capp* comic strip is first published.
- On April 1, the BBC TV programme *Panorama* broadcasts its famous *Spaghetti Trees* hoax.
- Dr. Seuss publishes his first "Beginner's Book", *The Cat in the Hat.*
- The physical principle that leads to the laser is discovered.
- The U.S. Surgeon-General links smoking and lung cancer.
- Lockheed and Convair have US Government contracts to develop an atomic-powered bomber.
- The sack dress is the latest Paris fashion.
- Ivor Hele wins the Archibald Prize with his self-portrait.
- Port Adelaide wins the fourth of its seven-in-a-row SANFL Grand Finals.
- Ron Benton of West Adelaide and Jim Deane of South Adelaide tie for the Magarey Medal.
- *Straight Draw* wins the Melbourne Cup; *Tulloch* wins the Caulfield Cup.
- *Kurrewa IV* takes line honours in the Sydney – Hobart yacht race.
- New South Wales wins the Sheffield Shield.
- Australia defeats the U.S.A. 3-2 in Melbourne to win the Davis Cup.
- Lew Hoad wins the men's singles final at Wimbledon.
- Russell Endean (South Africa) becomes the first batsman to be dismissed "Handled the Ball" in a test match, v. England.
- **Born:** Tony Abbott, Australian politician; Seve Ballesteros, Spanish golfer; Debra Byrne, Australian entertainer; Princess Caroline of Monaco; Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson; Dan Castellaneta, the voice of Homer Simpson; Nick Cave, Australian musician; Robert de Castella, Australian athlete; Dawn French, British comedian; Stephen Fry, British comedian; Melanie Griffith, American actor; Donny Osmond, American singer; Jamie Redfern, Australian singer; Judge Reinhold, American actor; Kevin Rudd, Australian politician; Gary Sweet, Australian actor; Jayne Torvill, British ice skater.
- **Died:** Arturo Toscanini, Italian conductor (b. 1867); William Cadbury, chocolate maker (b. 1868); King Haakon VII of Norway (b. 1872); Sim Webb, Casey Jones' fireman on the famous, fatal run of 29 April 1900 (b. 1874); Louis B. Mayer, American film producer (b. 1885); Richard Byrd, Antarctic explorer (b. 1888); Oliver Hardy, American actor (b. 1892); Humphrey Bogart, American actor (b. 1899); Eliot Ness, American F.B.I. agent (b. 1903); Jimmy Dorsey, band leader (b. 1904); Christian Dior, Paris couturier (b. 1905).
- John Axon, GC (b. 1900), English train driver and hero, dies when he remains on his locomotive (ex-LMS Stanier Class 8F 2-8-0 No. 48188) hauling 33 wagons and a brake van after the brakes fail on a 1 in 58 downhill gradient near Buxton in Derbyshire.
- The following railroads cease steam operation:
  Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; Southern Pacific; Milwaukee Road; Central Vermont.
- The MTT ceases operating the following tramway routes in Adelaide:
  Colonel Light Gardens, Enfield, Glen Osmond, Henley North, Kensington Gardens, Magill, Richmond, Wayville West/Showgrounds.
- The South Australian Railways condemns the following:
  Locomotives P72, P73, P116, P118, P119, P122, P123, Rx220, Rx221, Rx222, Rx234, S132, F247, F248, F252, Y67, Y87, Y104; Railcar 107.
- The following enter service on the South Australian Railways:
  Bluebirds 257 - 259, Red Hens 318 - 329, locomotives 805 - 809 and 935 - 938.
- The South Australian Railway Modellers' Association is formed.

The Story of SARMA: The First 50 Years – compiled from articles by Norm Scanlan, Bill Coles, Tony Sitters and Barrie Mackinnon.

Beginnings

In 1954 Pacemaker Model Engineering Supplies, a model railway house based in Albury N.S.W., decided that it would be a great idea to organise an Australia-wide Model Railway Association, and so under the guidance of its proprietor Bill Gardner the Association of Pacemaker and Australian Railway Modellers was founded. It was known as P.A.R.M.

Norm Scanlan, the Federal Secretary and Secretary of the Western Region (which comprised South Australia and Western Australia), called a meeting of interested persons at the home of Max Steer on 8 December 1954. There were seven members at this meeting. Max Steer was elected President and Kevin Beckman the Treasurer of the Western Region. Meetings were held once or twice a month in a member's home. The Association gradually grew and before long there were about 40 members in Adelaide, plus a few in the country and one or two in Western Australia.

In 1957 a layout was built at the Royal Adelaide Exhibition. Numerous new members were enrolled during the Exhibition. The Association had grown to the point where it was practically impossible to hold meetings in members' homes.

Fortunately at about this time the Association was approached by the South Australian Railways Institute and invited to have clubrooms on their premises. A special meeting of the Management Committee was held on 26 April 1957 at the home of the President, Max Steer. Those present included Max Steer, Kev Beckman, 'Tiny' Edwards, John Datson, Bob Monck, Don Willshire, Alan Aldous, Norm Scanlan, Trevor Carter and Ron Coney as financial and legal adviser.

The prime purpose of the meeting was to investigate means of raising funds for the rental of the new clubrooms and for the building of a club layout, but certain clauses in the P.A.R.M. constitution bound them to giving one third of all monies raised to P.A.R.M. Discussion turned to the idea of the "District of Adelaide, Western Region" breaking away from P.A.R.M. and forming their own association in Adelaide with clubrooms in the S.A.R.I.

At the next general meeting on Wednesday 8 May 1957, after a report on the Exhibition and some general business, Don Willshire moved that they sever all connections with Pacemaker and form their own association. The result of a secret ballot was 46 to nil in favour.

Elections for the committee of the new South Australian Railway Modellers' Association were held immediately. The following formed the foundation committee:

President: Max Steer
Vice-Presidents: John Datson,'Tiny' Edwards
Secretary: Norm Scanlan
Treasurer: Kev Beckman
Committeemen: Don Willshire, Alan Aldous, George Godsell, Bob Monck
Auditors: Ron Coney, Clarry Newman

The Patron of the Association was Mr J.A. Fargher, Commissioner of the S.A.R. (since the clubrooms were on S.A.R. property).

The first issue of the club's magazine, *The Buffer Stop*, was produced in June 1957. Mr Mal Mead, of "The Hobby Shop" in Gawler Place, very generously offered to print and publish the magazine, and this continued until the end of 1959, when the club acquired a spirit duplicator. At that time, the club also hired a typist to type *The Buffer Stop,* at six shillings ($0.60) per hour.

Tin Town

The S.A.R.M.A. clubrooms were located in "Tin Town", between the Adelaide Railway Station and the bank of the River Torrens, behind the "Cheer Up Hut" and the City Baths.

In July 1957 the layout room was painted, and construction of the club's first layout commenced in September to a design by Bob Monck. Two years later, in July 1959, members could run their rolling stock for the first time on the club's layout. Originally the trains tended to be American outline, some being quadruple and quintuple headed freight trains half a scale mile long. It was about 1965 that interest started to change from American to Australian prototype.

In November 1957 the club badge was authorised, the colours being silver and maroon with a locomotive and "South Australian Railway Modellers" printed on it.

In June 1958 the club's library was inaugurated with Alan Aldous as the first Librarian.

The first structure competition was held in August 1958. The judges were Mr Ron Fitch (Assistant to the Commissioner, S.A.R., later Commissioner), and Mr John Trelise and Mr Len Opie, both of the N.M.R.A. The winners were Max Starick, Bob Monck and Bill Coles.

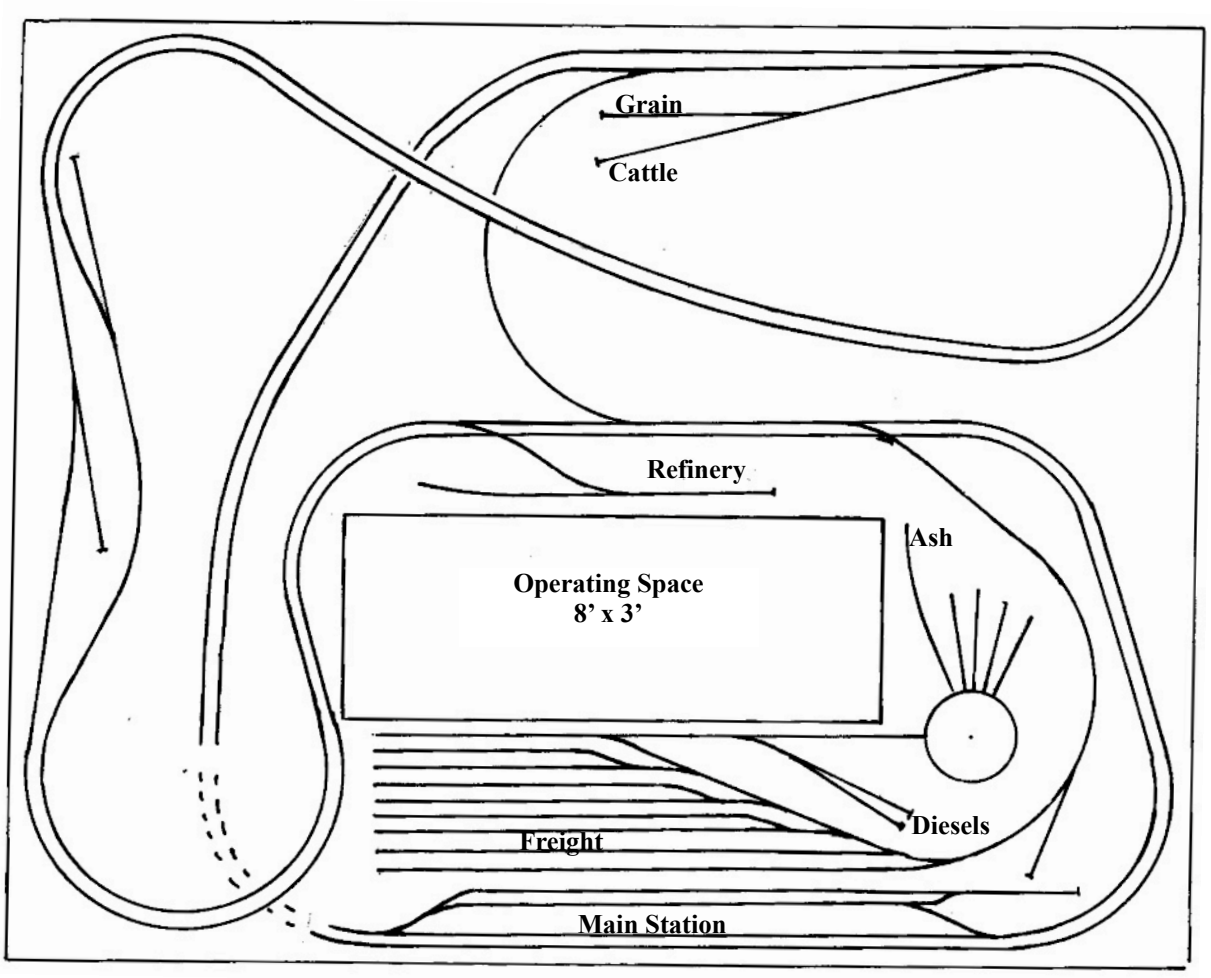
In 1961, it was time to construct a new club layout. Some club members with rolling stock which had the newer finescale wheels were having difficulties on the old track. At a meeting on 24th April, plans were produced and "torn up like confetti", but by the end of the evening, a layout plan had been agreed on, the amount of timber for the first two sections had been determined (the remaining two sections would be constructed from the existing layout), and the layout had been moved to the wall to give room for the construction of the new baseboard.

On Saturday 12th May 1962, the club had its first railfan trip, on a railcar to Milang and return, organised by Bill Coles.

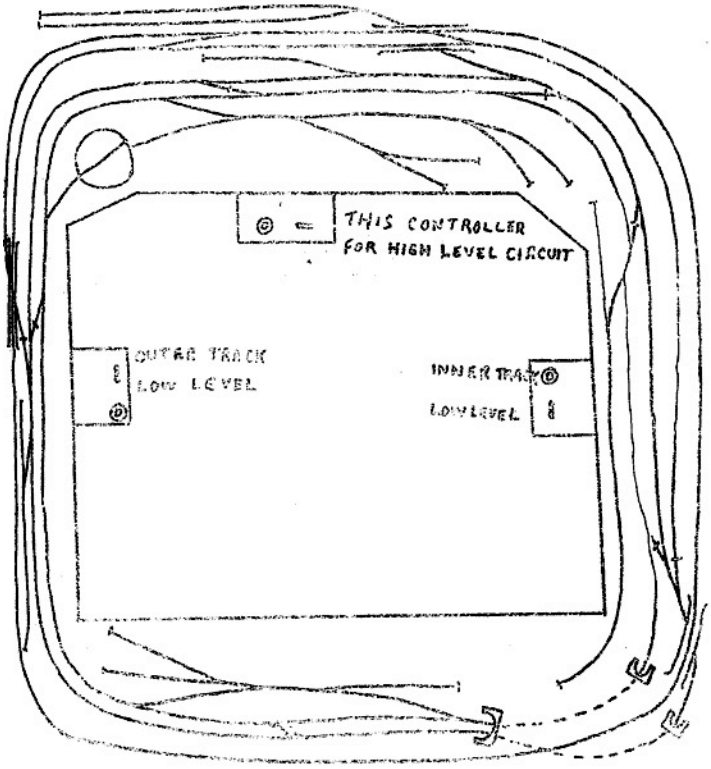
In its early years, the club held numerous motion picture evenings. There were also club picnics, firstly at the Noarlunga and Morphett Vale Ovals, and then later in the Belair National Park.

Mile End

At the start of the 1970s the Government began construction of the Adelaide Festival Centre. The City Baths and "Tin Town" were demolished. The S.A.R. offered the club a triangular piece of land within railway property near the Mile End railway station, at



The Club's first layout, after double track was extended all the way around. 17' x 13'6"



The Club's second layout at Tin Town

In 1971, the club bought a Gestetner copying machine for printing *The Buffer Stop;* it was replaced in 1975 by a Roneo machine. For a time, *The Buffer Stop* was sold in the model shops; the last issue to be sold ("Price 9¢") was in May 1974.

During 1971 a portable layout was constructed, 9' x 4'6".

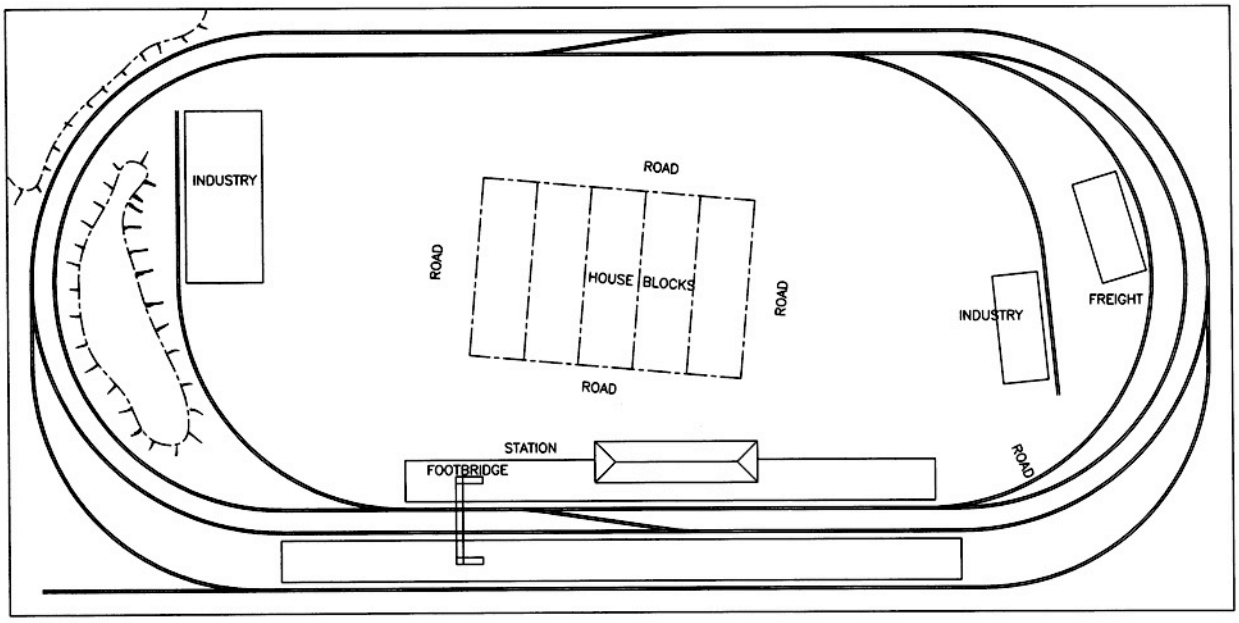
Early in 1972 the club erected a garage on the site near the Nissen hut. By 1976 the hut had become too small for the membership, and the remains of another Nissen hut were located at Beltana. This was transported to Mile End and erected at one end of the existing hut, and became known as "The Beltana Extension". Due to building regulations, the club was required to strengthen the construction, at considerable expense.

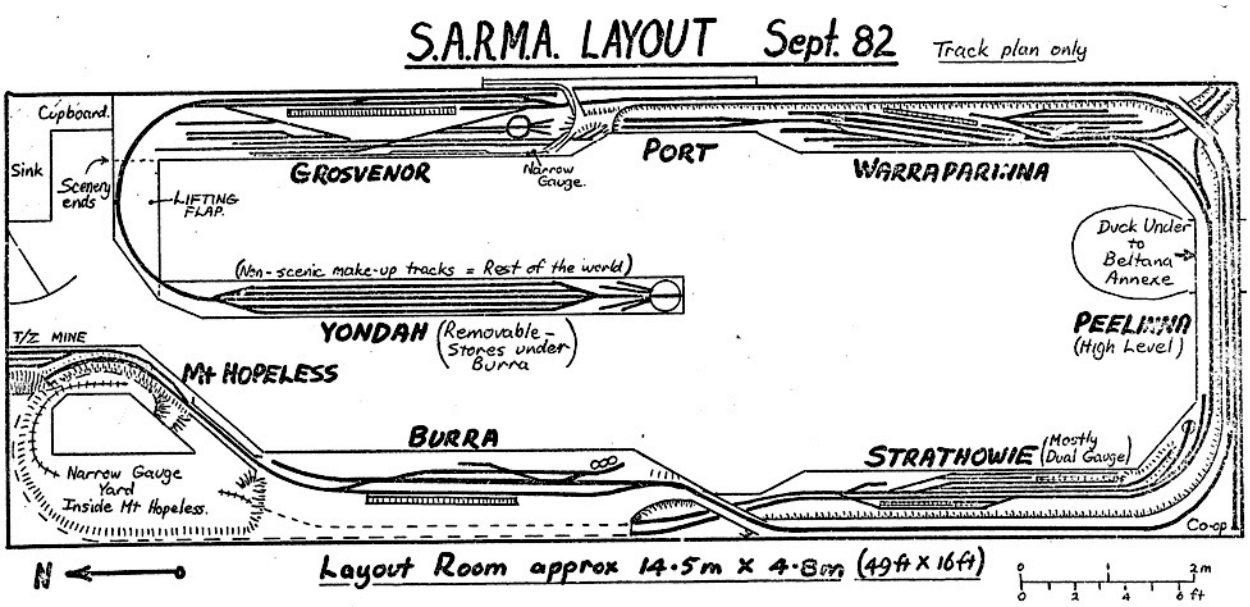
a peppercorn rental of $20 p.a. Club member Roger Wheeler, an accountant with the South Australian Housing Trust, became aware of a Nissen hut which had become surplus to the Trust's requirements. It was located at Woodville North and had been used as a kindergarten. The Nissen hut was relocated in September 1970, and the first club meeting in its new premises was held on Wednesday 14th April 1971.

In October 1974 SARMA became an incorporated body.

The original Nissen hut contained the club layout around the walls, and was used for club meetings. A section containing make-up tracks occupied the middle of the room and when not in use was stored under the layout. The Beltana Extension housed the club library and was used for model construction

SARMA PORTABLE LAYOUT OCT 1971 SIZE 9' x 4'6" NOT TO SCALE





nights. During its tenancy at Mile End, the club was required to pay council rates to the then Thebarton Council. Thanks to intervention by Jack Wright, MP, the club paid the rates to the Council, but in turn the Thebarton Council refunded the money as a donation. When the interstate and country rail passenger services were transferred to the new Adelaide Rail Passenger Terminal at Keswick in 1984, AN constructed a washing plant at Mile End, resulting in SARMA being billed for water rates

In March 1986 a subcommittee was formed to supervise the construction of the club's first modular layout. It consisted of Stan Filsell, David Jameson, Allan Kitto, Bill Lewis, Len Redway, John Willmer, and Glen Boerth, They determined the standards for the modules: dimensions, frame design, shape of corner modules and electrical details. It was a proper modular layout, with all modules (or pairs of modules) being interchangeable. The trailer for storage and transport of the modular layout was built on a caravan chassis, bought in 1987 for about $600. The framing to hold the modules in the trailer was designed by David Jameson, and the pieces were cut by Hills Salvage at Edwardstown The framing was welded together by Paul Brooks and Brian Willsmore, and clad by Barry Dunstan and another member during 1987. The middle sections in the trailer were later redesigned by Trevor and Peter Carter, to avoid having a (smallish) member of the club clambering inside during loading and unloading. The layout contained a double track mainline at the front, with a single track branch line at a higher level at the back. All three tracks were completely independent of each other with no connections.

From 1987 *The Buffer Stop* was photocopied courtesy of Terry Jomartz, until 2002 when the club acquired its own photocopier.

Islington and After

In the 1990s rail standardisation arrived in Adelaide, and the club had to move from the Mile End site. Two buildings at the Islington Railway Workshops became surplus to Australian National's requirements, and the lease was offered to six model railway clubs in Adelaide: SARMA, SANGS, Marklin, Proto4, CTC and AMRC. Because the Australian National Railways Commission was not prepared to lease the buildings to individual clubs, the Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition Inc., which had been formed in 1987 to coordinate the Adelaide Model Railway Show, became the umbrella organization to deal with ANRC and to maintain the buildings.

The Move from Mile End, 18 September 1994 Photo: Trevor Carter

SARMA left Mile End in September 1994. For a few months, meetings were held in at the North Adelaide Football Club, with one at Port Dock. The club started moving into its section of the Islington buildings in January 1995. A great deal of work was done by members in establishing a meeting room, a kitchen and the large layout room. Over the following years, the new Club Layout was gradually constructed.

However, control of the property at Islington passed from Australian National to ARG, and in 2003 the six clubs had to vacate the old workshops. With much sadness, the large club layout was dismantled. In August, SARMA moved to temporary premises in the hall of St John's Uniting Church on Prospect Road.

In 1994 the club started to build a second exhibition layout, originally known as "The Not-So-Big Exhibition Layout", but later named "Adelaide Plains." After the move from Mile End, much of the work in constructing the modules was done in a shed at Brian Woods' home. It was on display at a few exhibitions, but was eventually sold.

Annual Swapmeets began in 1995, organised by Tony Swarbrick and Terry Meads.

While at Islington, the club also disposed of its first modular layout and constructed the "Florey Springs" layout. It was later widened by constructing two more modules which were inserted at each end. One contained the quarry and limestone works, and the other was the iconic "bridges" module which became the most remembered feature of the layout. This layout had two main lines without a branch line, but there was plenty of scope for one or two additional operators to conduct shunting operations behind the Florey Springs station and at the limestone works. The layout had setup tracks behind the scenery backboards, and double-slip crossovers between the two main lines, calling for awareness and co-operation between the operators.

In 2004, the club accepted a proposal from the Grain and Barley Board to construct a layout at the Wayville Showgrounds, illustrating the movement of grain by rail from the silos in a country town to the silos at the port. A team worked on the layout at Wayville, and there were construction nights at Prospect and later at Dernancourt to make rolling stock, structures and trees. Lots of trees. The layout was completed just in time for the Show in 2005, and it was well received. There were some slight modifications made for the Show in 2006. The layout will again be on display at the Show in 2007.

In October 2004 the club moved again to temporary premises, this time at the corner of Balmoral and Lyons Roads, Dernancourt. The big club layout was placed in storage at Tilley Reserve, in part of a large shed rented from the City of Tea Tree Gully. Monthly meetings are held in the "Log Cabin", and other activities take place in the large shed next to it. The *Florey Springs/Golden Plains* layout has been set up as a club running layout, while the search continues for a permanent home.

SARMA Events and Activities, 1957 – 2007

This list of activities of SARMA over the past fifty years has been compiled from references in *The Buffer Stop*. A fuller list of the activities from 1957 to 2002 can be found in Barrie Mackinnon's booklet, "**SARMA: Club Activities Over the First Forty-Five Years**", a copy of which may be found in the Club Library.

1957	May 8	SARMA formed.
1957	Jun 12	First *Buffer Stop* printed (by Mal Mead of "The Hobby Shop").
1957	Oct 29	Train Control & Adelaide Yard Cabin.
1958	Jul	SARMA Library opens.
1958	Dec 13	The Junior Members' Christmas function to be held at the home of Mrs. Holberton.
1959	Feb 13	Police Advanced Driving Wing.
1959	Oct 16	Drawing of 'TV Quiz'.
1959	Oct 20-24	Y.M.C.A. Hobbies Exhibition.
1959	Dec	Last *Buffer Stop* to be printed by Mal Mead.
1960	Jan	First *Buffer Stop* to be printed by the club.
1960	Jan (?)	Layout in the window of Cornell Travel Agency.
1960	Feb	Cornell Travel Agency donates framed picture of a Canadian Pacific train.
1960	Apr 29	Club to hire a typist to type *The Buffer Stop* at 6/- ($0.60) per hour.
1960	May 11	*The Buffer Stop* now printed on the club's Copyrex machine.
1960	May 27	Four new members from Keith (including SAR Porter Des McAuliffe) join SARMA and form the Southern Branch.
1960	Sep-Oct	Layout in Cornell's Travel Agency.
1960	Oct 5	President (Norm Scanlan) interviewed by Judith Hodge on ABS2.
1961	Easter(?)	Layout at Myers(?)
1961	May 26	Mile End Roundhouse and Loco yards.
1961	Sep 25-30	Y.M.C.A.
1961	Nov	Club layout operational.
1962	Mar	Elder Park exhibition
1962	Apr	Bill Coles is North-Eastern Wood Shapes representative in Australia.
1962	May	Royal Adelaide Exhibition.
1962	May 12	Rail trip to Milang.
1963	Mar 28	Royal Adelaide Exhibition, Wayville.
1964	Apr 3	Government Farm Oval, Belair
1965	Oct 16	Rail Car Service Depot.
1966	Mar 26	First goods train trip, Dry Creek to Angaston
1967	Jan 20	Freight train, Dry Creek to Clare.
1967	Feb 15	Adelaide Cement.
1967	Mar 1	Woodroofes.
1967	Mar 17-18	Freight trip to Port Pirie.
1967	Apr 21	General Motors Holdens.
1967	May 19	E.T.S.A., Osborne.
1968	May 11	Mile End Diesel Workshops.
1968	May 15	George Bishop's Steam Train to Willunga.
1968	Aug 2	General Motors Holdens.
1968	Aug 9	ACTIL.
1968	Sep 24-28	Y.M.C.A. Hobbies Exhibition.
1968	Oct 11-14	'Telethon' Model Railway Exhibition at the Kent Town Industrial Training Centre.
1968	Nov 15-16	Ex Adelaide on the Terowie Express; freight home.
1968	Nov 23	Mile End Roundhouse.
1969	Jan 17	Freight, Dry Creek to Gladstone.
1969	Feb 2	'O' Gauge Club, Paradise.
1969	Apr 12	Red Hen to Bridgewater.
1969	Apr 13	Mile End Roundhouse.
1969	May 14	S.A.R. donates broad gauge power and rolling stock plans to SARMA.
1969	May 20-26	Y.W.C.A., North Adelaide.
1969	Aug 8	Adelaide Signal Cabin/Train Control.
1969	Aug 15	Torrens Island Power Station.
1969	Nov	Monthly "Consistent Modeller" and annual "Master Modeller" Awards inaugurated.
1969	Nov 14	Bluebird from Adelaide to Terowie then freight via Peterborough and Port Pirie to Dry Creek.
1969		Papuan Army Regiment visits.
1970	Jan 16	Freight trip from Goodwood to Tailem Bend.
1970	Mar 7	Club layout at St. Peters.
1970	Mar 14	Bluebird to Victor Harbour.
1970	?	ACTIL.
1970	Aug 14	St, John Ambulance Cadet Revue.
1970	Sep 3-5	SARMA Exhibition at Y.W.C.A, Hall, North Adelaide.
1970	Sep	British Tube Mills.
1970	Sep 26	Mile End Diesel Depot.
1970	Oct long weekend	Model Railway Exhibition at the Mentally Retarded Children's Workshops, Kent Town.
1970	Oct 23	Nissen Hut transported from the Athol Park Play Centre site to Mile End.
1970	Nov 13	Woodroofes.
1970	Nov 13-14	Dry Creek to Brinkworth.
1970	Nov 28	St. John Ambulance Fete, North Adelaide.
1970	Dec 16	The club purchased 70 chairs.
1971	Feb 26	Fire races through building housing club layout. Layout covered with a thick layer of soot but otherwise undamaged.
1971	Mar 3	'Tintown' clubrooms vacated.
1971	Mar 10	Modelling competition judged by 'Tiny' Edwards at club meeting in S.A.R.I. building on North Tce.(?)
1971	Mar 13	Bluebird trip to Victor Harbour.

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1971	Apr 14	A.G.M. - First meeting in new club rooms. Gestetner machine purchased for printing *The Buffer Stop*.
1971		First portable layout constructed
1971	Jul 14	Members must not park on railway property. Access to the clubrooms is by footway from Railway Tce.
1971	Jul 14	*The Buffer Stop* now printed on the club's 'Banda 15 Spirit Duplicator'.
1972	Feb 14-15	Freight trip to Moonta.
1972	Mar 11	Passenger train to Victor Harbour.
1972	Mar 18	20' x 12' (6m x 3.6m) garage erected on site.
1972	Aug 31– Sep 2	SARMA Exhibition, Y.W.C.A. Hall, North Adelaide.
1972	??	Mitcham Pre-School Kindergarten.
1972	Nov 11	Tailem Bend by Bluebird.
1973	Jan	Layout framework started.
1973	Feb 16-18	Goods train trip Goodwood to Serviceton.
1973	Mar 17	Victor Harbour picnic trip.
1973	Apr 11	First 'Tiny' Edwards Memorial Structure Award.
1973	Sep 15	Inspect Mile End Diesel Depot.
1973	Oct 18	Perry Engineering Foundry
1973	Nov 9	Family night at clubrooms: Police talk on 'Home Security'.
1973	Dec 1-2	Passenger train trip to Whyalla.
1974	Mar 8-10	Goods train trip Mitcham to Mount Gambier.
1974	Mar 30-31	Whyalla Model Railway Soc visit Adelaide.
1974	May 8	Last *Buffer Stop* to be sold in shops.
1974	May 25	Model Railway Exhibition Hillcrest Scout Hall.
1974	Aug 17	Westbourne Park Primary School.
1974	Oct	SARMA is now Incorporated.
1974	Nov 23-24	Passenger train trip to Whyalla.
1974	Nov 30	St. John Ambulance Fair, Wellington Square, North Adelaide.
1975	Feb 21-22	Freight train trip, Dry Creek to Gladstone.
1975		Club acquires about 3,000 telephone relays and 23 metal relay cabinets from Flinders University.
1975	Mar 15-16	Whyalla modellers come to Adelaide.
1975	Mar 18	SARMA work on Brookway Park layout
1975	Jun 28-29	Construction of 20 more SARMA barricades at Strathmont.
1975	Aug 28-31	SARMA Exhibition, Freemasons Hall, North Terrace.
1975	Oct 1	Ladies' train trip to lunch at the Stable Restaurant, Bridgewater
1975	Oct 24-26	Freight train trip Adelaide to Marree.
1975	Nov 12	*The Buffer Stop* now printed on the club's Roneo machine.
1975	Nov 14	Perry Engineering Works, Mile End.
1975	Dec 3	Ladies' train trip to lunch at the Old Mill, Hahndorf.
1976	Mar 13	Picnic rail trip to Victor Harbour.
1976	Mar 25-28	Passenger train from Mitcham to Mt. Gambier then goods train to Millicent and Mitcham.
1976	Jun 26	The Gawler Mill.
1976	Jul 14	New fans installed in the clubrooms. Tank installed, tap over the sink.
1976	Oct	Parts for 'Beltana' extension arrive from Leigh Creek.
1976	Oct 22-23	Freight train trip, Salisbury to Moonta.
1976	Nov 10	$5 levy imposed on members.
1977	Mar 11-13	Freight train trip, Mitcham to Serviceton.
1977	Aug 10	Strathowie station fully operational.
1977	Aug 12	C.T.C. and Adelaide Signal Cabin.
1977	Aug 13	Mile End Diesel Depot, Running Sheds and Railcar Depot.
1977	Nov 11-12	Goods train trip to Port Pirie.
1977	Nov 26	St. John's Fete.
1977	Dec 11	Christmas party at Rymill Park.
1978	Jan 9-20	Myer's Hobby Exhibition.
1978	Jan 22	Official opening of 'Beltana'.
1978	Apr 14-15	Freight train to Gladstone.
1978	May 21	Layout in the Marble Hall at the Adelaide Railway Station.
1978	Jun 24	Dining car Adelaide on train to Nairne.
1978	Oct 6	First running night.
1978	Oct 17	Clyde Engineering, Rosewater.
1978	Oct 28(?)	R.A.A.F. Hobbies in Action, Salisbury College, Smith Road.
1978	Nov 16-19	Adelaide (Overland Express) - Tailem Bend - Barmera - Tailem Bend - Serviceton - Mitcham.
1979	Mar 16-17	Moonta.
1979	Aug 27- Sep 1	Layout exhibited at David Jones.
1979	Sep	Bridglands (established 1946) now located at 81 Pirie Street.
1979	Dec 8	Grand opening of Beltana Annexe. Wine and Cheese tasting.
1979	Dec 15	Layout at Glenelg for the Glenelg Tram Jubilee.
1980	Feb 15	Someone kicked in clubroom front door but losses were light.
1980	Mar 15	Layout at Crippled Children's Association, Regency Park.
1980	May 2-3	Freight trip, Salisbury to Port Pirie.
1980	Jun 28	Dinner in Dining Car 'Adelaide' from Adelaide to Bridgewater.
1980	Jul 25	Window security frames now fitted to all windows.
1981	Jan 14	Club receives a grant of $480 from the State Government's Division of Recreation and Sport on a Dollar-for-Dollar basis.

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1981	May	The Club's current logo, designed by David Jameson, makes its first appearance on *The Buffer Stop*
1981	May 10	Layout at Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Society, Regency Rd, for Crippled Children's Association(?)
1981	Aug 8-9	Visit by Blue Lake Model Railway Club.
1981	Sep10-13	Freight train trip from Mitcham to Mount Gambier and Millicent.
1981	Sep 30	Visit by Mile End Railway Museum.
1981	Oct 17	Visit by Regency Centre for Physically Handicapped Children.
1982	Feb 19	Clyde Engineering.
1982	Feb 28	Outer Harbor Container Terminal.
1982	Mar 20	St. Kilda Electric Traction Museum.
1982	Apr 18	Steamranger Depot, Dry Creek.
1982	Apr 25-26	Exhibition - Alden Manor, Glenelg.
1982	May 8	Penrice Quarries.
1982	Sep 10-11	Freight train trip, Salisbury to Port Pirie.
1982	Dec 3	T shirt printing night.
1983	Jan 22	'Daylight Overland' to Serviceton.
1983	Apr 23-24	Blue Lake Model Railway Club Exhibition at Mount Gambier.
1983	Jun 18	Adelaide Diesel Railcar Depot.
1983	Oct 8-10	Exhibition at Regency Park Centre for Young Disabled.
1984	Feb 11	Train to Goolwa for picnic.
1984	Apr 7	Stonie
1984	Jul 21	Freight trip from North Adelaide to Penrice Quarry/Osborne/Bowden. *The last SARMA train trip?*
1984	Jul 29	ARHS Farewell to 900 Class Tour, Adelaide to Coonalpyn.
1984	Aug	Members start donating $10.00/ea to 'Clubroom Chairs Fund'.
1984	Aug 11-12	Mount Barker Model Railway Club, Mount Barker High School.
1984	Aug 19	Littlehampton Primary School.
1984	Oct 21	Strawberry Fair, Edwardstown Primary School.
1984	Oct 27	Gala Day, Woodville Spastic Centre.
1985	Mar 15	Train Control (with ARHS).
1985	Apr 14	Swap Meet - Urrbrae College.
1985	Oct 12-14	1985 Model Railway Show. St. Clair Recreation Centre.
1985	Oct 26	Hillcrest Primary School.
1986	Jan 19	Barossa Valley Exhibition and Fun Fair, Barossa Junction. Tanunda.
1986	Mar 12	SARMA-built Wallaroo Fertilizers layout safely installed in the Jubilee Trade Train.
1986	Mar	Start on first modular layout.
1986	Mar 1-2	Model Railway and Hobbies and Engineering Exhibition, Mt Barker.
1986	Apr 25-27	Model Railway Exhibition, Mount Gambier City Hall.
1986	May 10	East Adelaide School Centenary
1986	Jun	Trip by Bart's bus to Quorn (on long weekend).
1986	Aug 13	'Wallaroo' layout at Cleve Field Days.
1986	??	Blackfriars.
1986	Sep 28	Littlehampton Primary School Fair.
1987		Terry Jomartz undertakes printing of *The Buffer Stop*, until 2002.
1987	Jun 6-8	Pichi Richi Railway excursion.
1987	Oct 10-12	Adelaide Model Railway Show, No. 1 shed, Queens Wharf, Port Adelaide.
1987	Nov 21	Colourtype Printing Pty. Ltd.
1987	Nov 21	Mile End Locomotive Depot.
1987	Nov 28	Arkaba Steak Cellar.
1988	Jan 23-25	Julia Farr Centre Model Railway Club, Bicentenial Carnival.
1988	Apr 1-4	Bendigo Model Railway Exhibition.
1988	Apr 16	Glengowrie Tram Depot.
1988	Apr 23-25	Mt Gambier Model Railway Exhibition.
1988	May 1	Picnic at St. Kilda Traction Museum.
1988	Oct 9-10	Munno Para Model Railway Show, Elizabeth Downs.
1989	Jan 27-30	Corio Model Railway Club.
1989	Apr 23	Picnic at Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Soc. Regency Rd.
1989	Jun 14	Discussion on possibility of entering into a joint arrangement with other clubs and sharing premises.
1989	Jul 14-16	Assemble layout for test running at Collotype Labels, Richmond.
1989	Oct	Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition, No. 1 Shed, Port Adelaide.
1989	Nov 15	Inaugural train through Grosvenor and last point motor installed.
1989	Dec 13	Meeting held at the A.N. Institute Terminus Club.
1990	Jan 10	Grosvenor now fully functional.
1990	Jun 13	Narrawinna finished; trains running.
1991	Aug 1-31	Display in the Enfield and Greenacres Libraries.
1991	Oct	A.M.R.E. Exhibition at Hamilton Hall, Wayville
1991	Dec 11	Steamranger Depot, Dry Creek
1992	Aug 15-16	Exhibition at Strathalbyn Scout Hall.
1992	Aug	Dry Creek Motive Power Depot.
1992	Dec 9	Tram trip to Glenelg.
1993	Jun 12-14	A.M.R.E. Exhibition, Hamilton Hall, Wayville.
1993	Jul 14-15	Strathalbyn Collectors, Hobbies & Antique Fair.
1994	Jan 15-16	Wallaroo
1994	May 14	Opening run of Y. P. Rail Preservation Society train.
1994	Jun 15	Last controlled running night.
1994	Jun 24-25	Mini Exhibition North Adelaide Football Club Fri pm Sat day/pm
1994	Jul 9-10	Last Hurrah on club layout. 4.00 pm Saturday to 10.00 am Sunday.

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1994	Jul 13	Last official use of the club layout (for Drawbar competition).
1994	Jul 20	First layout dismantling night.
1994	Aug 10	General meetings now held in the North Adelaide Football Club rooms
1994	Sep 2-10	Upper level, Duncan Hall, Royal Adelaide Show, Wayville.
1994	Sep17-18	Farewell clean-up at Mile End site. Storage of layout and clubroom gear into a 40 foot container.
1994	Oct 8-9	Model Train Exhibition at the Centenary Hall, Goolwa.
1994	Oct 30	Southern Encounter, Keswick to Victor Harbour.
1994	Dec 14	Bus tour to Roseworthy Model Engineers.
1994	Dec 16	B.B.Q. at Islington clubrooms.
1995	Jan 27-29	Corio Exhibition
1995	Feb 8	General meeting held at Port Dock.
1995	Feb 15	Australian Submarine Corporation.
1995	Feb 25	Container unloaded at Islington.
1995	Mar 8	First General meeting at the new Islington Club rooms.
1995	Mar 11-12	Port Pirie Model Railway Exhibition Y.M.C.A. building
1995	June 10-12	Adelaide Model Railway Show. Hamilton Hall, Wayville.
1995	Jul 26	Start made on new clubroom layout.
1995	Aug 2	Fete layout steelwork in planning stage.
1995	Aug 27	Club books carriage on Steamranger to Blackwood.
1995	Oct 11	Dividing wall now in place.
1995	Nov 19	Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
1995	Dec 13	'Mystery' bus trip to Roseworthy.
1996	Mar 26	Swapmeet at Strathmont Centre.
1996	Apr 14	SARMA's Wallaroo Rail Tour.
1996	Jun 12	Layout metal framework finished.
1996	Jun 22-23	Model Railway Show, Windsor Gardens High School.
1996	Aug 18	Giant Model Swapmeet, Strathmont.
1996	Aug 24-25	Gawler Show.
1996	Sep 28-29	'Model 96' at Riverton.
1996	Nov 3	Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens.
1996	Nov 27	Last wooden section of layout finished 16 months after starting first metal frame.
1997	Mar 9-10	1997 Model Railway Exhibition, Y.M.C.A. Complex, Port Pirie.
1997	Jun 7-9	Adelaide Model Railway Show, Wayville Showgrounds.
1997	Aug 22-23	Gawler Show.
1997	Sep 27-28	'Model 97' at Riverton
1997	Nov 1	Toy & Model Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
1997	Dec 10	Approx 3,000 metres of cable bought for use on layout so far.
1998	Jan 10-11	Wallaroo.
1998	Apr 8	Peelinna Peninsula bridge finished.
1998	Apr 18-19	1998 Model Train Show, Windsor Gardens High School.
1998	May 2	Club acquires Peter Beck's layout.
1998	Jul	S.A.R.M.A, is now on the 'net.
1998	Jul 15	Australian Submarine Corporation.
1998	Jul 18-19	'Tracks 'N' Trains' Show, Immanuel College.
1998	Aug 29-30	Gawler Show.
1998	Oct 10-11	Fleurieu Railway Operators Group model railway display, Goolwa.
1998	Nov 1	Toy & Model Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
1998	Nov 7-8	Model Extravaganza, Riverton.
1999	Jun 12-14	Adelaide Model Railway Show, Greyhound Park.
1999	Jul	Exhibition layout sold.
1999	Jul 14	First 'official' train does a lap of honour on new club layout.
1999	Aug 28-29	Gawler Show.
1999	Oct 31	Toy & Model Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
1999	Nov 6-7	'Model 99' at Riverton.
2000	Jun 10-12	AMRE Greyhound Park.
2000	Jul 8-9	Model Train Exhibition, Stawell.
2000	Aug 26-27	Gawler Show.
2000	Oct 18	Clyde Engineering.
2000	Oct 29	Toy & Model Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
2000	Nov 4-5	Riverton 2000.
2001	Jan 26-28	Corio Model Railway Exhibition, Norlane, near Geelong.
2001	Mar 14	Clubroom lights are finished.
2001	Apr 11	Fete layout demonstrated.
2001	Apr 21-22	RailShow 2001, Windsor Gardens Voc. College.
2001	Jun 9-11	AMRE, Greyhound Park.
2001	Jul 7-8	Grampian Train Show, Stawell.
2001	Aug 25-26	Gawler Show.
2001	Sep 22-23	Mildura Train Show.
2001	Oct 20-22	Tracks to Federation, Port Augusta.
2001	Oct 28	Toy & Model Swap Meet, Windsor Gardens High School.
2002	Jan 12-13	Warrnambool Train Show.
2002	Mar 30-1	Hobsons Bay - South Melbourne.
2002	Jun 8-10	AMRE, Greyhound Park.
2002	Jul 13-14	Stawell.
2002	Aug	SARMA acquires a photocopier.
2002		"Adelaide Plains" layout at Gawler Show.
2002	Oct 13	Gladstone Galloper.
2002 - 2003		Modelling Group meets 4th Thursdays.
2003	Jan 8	Meetings now start at 7.30 p.m.
2003	Apr 25-27	SARMA Model Railway Show, Windsor Gardens.
2003	Jan 29	Belair trip.
2003	Mar 30	West Torrens Railway Signal Telegraph & Aviation Museum.
2003	Jun 7-9	AMRE Greyhound Park.
2003	Jul 12-13	Florey Springs at Stawell.
2003	Jul 9	Bluebird makes run around club layout.
2003	Jul	Dismantling of layout begins.

SARMA Events and Activities, 1957 – 2007

2003	Aug	Move to St John's Church Hall, Prospect.
2003	Sep 20-21	Florey Springs at Mildura.
2003	Oct 19	Florey Springs at Sunnybrae Farm.
2003	Nov 7-9	Florey Springs at Portland.
2004	Mar	*The Buffer Stop* has a colour photo (by John Doherty) on the cover to mark the first Ghan to Darwin.
2004	Jun 12-14	Florey Springs at Ballarat; AMRE ("Woolshed").
2004	Jul 10-11	Florey Springs at Stawell.
2004	Aug	Construction of scenery for the Grain Board layout begins.
2004	Oct	Photo competition won by Barry Horner.
2004	Oct 23	SARMA moves to Dernancourt; club layout stored at Tilley Reserve.
2004	Oct 27	"Adelaide Plains" at Sunnybrae. (?)
2005	Jan 7-9	Florey Springs at Warrnambool.
2005	Jan	Accident Train project begins.
2005	Feb 21	Site works begin on Grain Board layout.
2005	Apr 30-May 1	SARMA Rail Show, Windsor Gardens Vocational College.
2005	Jun	AMRE, Greyhound Park.
2005		SARMA acquires digital photocopier.
2005	Sep	Royal Adelaide Show: Grain Board layout operational; The start of regular colour covers for *The Buffer Stop*.
2005	Sep 17-18	Mildura.
2005	Nov	SARMA Swap meet.
2006	Jan 13-15	FROG Rail Show, Port Elliot: "Last outing for Florey Springs".
2006	Jan	Accident Train project continues; 700/710 construction begins.
2006	Jun 10-12	AMRE: "Beyond the Train Set".
2006	Sep	Grain Board layout at Show.
2006	Sep 30	"Open Day" at Dernancourt.
2006	Oct 11	Photo competition won by Colin Barnes.
2006	Nov 5	Swapmeet, Windsor Gardens.
2007	Feb	Conversion of "Florey Springs" to "Golden Plains" commenced; Dismantling of club layout commenced.
2007	Apr 27-29	SARMA Rail Show, Golden Grove.

SARMA'S first railfan trip, Milang, 12 May 1962

Photo: Trevor Carter

SARMA'S first layout at Tin Town, c. 1960

Photo: Trevor Carter

The SARMA Executive

Year	President	Vice-Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer
1957-58	Max Steer	John Datson 'Tiny' Edwards	Norm Scanlan	Kevin Beckmann
1958-59	Max Steer	'Tiny' Edwards Clarrie Newson	Norm Scanlan	John Datson
1959-60	Max Steer	'Tiny' Edwards Geof May	Norm Scanlan	John Datson
1960-61	Norm Scanlan	Stan Filsell Don Willshire	Don Snow	John Datson
1961-62	Norm Scanlan	Bill Coles Stan Filsell	Don Snow	John Datson
1962-63	Bill Coles	Don Willshire Norm Scanlan	Don Snow/ Stan Filsell	John Datson
1963-64	Bill Coles	Don Willshire Ray Stratton	Peter Beck	John Datson
1964-65	Bill Coles	?	Trevor Carter	Peter Beck
1965-66	Bob Irvine	Ray Stratton(?)	Trevor Carter	Peter Beck/ Stan Filsell
1966-67	Bob Irvine	?	Trevor Carter	Stan Filsell
1967-68	Bob Irvine	Bill Coles + ?	Trevor Carter	Stan Filsell
1968-69	Trevor Carter	Bob Irvine Bill Coles	John Gordon	Stan Filsell
1969-70	John Gordon	Trevor Carter Bill Coles	Bob Irvine	Roger Wheeler
1970-71	John Gordon	Bill Coles Trevor Carter	Bob Irvine	Roger Wheeler
1971-72	Eric Milne	Stan Filsell Phil Curnow	Hugh Williams/ Bob Irvine	Roger Wheeler
1972-73	Eric Milne	Bill Coles Phil Curnow	Bob Irvine	Roger Wheeler
1973-74	Trevor Carter	Allan Kitto Vic Kollosche	Bob Irvine	Barrie Mackinnon
1974-75	Trevor Carter	Allan Kitto Vic Kollosche	Bob Irvine	Barrie Mackinnon
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1978-79	Trevor Carter	Tony Sitters Vic Kollosche	Allan Kitto	Don Snow
1979-80	Tony Sitters	Trevor Carter Vic Kollosche	Allan Kitto	Don Snow
1980-81	Tony Sitters	Vic Kollosche Len Redway	Noel Potter	Barrie Mackinnon
1981-82	Tony Sitters	Vic Kollosche Alistair Whibley/ Allan Kitto	Noel Potter	Barrie Mackinnon
1982-83	Noel Potter	Don Snow Tony Sitters	Bill Lewis	Barrie Mackinnon
1983-84	Noel Potter	Trevor Carter Tony Sitters	Bill Lewis	Barrie Mackinnon

Year	President	Vice-Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer
1984-85	Tony Sitters	Vic Kollosche Bill Lewis	Trevor Carter	Barrie Mackinnon
1985-86	Rob Burford	Vic Kollosche Bill Lewis	Tony Sitters	Don Snow
1986-87	Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves Bill Lewis	Tony Sitters	Don Snow
1987-88	Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves Steven Masters	Tony Sitters	Don Snow
1988-89	Michael Partington	Trevor Carter Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves	Don Snow
1989-90	Roger Wyatt	Trevor Carter Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves	Don Snow
1990-91	Roger Wyatt	Trevor Carter Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves	Don Snow
1991-92	Roger Wyatt	Trevor Carter Rob Burford	Austin Balnaves	Don Snow
1992-93	Brian Woods	Trevor Carter David Zeitz	Austin Balnaves	Don Snow
1993-94	Trevor Carter	Peter Carter Brian Woods	Bryan Leaney	Don Snow
1994-95	Trevor Carter	Peter Carter David Thomas	Bryan Leaney	Don Snow
1995-96	Trevor Carter	Peter Carter David Thomas	Bryan Leaney	Don Snow
1996-97	Trevor Carter	Peter Carter Tony Sitters	Bryan Leaney	Don Snow
1997-98	Trevor Carter	Peter Carter John Doherty	Bryan Leaney	Don Snow
1998-99	Peter Carter	John Doherty Bill Lewis	Peter Pickering	Don Snow
1999-2000	Peter Carter	John Doherty Bill Lewis	Richard Ash	Don Snow
2000-01	Peter Carter	John Doherty Bill Lewis	Richard Ash	Don Snow
2001-02	Peter Carter	Ron Solly Trevor Carter	Greg Donhardt	Don Snow
2002-03	Peter Carter	Bill Lewis Trevor Carter	Greg Donhardt/ Ron Solly	Don Snow
2003-04	Bill Lewis	Richard Fisheris Peter Pickering	Stephen Michalak	Don Snow
2004-05	Bill Lewis	Peter Pickering Iain Kennedy	Peter Michalak	Don Snow
2005-06	Bill Lewis	Peter Pickering Iain Kennedy	Peter Michalak	Karl Eichinger
2006-07	Hugh Williams	Roger Wheeler Iain Kennedy	Peter Pickering	Karl Eichinger

Life Members

1962	John Datson	1983	Bob Irvine †	2000	Des McAuliffe
1962	Ivo 'Tiny' Edwards †	1983	Tony Sitters	2002	Roger Wheeler
1962	Norman Scanlan †	1990	Don Snow	2002	Hugh Williams
1979	Trevor Carter	1993	Rob Burford	2005	David Jameson
1979	Stan Filsell	1995	John Willmer		
1983	Bill Coles	1998	Barrie Mackinnon		

SARMA MEMBERSHIP LIST 1957 - 1958

In order of membership number, as far as can be worked out.

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J. Kirby
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R. Hann
T.D. Carter
C.A. Newson
H. Whittle
R.L. Gadd
J. Huggan
W.M. Brown
C. Huggan
M. Tingay
F. Hair
K. May
D.M. Gardner
A. Lownsborough
G. Bartolomew
M.A. Mead
L.R. Martin
S. Filsell
R.W. Dack
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R. Smith
D.E. Warren
H. Warren
P. Keal
K.A. Dodd
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G.L. Rau
A.L. Rau
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C. Rodgers

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G.A. Crowhurst
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R.J. Monck
J.C. Maxwell
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E.D. Gardner
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M.A. Starick
D.R. Nation
R.R. Coney
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A. Aldous
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H. Knight
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G.C. Scott
W.C. Spraggett
R.A. Hay
J.H. Priest
D.J. Weaver
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M. McKean
H.G. Trezise
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W.C. Coles
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K. Johnstone
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L.K. Venus
B.A. Richardson
B. Tozer
W.H. Coulter
D. Fenton
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D. McDonald
W.J. Castle
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R.J. Holberton
E.V. Holberton
K.V. Kirk
J. Finlay
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J. McNeil
P. Beck
W.C. Wyatt
L.T. Matthias
C.J. Noble
A.D. Thomas
B. McNeil
H.S. Williams

This list has been compiled from lists printed in *The Buffer Stop,* a 1957 list provided by Barrie Mackinnon, and a 1960 list provided by Hugh Williams. There are some inconsistencies between the lists; the above is as accurate as we can make it.

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Robert Angus
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Richard Ash
John Badcock
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Treven Barnes
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Michael Bockmann
Rob Burford
Warren Burt
Peter Carter
Trevor Carter
Gordon Chaplin
Andrew Chapman
Bill Coles
John Cracknell
Howard Cuffe
Anne Cuffe
Bill Daniels
John Datson
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Bill Dick
John Doherty
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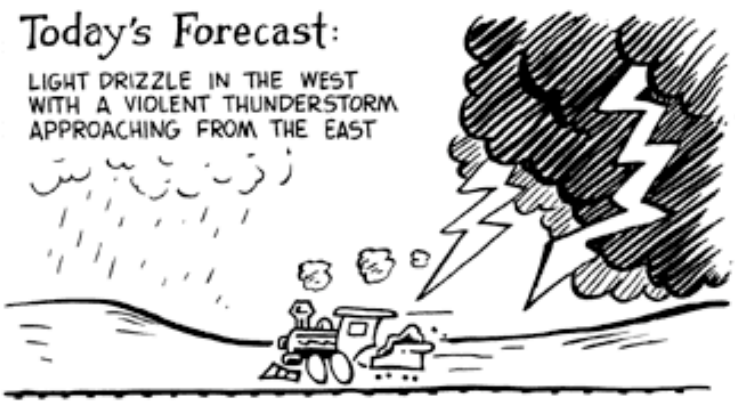

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Photo Pages

In the early years, there were regular visits to the home layouts of club members.
These photos are from slides taken by Trevor Carter.

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Bill Coles

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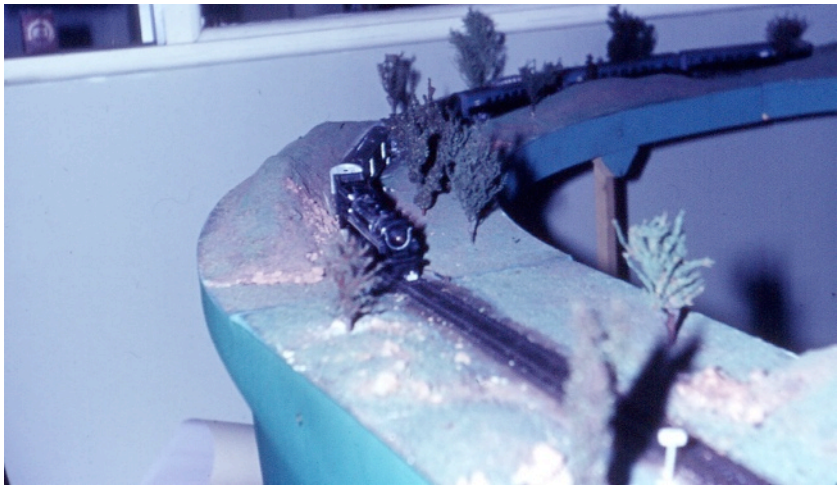
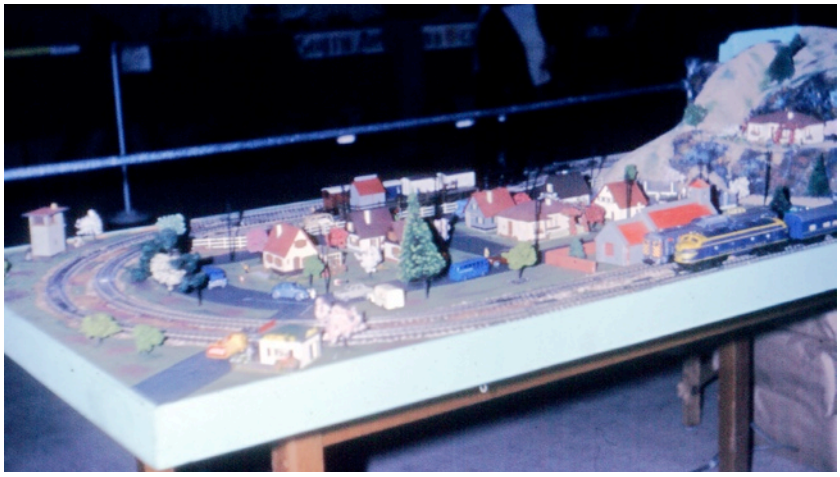
Len Venus

Stan Filsell



Bob Irvine

Mal Mead
(portable layout at an exhibition)



The Early Exhibition Scene

Slides by Trevor Carter

1962 Exhibition:

Scenery:
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March 1963:

MRCA, Stan Filsell,
CWA Hall, Wayville

August 1975:

Freemasons' Hall,
North Terrace

August 1975:
Freemasons' Hall;

Little North Western

SARMA Dinner, 1960s

Left, from front:
Edna Irvine, Bob Irvine, Josie Gordon, John Gordon, Karl Clermont, Mrs Clermont, Eric Milne, Thelma Milne

Right, from front:
Kath Coles, Bill Coles, Thelma Filsell, Stan Filsell, Hugh Williams

Photo: Hugh Williams Collection

SARMA Train Trip

Some time, somewhere between Adelaide and the South East. Probably.

Back row, along carriage:
Tony Thomas, Dean Jackson, ?, Ian McGregor, Vic Kollosche, Maurie Denham, Roger Wheeler, Wally Bennett.

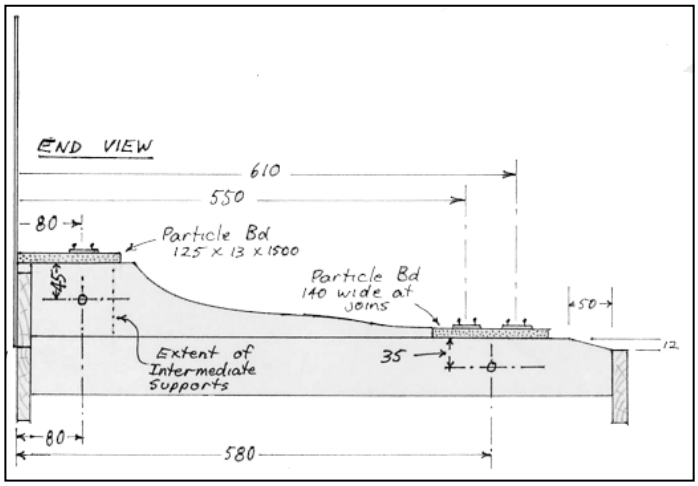
Front row:
Don Snow, Allan Kitto & Roger Kitto, Alan Lewis, Trevor Carter (in dark glasses), Mark Wilson.

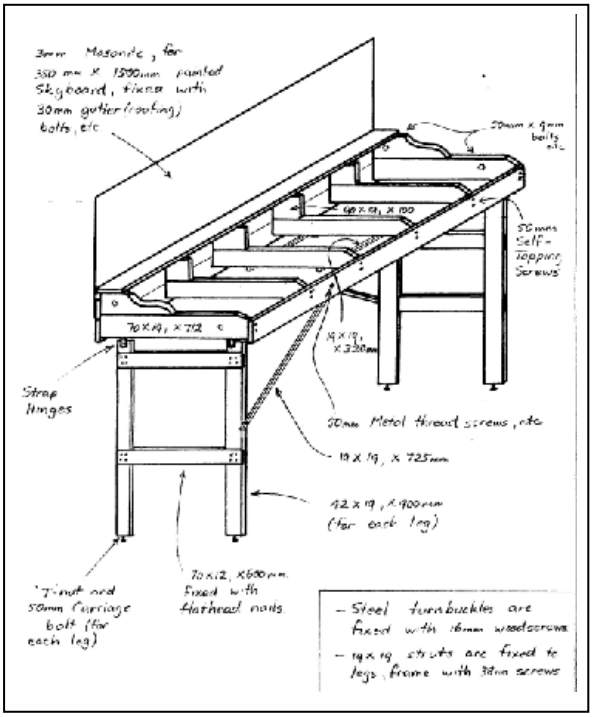
Photo: Hugh Williams

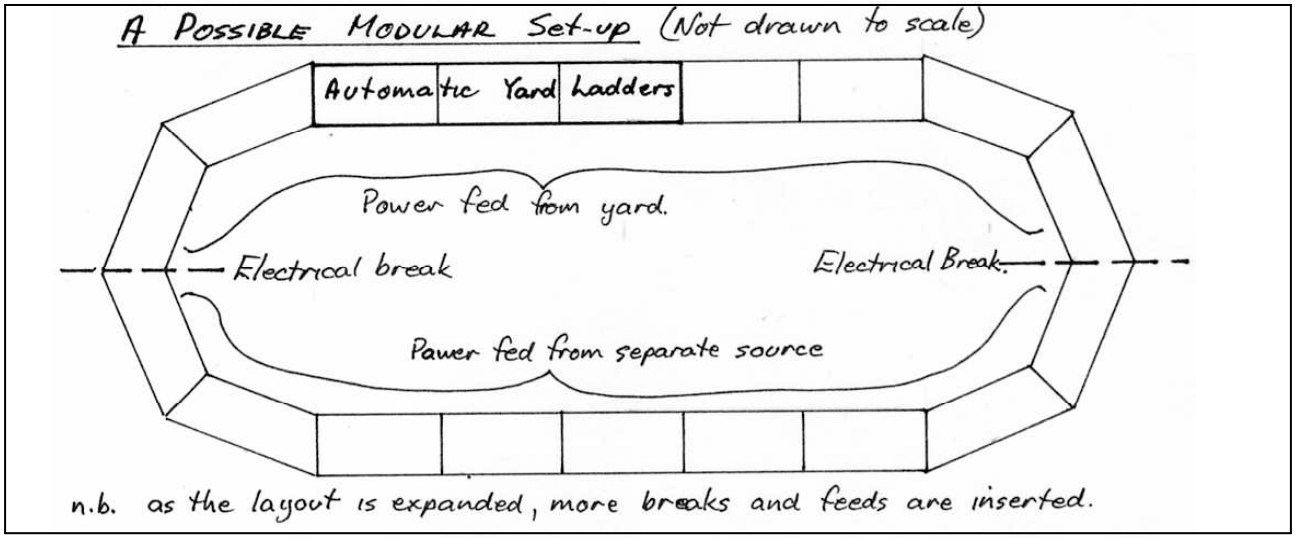
The First Modular Layout

The club's first modular layout was constructed during 1987. These plans, by David Jameson, appeared in *The Buffer Stop* at the time.

It contained a double track main line and an upper level branch line. All three were completely separate, with no rail or electrical connections between them.





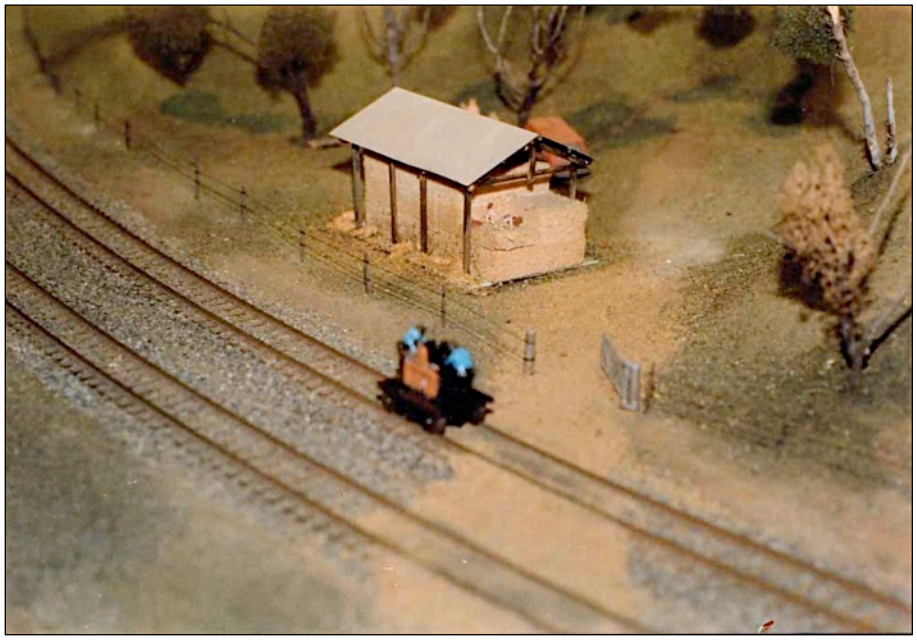


AMRE
1991

AMRE 1991:

From top to bottom:

Terry Jomartz;
branch line station;
double track main line
tunnel.



AMRE 1991:

The track workers are
too busy to notice the
famous R-rated
haystack scene…

AMRE 1997:

The refurbished loco
depot module with the
newly installed oil
storage tank.

The Islington Layout

A start was made on building the clubroom layout at Islington on 26 July 1995, after the container from Mile End had been unloaded. Some of the Mile End layout was incorporated into the new layout.

The metal framework by Trevor and Peter Carter was completed 11 months later, and the timber base for the layout was completed on 27 November 1996, 16 months after starting.

Over the following years, the track was laid and wiring was installed by a team led by John Willmer and the Barnes Boys, and the scenery was constructed. It was all done to a high standard, and it was a layout of which the club would have been proud. The accompanying photos show some of this.

Unfortunately, just as it was about to become operational, we learned that we would have to vacate the premises at Islington, and the plans for commissioning the layout had to be changed to plans for dismantling it.

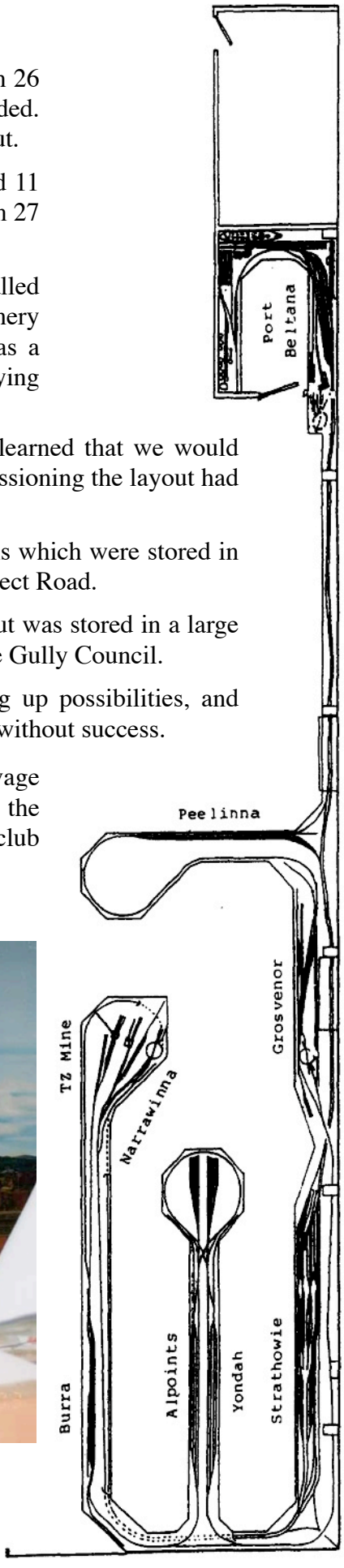
Dismantling began in July 2003. The layout was cut into sections which were stored in the club's temporary rooms at St John's Uniting Church on Prospect Road.

In October 2004, when the club moved to Dernancourt, the layout was stored in a large shed at Tilley Reserve, a sports complex operated by the Tea Tree Gully Council.

John Willmer, the Layout Director, spent three years following up possibilities, and creating a number of his own, for new premises for the club, but without success.

Earlier this year, with much regret, the decision was made to salvage what track, structures and electrical components we could from the layout, in the hope that one day they will be used on a new club layout.

Colin Barnes, Darren Barnes and John Willmer start planning the dismantling of the Islington Layout.



The Islington Layout

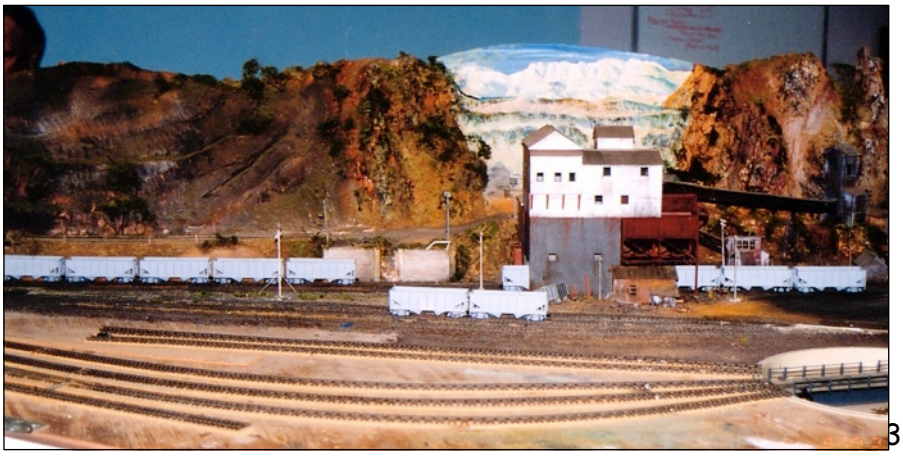
Strathowie Corner

The scenery on the layout was mainly by Des McAuliffe and Steve Cranwell.

Oil Depot on the Central Peninsula, by Lindsay Baker.

TZ Mine

Structures by David Vander Linden and Dean Schluter.



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SARMA's Homes

1957 - 1971: Tin Town

"Adelaide Railway Station, ca. 1950"
SLSA: B 61020/131 Photo courtesy of the State Library of South Australia

1971 – 1994: Mile End
Photo: Trevor Carter

1995 – 2003:
Islington Workshops

2003 – 2004:
St John's Uniting Church Hall,
Prospect Road

2004 – :
"Galvey Hall"
and the
"Log Cabin",
Dernancourt

Photos: Chris Marlow

On Distant Rails

John Doherty

Being a creature of habit I attended the Hobsons Bay Easter exhibition, although this year it was more as a contributor than spectator. We (Sunbury) were asked to field a layout due to the last-minute withdrawal of another club, so we took *Leopold* along setting up on Good Friday. *Leopold* is a generic, VR-era, branch line railway with simple trackwork, runs lots of four-wheelers, T-class diesels, and guard's vans (yeah!), and is easily handled by just one driver allowing the others to go off and spend their hobby dollars! It also permits the operator to chat with visitors who clearly relate to this home-sized layout, and not be overwhelmed as can be the case with some of the spectacular, club-built exhibition layouts. The new venue at Collingwood is better than the old one, and bigger. I chatted with Graham Nixon, and Rob Burford, and caught up with all the Adelaide goss.

In May 1957 – the month that witnessed the birth of SARMA – the Holden of the day was the FE, launched ten months earlier. For the first time a Holden came with a one-piece windscreen, and with its larger rear window all-round visibility improved by almost 40 per cent. Another first for this model was 12-volt electrics that replaced the 6-volt system of the earlier models; a hydraulic clutch (for the three-speed manual transmission with steering column-mounted selector); a tad more grunt from the 2.15 litre, 6-cylinder 'Grey' engine; and two-tone paintwork with matching, vinyl covered bench seats. Earlier that year the wagon, known as the 'Station Sedan', saw the light of day. And the basic sedan price? Eleven hundred and forty-two pounds ($2284).

A new world speed record for a conventional wheel-on-rail passenger train – as distinct from a magnetically levitated (Maglev) train – was set on 3 April 2007 when a French *TGV* reached 574.8 km/h. The new record was established by a specially modified version of the *TGV*, the V150, consisting of three double-decked coaches propelled by two power cars. As is often the case with record attempts, some enhancements were made. These included using larger-than-usual driving wheels on the power cars, and increasing the overhead supply voltage from 25,000 to 31,000, resulting in a total power output of 25,000hp. The *TGV* trains entered service in 1981 and held the previous record of 515.3 km/h since May 1990. Australia's fastest train is Queensland Rail's narrow-gauge Tilt Train which achieved 210 km/h near Bundaberg in May 1999.

Clyde-GM locos delivered in May 1957:
9th an A-7, classified GM19, to CR
12th a G-12A, classified 1411, to QR
14th a G-12B, classified DE05, to BHP
15th a DHI-71, not classified, to CSR
23rd a DHI-71, classified 35, to CSR
23rd a DHI-71, classified 36, to CSR
24th a G-12A, classified 1432, to NZR
24th a G-12A, classified 1433, to NZR.

Here's a new slant on getting the most out of your railway calendars. Hang *two* of them in the loo. Put the current one above the cistern and an oldie on the opposite wall or door. This way you have something to look at whether you are playing at shortstop or long-on. The pics are a font of ideas for detailing a layout, railway infrastructure and rolling stock.

In 1957 we were boppin' along to the radio and the sound of Tab Hunter (Young Love); Jim Lowe (The Green Door); Perry Como (Round and Round); Marty Robbins (A White Sport Coat); Rosemary Clooney (Hey There) and Guy Mitchell (Singing the Blues). If we had been to the 'pictures' we would have seen The Dam Busters (Richard Todd, Michael Redgrave); The Tender Trap (Debbie Reynolds, Frank Sinatra); A Town Like Alice (Peter Finch) or Carousel (Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones). Incidentally, Gordon MacRae got the 'Carousel' lead only after Frank Sinatra and then Gene Kelly both got cold feet. It followed MacRae's starring role in the silver-screen musical, 'Oklahoma!', released in 1955.

Recently, I scored a copy of the Kadee catalogue. This 52-page booklet is a mine of info about couplers, coupling and uncoupling, hints for optimising coupler performance, and some NMRA standards. You could probably get one through your usual hobby shop, and while the publication itself is free you may have to pay for freight.

1957: television had yet to come to Adelaide although it was up and running in New South Wales and Victoria. The first stations NWS9 and ADS7 didn't begin (black & white) transmission until 1959, then came ABS2 (1960) and finally SAS10 (1965).

Auscision, a New South Wales-based HO provider, has some fascinating goodies in the pipeline such as Australian National's EL-class loco in 12 variants, the VR B-class (17), and V/Line's A-class (11) and N-class (12). You'll recall that the 'dogbone' N was the regular motive power – in pairs, then singly – in the autumn of the broad-gauge *Overland* era. Come to think of it, B-class locos also saw *Overland* service during the early days of the diesel-electric. Interestingly, Auscision also makes a 'stainless steel' enamel paint. Details can be found in the usual modelling magazines or on their excellent website.

Folly II: a 20-year-old Canadian walking along a railway line was struck by a freight train. The man said he was listening to heavy metal music on headphones and didn't hear the (heavy metal) train coming. Although he was thrown clear and sustained relatively minor damage, he was subsequently fined for trespassing. A clear case of adding insult to injury!

On the national front in 1957, the Prime Minister was Robert Menzies, the Governor General was Sir William Slim, and Sir Thomas Playford was South Australia's Governor. Australian National Airways (ANA) merged with Ansett Airways to become Ansett-ANA; Slim Dusty recorded *A Pub With No Beer;* architect Joern Utzon's design for the Sydney Opera House was chosen over other contenders; the Melbourne Cup winner was *Straight Draw*, New South Wales was awarded the Sheffield Shield, and Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall won the Davis Cup for Australia. At the corner shop, we paid for things with pounds, shillings and pence. In the vernacular of the day, a pound was a 'quid', a shilling was a 'bob' or a 'deener', sixpence was a 'zac', a five-pound note was a 'fiver', 'blokes' went out with 'sheilas' and on Saturday night most of them were taken to a drive-in.

A new book I found in our local Goldfields library is *Railway Portraits* by brothers Robert and Bruce Wheatley. It is a large, square-format picture book, with b&w photos and covers the period from 1964 to 1979. Although the authors were just youngsters when the photography bug bit, their mature approach is reflected in the way they have captured some truly memorable and historic railway happenings. The scenes are all shot in New South Wales so 38s, 36s and 60-class Garretts feature strongly. This is the perfect coffee table adornment and, if not available locally, can be bought from the ARHS/nsw Railway Bookshop – details in *Australian Railway History* magazine.

In 1957 we welcomed into the world marathon runner Rob De Castella; singer Debbie (later, Debra) Byrne; swimmer Mark Tonelli; actor Gary Sweet; golfer Wayne Grady and politicians Peter Costello, Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott.

According to the Wikipedia (encyclopaedia) website 'Rail transport modelling', there are, or have been, some famous people who have chosen model railways as a hobby. Included in the list are singers Jimmy Barnes, Elton John, Vaughn Monroe, Rod Stewart, Johnny Cash, Phil Collins, Merle Haggard, Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young (a part-owner of Lionel Trains), Mel Torme and Frank Sinatra; racing car drivers Sam Posey and Ricardo Patrese; actors Tom Hanks, Gene Hackman and Donald Sutherland; basketballer Michael Jordan and other notables such as Herman Goring, Winston Churchill and Walt Disney. So, as railway modellers we are in very good company.

Carol says a torch is a tubular metal container kept in the glovebox for storing dead batteries.

And finally, congratulations to all members and past members on the occasion of SARMA's 50th Anniversary. We have every right to be proud to be part of such a remarkable achievement.

Until next time …

Model Display at the April Meeting: Brake Vans and Mail Vans

Models by Vic Kollosche.

Models by Terry Jomartz (front) and Alistair Whibley (rear).

Whib explains that he had a nice plan on paper of the mail van, but that the cat played with the paper and this is the result. You can tell that it is a Mail Van because it has a sign on the other side: "No Femails Allowed".

Terry didn't get a chance to say much at all about his models.

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Barrie Mackinnon

Loads For Freight Wagons

Hugh Williams

The talk at the May meeting of SARMA is to be given by Phil Curnow on "Freight Wagon Loads". In particular, he will show us in photographic form, some of the wagon loads that he has photographed over the last 30 years.

As far as modelling is concerned, we can learn from these pictures and perhaps use the ideas presented to help fill up some of the empty spaces on our open wagons and flat cars. This is not to say that the SAR (or any other railway system) didn't run empty wagons; they did, and indeed before the age of containers, probably half the wagon journeys were made as empty wagons to the destinations where the freight was waiting to be loaded.

Plenty of articles have been written about wagon loads, so here are a few references from the Australian Model Railway Magazine, as all of these magazines can be accessed through our library.

In Vol. 2, Issue No. 14, June/July 1965, Page 16, there are ideas for wagon loads including vehicles, scrap iron, building materials, farm machinery, reinforcing steel, crated machinery, army freight, boiler, butter churn, transformer, trackwork, power poles, boat.

In Vol. 9, Issue No. 98, September/October 1979, Page 40, Phil Curnow has some pictures of loads on flat wagons. Included are pictures of narrow gauge wagons and locos on broad gauge flat wagons, skips for the Chowilla Dam (that were never actually used for that job), a narrow gauge wagon body with bracing for lifting attached to the roof of the narrow gauge van, a prefabricated station building, a grader, bogies for replacement on rolling stock, a spare set of loco bogies, Centurion Tanks and other army vehicles.

Vol. 13, Issue No. 142, February 1987, Page 27, shows photos of steel loads including slab steel, steel sections and of course, rail loads although we suggest you do not try to move welded rails in more than single wagon lengths on a model railway!

Vol. 13, Issue No. 150, September 1988, Pages 35 to 37, shows different wagons for transporting cement. Most of these loads were in specialized wagons or boxcars, some of the boxcars having special painted signs on the side. Bulk cement was carted from Angaston and Brighton in South Australia. A special series of boxcars with five doors on each side were built by the SAR to transport bagged cement.

Vol. 14, Issue No. 158, October 1989, Page 16, shows piggyback loads on flat wagons.
Although black and white photos, they show the artwork on trailers of the eighties and prior.

"Timber Loads" is also a topic of an article in Issue 193. Although this article relates to New South Wales, plenty of timber loads were transferred from the South East of SA to Adelaide, and plenty of loads emanated from Port Adelaide when the likes of Cowell Timber, Wadlows, LeMessuriers, just to mention a few, all imported timber on to the docks at Port Adelaide.

Wheat, in bagged and bulk format, wool in bales, limestone from Angaston, silver lead and zinc from Broken Hill, salt and gypsum on the Eyre Peninsula, hay bales from many stations, lead from Port Pirie, pyrites from Nairne, Mt Gambier stone from Mt Gambier, firewood including mallee roots from numerous locations, coal from Leigh Creek, car bodies and complete cars from Holdens and Chrysler, special silver coloured boxes to and from the vehicle manufacturers, pipe loads from Outer Harbour, numerous types of containers including yellow square containers for interstate traffic and red containers for moving furniture for Railways employees were all a feature of the traffic that could be seen on the South Australian Railways.

These days, just about everything is carried in a container. We are indeed fortunate to have the likes of BGB who produce a large number of modern era decals to fit onto the sides of various containers that are also produced by that firm, as well as numerous other manufacturers. BGB had a lot of its range of decals on display at our own Model Railway Exhibition. If you missed this, they will no doubt be on display again at Greyhound Park in the June long weekend.

As for the method of loading, most railway systems including South Australia had copious numbers of diagrams on how to load bagged wheat or wool bales on to different types of freight wagons.

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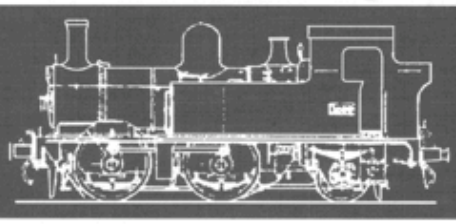

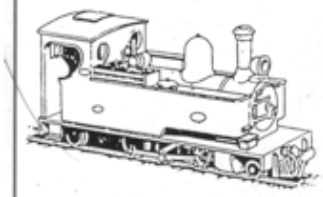

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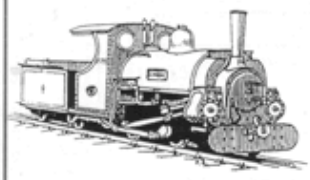

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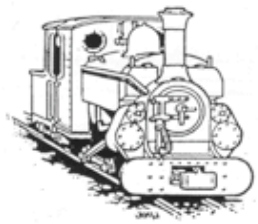

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SL110F METAL JOINERS....$4.50
SL111F PLASTIC JOINERS....$4.50
SL100F FLEXI (25)....BOX $145.00

RIVAROSSI (NEW HORNBY STOCK)
HR 2005 BIG BOY 4-8-8-4....$599.00
HR 2006 ALLEGHENY 2-6-6-6....$850.00

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WAGONS FROM....$15.95

ATLAS GOLD SERIES W/DCC
8-40G....$399.95

BACHMANN HO
F9 UP OR SANTA FE....$39.95
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TCS (DCC DECODERS)
T1-P....$32.95
M1-UK....$44.00
T1- NO PLUG....$29.50

INTERMOUNTAIN RAIL CO
HO CAB FORWARD SP 3 TYPES 4-8-8-2
DCC & SOUND....$699.95
HO CAB FORWARD SOUTHERN PACIFIC....$515.00

WALTHERS CONTAINERS HO
20' KLINE, HANJIN, OOCL....$6.95ea
40' EVERGREEN, KLINE, HAPAG,
GENSTAR,NEDLLOYDS, P&O....$6.95ea

WALTHERS CORNERSTONE SERIES
9332900 MODERN ROUNDHOUSE....$70.00
9332901 3 STALL ADD ON TO ROUNDHOUSE....$59.00
9332902 MACHINE SHOP....$54.00
9332903 MODERN COALING TOWER....$70.00
9332904 CITY STATION....$70.00
9333006 INTERSTATE FUEL & OIL CO....$36.00
9333007 2 STALL ENGINEHOUSE....$39.00
9333015 O.L. KING AND SON'S COAL YARD....$29.00
9333017 NEW RIVER MINING COMPANY....$45.00
9333018 GOLDEN VALLEY CANNING COMPANY....$32.00
9333019 MEDUSA CEMENT COMPANY....$39.00
9333021 NORTHERN LIGHT & POWER....$39.00
9333022 ADM GRAIN ELEVATOR....$39.00
9333041 ROUNDHOUSE....$48.00
9333042 COALING TOWER....$48.00
9333044 HARDWOOD FURNITURE FACTORY....$48.00
9333047 STOCK YARDS....$29.95
9333057 LUMBER YARD....$48.00
9333102 OVERHEAD TRAVELLING CRANE....$19.00
9333123 BIG GRAIN STORAGE CRANE....$19.00

TOOLS
ATLAS TRACK SAW....$5.95
XURON TRACK CUTTER....$24.95

CATALOGUES 2007
ATLAS 2007....$6.95
HORNBY....$24.95
BRANCHLINE 2007....$19.95
FALLER....$19.95
BACHMANN 2007....$24.95
FLEISCHMANN (HO)....$19.95
FLEISCHMANN (N)....$19.95
ROCO (HO)....$17.95
PECO....$11.95
WALTHER (HO)....$25.95
WALTHER (N)....$25.95
PECO....$11.95

BOOKS TO READ
DCC MADE EASY....$26.95
DCC PROJECTS & APPLICATIONS NEW....$11.95

HORNBY LOCO'S 2007 PRE ORDER

R2634	PATRIOT BUNSEN
R2632	PATRIOT HARRISON
R2628	ROYAL SCOT B.WATCH
R2631	ROYAL SCOT HOWARDS
R2628	ROYAL SCOT KINGS RIFLE
R2630	ROYAL SCOT RIFLE BRIG
R2635	STANIER 4P LMS
R2636	STANIER 4P BR
R2638	NI5 SIR LAMIEL
R2580	KING ARTHUR SR
R2581	KING ARTHUR BR
R2582	KING ARTHUR BR
R2583	KING ARTHUR BR
R2614	DEAN GWR OOONE
R2616	PRINCESS MAUD

POSTAGE

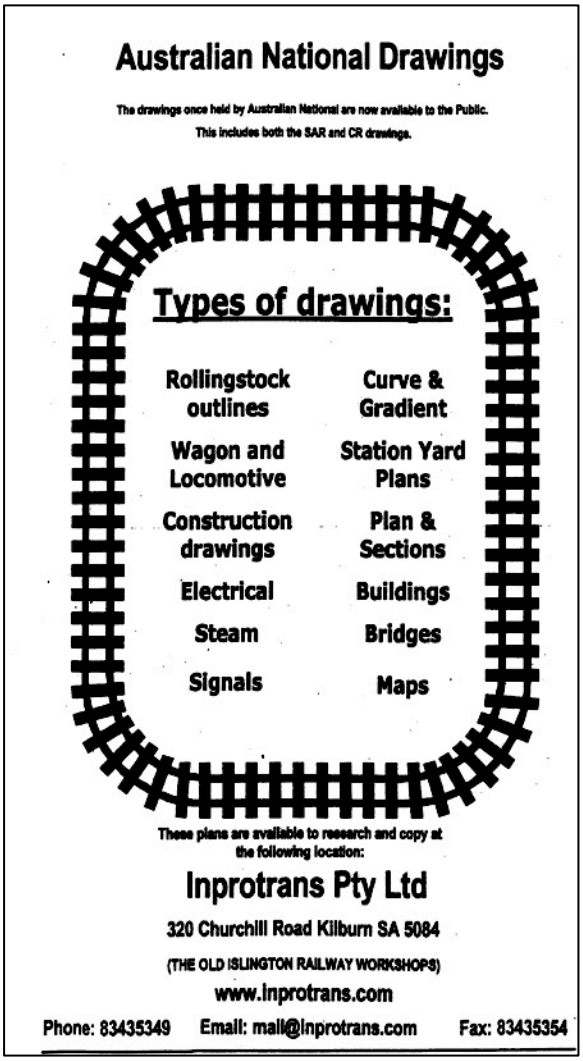
$10 ANYWHERE IN AUSTRALIA
INSURANCE OPTIONAL. $1.00 PER $100 DOLLARS CREDIT CARD ORDERS OVER $100 REQUIRES SIGNATURE (FIRST ORDER ONLY). PLEASE REQUEST MAIL ORDER FORM (ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE).

SARMA SALES

Item	Cost	Notes
White Glue – 2 litres	$13.00	
MEK - bottled	$2.50	
Kadee #5 - 2 Pair	$4.60	
SAR Decal packs - White	$2.00	
SAR Decal packs - Black	$2.00	
SAR Decal packs - Red	$2.00	
SAR Decal packs - Yellow	$2.00	
SARMA Tie pin	$7.00	
SARMA Coasters	$1.00	10 pack
SARMA Baseball Cap	$15.00	
SARMA Badge - Small	$7.00	
SARMA Badge – Large	$25.00	
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - Small	$25.00	To order
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - Medium	$25.00	
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - Large	$25.00	
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - X Large	$25.00	To order
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - 2X Large	$25.00	
SARMA Embroidered Shirt - 3X Large	$25.00	To order
SARMA Life Member Badge – Large	$11.00	
SARMA Life Member Badge – Small	$7.00	
Medallion	$20.00	

If you want anything else don't hesitate to let me know either in person or by e-mail.

Iain Kennedy



Forthcoming Meetings

Our guest speaker for the **June** meeting will be John Evans from the SA Tourist Commission. John will be speaking about railway station buildings and will show us pictures of buildings from each decade starting with the 1850s. John is a keen railway historian and collector of "Train Order Forms". Railway Station Buildings will be the display models.

The guest speaker for the **July** meeting will be Bob Grant who is well known in South Australia for his monthly contributions of photographs to the National Railway Museum's "Catch Point" magazine. Bob will be showing us a few of his favourite photos of diesel locomotives taken in South Australia. These will be modern era photos. Display models will therefore be Diesel Locomotives of any shape, form, size or pedigree.

Prior warning is given that the **August** meeting which is normally our auction night, will change slightly in format. We are going to try something a little different (for our club anyway) and invite members to bring along all of their unwanted model railway equipment and display it on a card table or similar which you will also have to bring along. Instead of an auction, it will be up to each member to negotiate directly the sale price of his precious unwanted items (read junk) to members of the club. This way, both the purchaser and the seller will be able to see exactly what is being offered and its condition. We are not proposing to charge a selling commission to the selling party. Some of the sellers may also want to purchase goods, so before any selling begins, there will be a 'looking only period' We are intending this as a club only event, so that members of the public will not be invited to the meeting. On the other hand, members can sell the goods on behalf of anyone.

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