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## See Historic Windsor

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September you are invited to inspect the new Hawkesbury Regional Museum and take part in a heritage precinct guided tour. Among the exhibits at the museum is a piece of original rail from the Kurrajong line that TRAK was instrumental in rescuing several years ago.

We will have a knowledgeable guide from the museum show us some of the heritage sites in the Windsor township. We will meet at the museum in time for a 11am start. The actual route will be revealed on the day but it is understood that it will last about 45 minutes to an hour. There is no charge for the tour or the visit to the museum.

There will be an option to join your fellow TRAK members for lunch somewhere nearby, if you are interested please let Jeanette know. Alternatively as it is a Sunday the regular Windsor Markets will be on in the Mall so there will be plenty to do after the tour.

Although bookings are not essential an idea of numbers would be useful so if you could contact Jeanette Hill on 02 4572 3546 it would be appreciated.

## 2008 HM&HS – Bigger and Better

The 2008 Hawkesbury Model and Hobby Show lived up to its publicity of being bigger and better. This year there were several new displays and the visitor numbers climbed again.

As usual there were some last minute changes but we had a similar number of stands to last year. Several people commented that there seemed to be more room in the main hall but this was due to a reduction in the average size of displays, particularly model railways, rather than a reduction in the number of displays.

Among the new displays were the Riley Car Club, Cruiseships Australia and the home-made chocolates of Develish Damsel. Many of the

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favourites from previous years returned with the Hawkesbury Woodcraft and Kurrajong Comleroy Historical Society putting on popular displays.

An event of this size couldn't be staged without the assistance of our volunteers. Unfortunately this year we had less helpers than previous years so everyone had to do a little more. Planning started soon after the previous show and work continued after the last visitor had left. The list of members who assisted is too long to put here but thank you to everyone.

There is already much interest in the 2009 event, to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, with some applications already received.

## Annual General Meeting

The 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Stan Stevens Studio Windsor Library at 7:30.

The business of the meeting will be to accept the Annual Report and elect Committee Members. Members are reminded that to take part in the meeting they must be financial members for the current year.

All members are encouraged to attend. Members are also encouraged to consider standing for a position on the Committee.

## Membership Renewals

Thank you to those who promptly renewed their membership. We have received a steady stream of renewals with more than half of our members already renewed, a great result. Several renewals included donations for which TRAK is grateful.

Members who haven't renewed will find your renewal form enclosed with this newsletter. The renewal can be posted to our mail box or may be paid at any TRAK event.

## On the Promotions Stand

### *Windsor Markets*

Several of our volunteers set up a display in Windsor for the Sunday Markets on 29<sup>th</sup> June. They received a lot of interest in our Hobby Show and achieved some good sales. Events like this are important to publicise the Hobby

Show and the assistance of those who made themselves available on the day is appreciated.

### **Blokes Day**

Once again this event was a success for us. Despite the cold weather we had a steady stream of visitors interested in our display and the Hobby Show. We also made contact with a couple of new exhibitors.

### **Bligh Park Train Expo**

The Mid West Model Railroaders are holding a model train expo at the Tiningo Community Centre in Bligh Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August. TRAK will have a stand there and we need your help. We need people on both days and we also need some assistance to transport the equipment there in Saturday morning and back on Sunday evening. If you have a van or ute and can help please let us know.

### **Clarendon Classic Rally**

TRAK has been invited to have a stand at the Clarendon Classic Rally run by the Sydney Antique Machinery Club at Hawkesbury Showground on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September. We can't accept this invitation unless we have sufficient volunteers for the weekend. If you can help please let us know asap.

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### **At the Carriage Site**

The tarpaulin that covers one of our cars, 1539, has deteriorated to the state where it is falling apart. Obviously it is not providing any protection at the moment. Kevin Smith reports that he is trying to source a replacement. Unfortunately our previous supplier has retired and moved away. When a replacement has been secured we will hold a workday to install. If you can help with obtaining a new tarp or on the work day please contact Kevin on 4576-3370.

The carriage site has a generator that provides electrical power when required on workdays. After several years use it has been showing signs of wear by belching large amounts of black smoke. It was intended to overhaul the existing motor but it was discovered that a more cost effective solution would be to replace it. A new motor has been obtained and David Ranger is installing it.

## **Four Years Ago**

It was a busy time when the August 2004 issue of OnTrak announced a coming Line Tour. A Trivia Night was also to be held later in the year.

On another front we had successfully applied for a grant to purchase scaffolding for use at the Carriage site.

## **Rails in Cyberspace**

When visiting another city one of the most important things is to know how to get around. The range of transport options is often confusing and finding the right option to get where you need to be can be difficult. Visitors to Melbourne may wish to experience the famous tram network but need a little help finding the right tram.

A new site called TramRoutes provides that information in an easy to understand and fun way. It uses Google Maps to show tram routes and even the approximate location of trams (great for photographers!).

You can search for the right route by typing in an address or an attraction. There is also the option to find the closest tram stop by entering your current location. There is even a mobile version for when you are out and about.

See [www.tramroute.com](http://www.tramroute.com) to learn all about the Melbourne system.

### **Coming Events**

Please record these dates and endeavour to support those events that support TRAK.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Bligh Park Model Train Expo
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Windsor Heritage Walk
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Clarendon Classic Rally
8 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAK AGM
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival

Carriage Workdays are held on most Sundays when there are no other events. See the Carriage Report for details.

If you can help at any of these events please let us know.