The CMRCI Bulletin

The Canberra Model Railway Club Inc. Newsletter

October 2026

DATES and EVENTS TO NOTE

- **The Club WILL NOT be exhibiting our U-Drive at the October 2026 Hall Markets (October 4th.)**

- **Our *McEvoy Junction* Layout will be exhibited at Binalong NSW on Saturday 31st October to help the Binalong community celebrate 150 years of Railway History. More details and opportunities for members to participate will be announced closer to that date.**

- **Please consult the noticeboard in the Clubroom for information on specific activities (e.g. track cleaning sections) for Tuesday morning Clubroom sessions.**

- **Sunday 1st November 2026 - Hall Markets. 8:30am set-up.**

Our U-Drive Layout at Bunnings in September

There was a good turnout at Bunnings G on Thursday, 3rd September to mark the Father's Day Event. Many different invitees set up in the timber area, and everyone had some fun. The firees turned up and cooked up a free sausage sizzle. We had a good turnup with around 14 members staffing our U-Drive. **[Contributed by David G.]**

Everyone appears happy at the Bunnings function on 3rd Sept.

OUR 2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We congratulate the members elected at the 2026 AGM and thank them for stepping forward to their management and advisory roles. Please support this team and speak to them if you have any concerns or ideas relating to the effective running of our Club.

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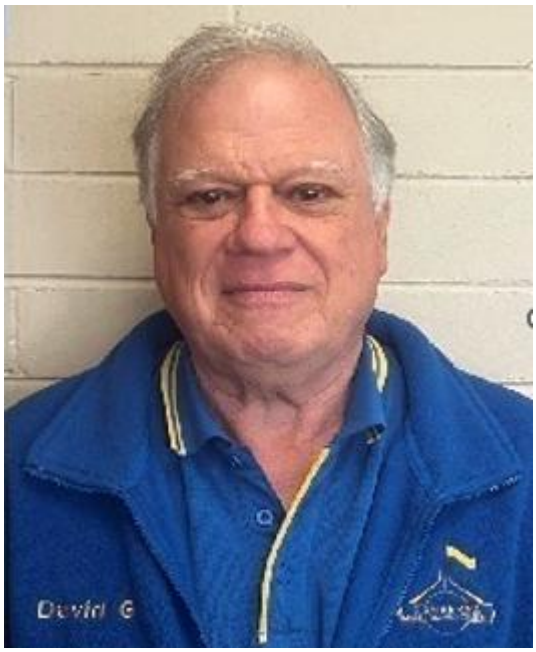

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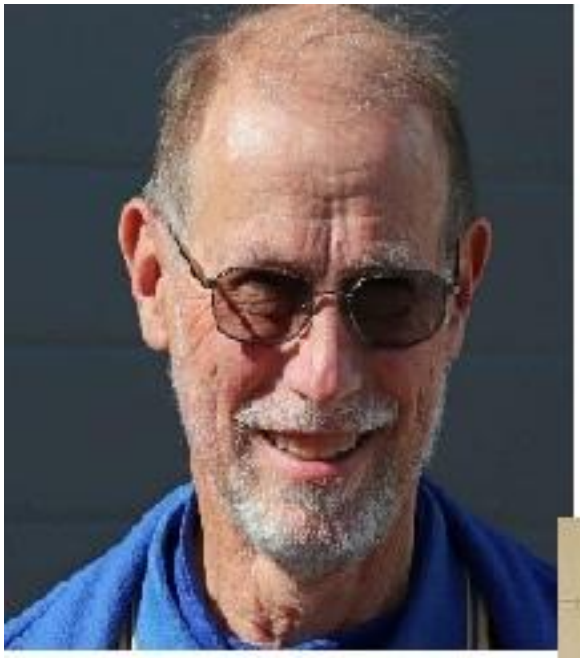

Andrew Lund

Jeff Michael

Chris Neil

Don Samaranayake

Terry Smith

Rail Tour 14 days South Island New Zealand.

Information for Club Members from Noel Lee

I am in consultation with a tour company in NZ. The tour is expected to go ahead in October 2028. The reason for the long lead in is to allow members to arrange the funds required. A payment plan can be arranged by you with the club treasurer Phil Young.

The current cost is $A10,000 per head. Includes airfares and accommodation for 14 days. There will be at your cost accommodation in NZ before or after the tour if you so wish.

The suggestion from NZ is if we can fill a tour coach the trip can be changed a bit to suit our needs. i.e. tour on pedal power jiggers.

To help with numbers the tour is open to members, spouse's, family members and friends.

The tour is by coach, trains and boats.

Trains:

TranzAlpine

Kingston Flyer

The Mainlander

Taieri Gorge

Coastal Pacific

Weka Pass

An expression of interest is required by November. Please email Noel.

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MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS COMING UP

- **Thursday 29th Oct. – Bunnings Gungahlin HALLOWEEN NIGHT.**
- **3rd December 6 – 8 pm – Bunnings Gungahlin CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Our NEW CLUB WEBSITE is scheduled to go live in MID DECEMBER 2026 – watch for further announcements closer to the time!**

Around the Clubroom lately.

First, we see some of the train movements on Tuesday 8th September.

Peter M's Eureka 38 Class express passenger locomotive had no difficulty pulling its RUB set of air-conditioned carriages. The RUB set was also from Eureka, and the two together made an attractive showing.

The same passenger consist was photographed travelling on the up line past the stockyards.

David G. posed his 81 Class loco for the camera as it leaves the container area on the Clubroom layout.

The following trains were recorded on Tuesday 22nd September.

Club Secretary Andrew's IxionVR J-Class 2-8-0 had a test run on the DC tracks and ran smoothly. Approx. 1954 vintage construction, Andrew mentioned that the locos had a high boiler (note the gap between chassis and boiler) to allow for conversion from Victorian 5ft3in gauge to standard (4 Ft 8in) gauge if that was later desired.

Red loco No.5 “James” ran smoothly on the mainline tracks of the Club’s main layout. Its owner, Will, was checking its running qualities. Will has accumulated a total of 5 loco models in his young life, and this is the 2nd loco that he has owned.

“James” pulls his goods consist on a flatter gradient than the hilly country in the background. The locomotive is seen passing one of the passenger platforms at Drury station.

Sunday September 6th, 2026, at Hall Markets

During early morning set-up, Patrick prepares his "Dinosaur Train."

Using an RSD2 (yellow) loco, there was plenty of motive power for the long consist.

One young driver brought along his articulated Dragon to watch the Dinosaur Train passing by.

Right on time, the Dinosaur Train appears.

What happens next?

Does the train meet a fiery end or does the dragon decide that 8 are too many dinosaurs to handle in one attempt?

This dad brought along his own Fairy Princess to drive the trains. President Herb points out where her train currently sits on the lower-level inner track.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

We have seen many examples of 3D-printed items produced for model railway use. At the Clubroom on Tuesday morning 29th September 2026, Michael H. was using his 3D-printed plastic cradles to unload his model locomotives and wagons onto the Clubroom layout.

Michael has printed individual cradles for each of his model locos and wagons, and he stores them for easy transport and access in an affordable plastic Bunnings tool storage case. What a great idea!

From a very patient photographer.

Finally..
Spring is just around the corner

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John Fuhrman, David Gorell, Mal Irving, Noel Lee, Paul Liston, Don Samaranayake
Andrew Lund, Terry Smith, Jeff Michael, Sam Hogan, Chris Neil

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