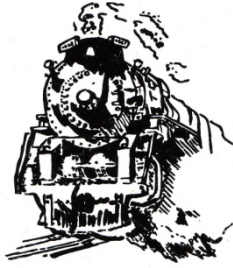


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THE BUNNINGS COMMUNITY FUN DAY



A SCENE FROM THE COMMUNITY DAY

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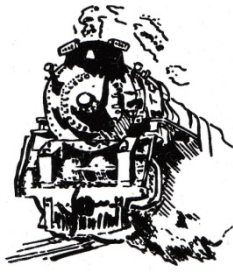
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A few of the locos on display / peter flips through some of the old photos of the club in general.

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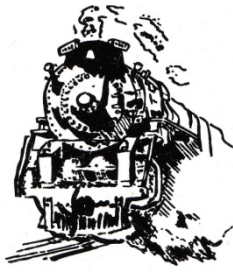
The Bathurst miniature railway was one of many community and non profit organisations that were invited by Bunning's warehouse in Bathurst to put on a display in the car park at the store location on the Sydney road Kelso, this allowed the groups such as ourselves to get better known and understood by the Bathurst community in general. Besides the wonderful displays put on by the various organisations, Bunning's made a number of cash donations to these which went along way to making many of these very worthwhile services even better. The miniature railway was represented by a few of our members who brought locos and bits and pieces that the public at our track normally don't get to see such as old pictures wheels, axles and cab less locos with the engines exposed for easy viewing. The following are some pictures and further information on this event.



This is Steven's x200 locomotive with the electric motor and wheels exposed for all to see at the community day held at Bunning's Bathurst on the 25th of October 2008

Photo by S. Stuart

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A general overview of the day from

Jennifer Griffin,

Activities Organizer at Bunnings

Community Fun Day's are Bunnings way of thanking groups for the fantastic work they do within the community.

On the day we had over 15 groups who arrived early to set up their displays throughout the car park. These groups were all given the opportunity of winning one of five \$1000 cheques to help with their important work. The large crowd were also kept entertained by a visit from football legend Nathan Hindmarsh along with various talent groups including the local Scots pipe band, PCYC kick boxing, Bathurst BMX Club, Cirkus Surreal, Warren Hickey Karate, SES, St John's, jumping castles and of course the train from "Lots of Colour". All this and with plenty of food on offer meant the day was a huge success and a great time was had by all.



A close up picture of the work involved in duel gauge points

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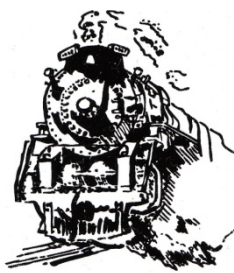
April working bee.

The 5th of April saw a large working bee take place for the start of our preparations for holding the inter-club run at the end of august. we have a lot of work to do before then so this is the first of 3 or 4 more in order for everything to be “just so”. This working bee was attended by the Peter, Fay, Elizabeth, Breton, Greg, James, Fred, and Douglas, and a lot was accomplished. This included re aligning and grading the track in 3 places, extra ballast in some areas, scraping the paint of the Kelso station sign, mowing the area and preparing surfaces for painting at a later date. The following pictures were taken during the work. All pictures by Steven Stuart.

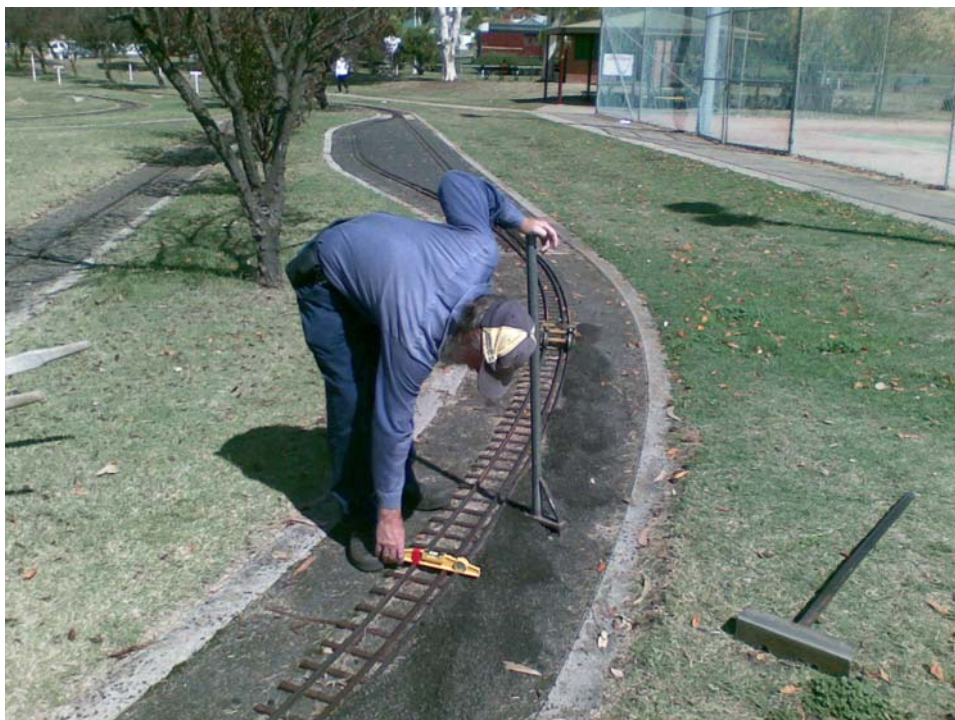


Greg is seen hard at work removing paint from the Original Kelso station sign during the day. 05-04-2009

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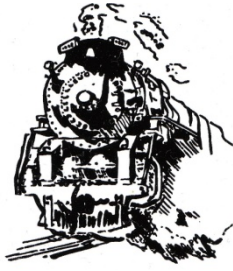


Fred checks the camber of the track during realignment and ballasting



Fay cleans up some leaf litter during the morning at the turntable

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During the working bee the old saying applies, “all work and no play...etc...” so in the afternoon we had a short play day to help us get over the hard work. Here are a few snaps from the fun part of the day.



Greg gives his freelance 80class loco a few revs passing the line to the turntable



Peter and Douglas prepare “894 Keith” for some laps

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The last 12 months have seen a number of new faces become regular travellers on the trains during the running days; this is great to see and reflects the good value for money that people are looking for these days especially in the current economic climate. Our rides are still only \$1.50, and let's face there is not many places that you can take kids for some great fun for that price. Although we don't start running until around 10.30 to 11 am, if you do arrive early there is plenty to see such as watching the locos get steamed up and started plus there is a playground while you wait. I hope to see even more new faces in the coming months especially now that winter is coming and many outdoor activities are not on the agenda. There are a number of new locos under construction and planned by various members so keep a sharp eye out for them in the coming months. Steve.



We'll finish up with a picture of Fred and Douglas preparing to steam up the shay locomotive that Douglas is rebuilding at the moment 6th December 2008