



## NMRA DIVISION 1 (QUEENSLAND)

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### Next Meeting

\* **14 December 2003** \*

**Brisbane Tramway Museum  
Tramway St, Ferny Grove**

The next Division 1 meeting is a picnic lunch at the Brisbane Tramway Museum, starting at 12:30. Please cater for your own lunch requirements (food & drinks).

Graeme has organised with the museum staff to have a gas BBQ available for our use if anyone needs it.

### Meeting Notes (1):

On September 13, 13 members and guests assembled at the HQ of the Westridge RR, with the hospitality supplied by the CEO Denis Lane. Denis' Westridge was influenced to a very great degree by Tony Koester's Virginia Midland, with low tree covered hills, coal mines, helpers and through freights, etc.

The WRR travels north/south from C & O country up to Pittsburgh, and is modelled in the sixties era just after C & O, B & O, and Western Maryland merged with the Westridge Railroad to form a very large and formidable conglomerate servicing this area of West Virginia and beyond. Towns along the way include Garvey Junction, Dean (named after the engineer in charge of building the Wolgan Valley Railway), Edenvale [Denis' grand-father's name was Eden] and, of course Westridge, a large coal producing area on a branch line off the main north/south rail line.

The track work has all been laid and electrical work is about two thirds finished, so Denis is waiting eagerly for Christmas break and about three weeks off to really get into it. He keeps insisting that the scenery is progressing slowly, making hundreds of trees takes time, but the

amount he has accomplished since our last visit puts some of us to shame. His method for his lower down trees is quite simple, and he **is** looking for volunteers.

With all the trees required, sometimes Denis wishes he had selected Western scenery as it seems so much easier to cover a lot a country, and SP DOES have a certain appeal, Donner Pass, Tehachapi, Cajon Pass, the list goes on. Too late to change now, that is unless someone wants to make him an offer on his B & O, WM and C & O rolling stock, although that will mean tearing up all his trees, etc.

The layout is a continuous run with hidden storage trackage, with timetable operation envisaged, and Denis already has a rough idea as to how the layout will be worked. Many thanks to Denis and Kaye for their hospitality.

### Meeting Notes (2):

On November 8, members of Division 1 gathered at the home of Graeme Prideaux. Graeme is a narrow gauge modeller of things Queensland and is actively involved with the Woodford Museum. The meeting was attendee by 13 members and guests, with Allan Thomas and Phill Perry attending for the first time - welcome aboard. It was also good to see Avon Aitchison at a meeting after many years of work related absence.

The first thing on the agenda, and the most important, was the presentation on behalf of the Region of the Rick Shoup Award to Grahame Davis by Division 1 Superintendent, Glenn Stevens.

The Award was initiated by the BOD a few years ago after a generous donation from Rick, a member of the Australasian Region living in the US, who has been a great supporter of the AP Program for many years.

The BOD have the AP Chair present the award each year for the best work presented for an AP Award over that period,

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as judged by the AP chair. Last year was the first year it was presented and it was won by George Paxon.



Grahame is well known in Division 1 for the high quality of his work, with his scenery and structures a delight to behold. Well done Grahame.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up by three clinics. Firstly Glenn reminded everyone about the Achievement Program, and that for most present, the Golden Spike was already within their reach, and that anyone who had a layout running, they had already part completed the criteria for the electrical and civil MRE Awards. Glenn also commented that for anyone who wanted to hand lay 50' of track, and had no room on their layout, he had the space.

Garth Fraser gave a well presented talk on the history of the Buderim Tramway, which until the late 30's, ran from the north/south mainline at Palmwoods to Buderim. Garth reported that there has been a resurgence of interest in the Tramway recently, with organised walks being conducted over the right-of-way that was still accessible.

Ken Leitch gave a clinic titled "Instead of a Duck-under", and went into the reasoning behind his selection of a hinged bridge section and the way he ended up constructing the bridge.

Many thanks to Graeme and ??? for their hospitality.

### **BEST MODELLER'S LAYOUT**

For past four years, Division 1 has been presenting an NMRA sponsored Award at

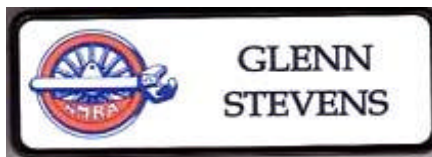
the annual Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition conducted by the Darling Downs Model Railway Club (DDMRC). The award is for the best layout on display as judged by a panel of modellers from both DDMRC and Division 1. The idea of having a perpetual shield on display in DDMRC clubrooms was raised during initial discussions when setting up the Award, however the idea was deferred until recently when it was decided to purchase the shield.



As a result, during a visit to the DDMRC Open House held in conjunction with the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers in September, Division 1 Superintendent Glenn Stevens presented the perpetual shield for the Best Modellers Layout to DDMRC President, Bob Claydon on behalf of the NMRA.

The winners of the Award have been:  
2000 - "Caintode Flats" - a QR layout Hon3 layout.  
2001 - "Ravenstor", a BR N layout in N Scale.  
2002 - "Forest Hill", a QR HOn3 layout.  
2003 - "Moelfryn", a 009 mm layout depicting a Welsh tramway.

### **NMRA Nametags**



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Regards to all,  
Glenn