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Good evening all, just a heads up about our layout and where we are heading.

As you are all aware from Ian's Newsletter's, members of Division 1 are constructing a HO scale modular display layout for the purpose of

- (1) advertising the NMRA,
- (2) displaying the North American prototype,
- (3) displaying our modelling skills, and
- (4) learning/operating with DCC.

The layout has had a very long gestation period which included a 'bare bones' exhibit at Toowoomba last year. Since then, all of the working bees have been to repair/modify/correct all the little things that were needed to be done following our weekend of display. This included

- (1) re-alignment of the inside main to stop 6 axle diesels falling over,
- (2) removal of the super elevation as not necessary,
- (3) modifying the yard turnouts to include both electrical and mechanical switching,
- (4) re-routing and clipping of all the wiring to prevent damage by being too low,, and
- (5) updating the front scenery facia to give better strength and purchase to the scenery.

Currently the scenery facia along the back and ends of the modules are being fitted, at the same time the base ground colour is being painted where practical, and the position of the two river bridges is being reversed, with the lager of the two ending up on the inside main.

We have submitted our application to attend the Toowoomba Show again this year, over the weekend of 15/16/17 of June.

Working bees are now being held regularly every two weeks on a Sunday from 0900, with the next working bee on 18 March. We realize that Sunday does not suit every one, however it is ideal for the current group. If any of you would like to join in building and maintaining what will be one of the premier HO Scale display layouts in SE Queensland, please contact myself or Paul Skehan, the SIG Coordinator. Better still, come along to the UPMRC Clubrooms, Abbotsleigh St, Holland Park on the 18th and see for yourself.

The costs so far have been borne by the original nine members of the group, which is now seven with Roy Berryman back in Canada, and Ron Bennell working in Denver. However as far as ongoing costs go, and in fairness to any new members of the group, there will be no compulsory donation to the current level of funding of the original members. The original accounts have been closed at \$400 per member, with all donations starting again from 01 February 2007.

Think about it and give me or Paul a call.

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