



The Cooma Mail

June 2015

President's Post

By David Patterson

On Friday, 12 June 2015 James Sullivan, Gordon Strachan, Jeremy Jones and I went to Australian Technology Park, Redfern to meet CEO Andrew Killingsworth of Transport Heritage for NSW at 14:00 hours.

We had a discussion paper called The Way Forward 2015, which highlighted issues that face Cooma Monaro Railway. We had felt that it was right the time to discuss CMR in its entirety. We were received in a positive way by THNSW.

We proceeded through the document about Cooma Railway precinct.

THNSW said how we can help, I can't promise you anything at this stage but we'll certainly have a good look to see how we can help.

We then talked about the non compliances, risk assessment, SMS reporting, Track work etc. that was given by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator and how THNSW could help as they have the resources to assist CMR.

During the discussion THNSW said "you should go back to the CMR members and discuss if the members want assistance from THNSW or wish to stand-alone". It was pointed out by THNSW that CMR will be back here in approx. 12 months discussing the same things around the table if the status quo continues. THNSW made it quite clear all the membership must be on board.

Andrew Killingsworth said he will be passing through Cooma on 11 July and would take time out to have a site visit of the Cooma yard precinct in its entirety.

I believe that joining THNSW would be a positive move as they have so much potential to offer and help CMR so that CMR will operate one day again.

Andrew Killingsworth pointed out it will be a long hard road to get CMR operational. Andrew said he would like to meet with the Cooma Local Member, Mayor of Cooma, and local business stakeholders like Snowy Hydro etc. and have a meeting with them all so that we can be supported as well.

The meeting closed at 17:15 hours.

Don't forget General Meeting on 11 July 2015 at 1100 hours, Cooma Railway Station.

Just a quick update on CMR's membership, the sleeper sponsorship program and Facebook exposure.

As for the sleeper sponsorship program CMR now have 38 sleepers sponsored or \$2,280.00 worth.

What an excellent effort by

members and community members in donating to the sleeper sponsorship program. I personally thank you all.

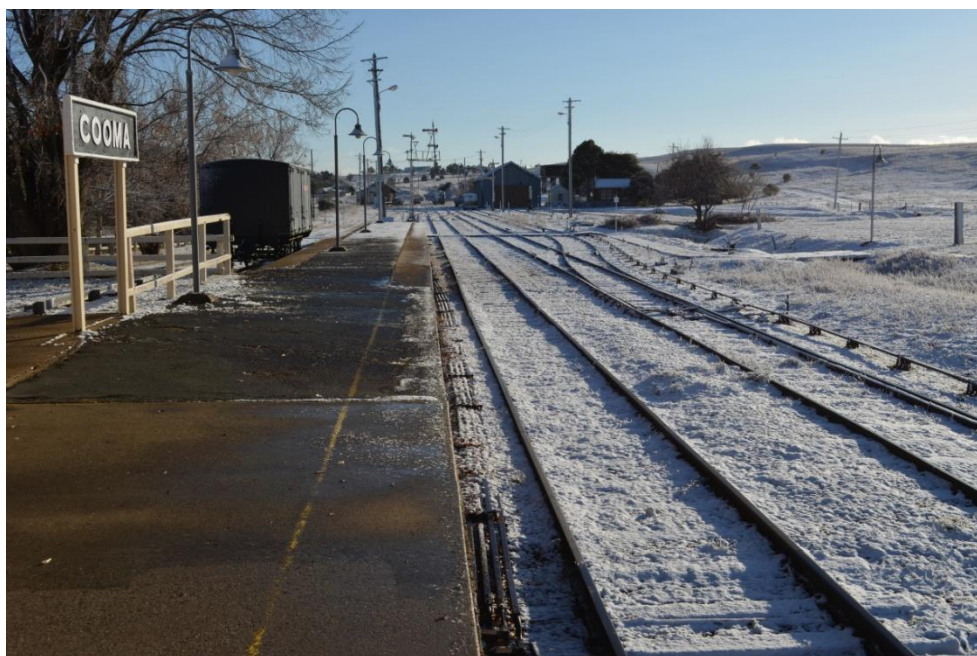
We have a long way to go and we still need more sleepers before we can get up and running again. Every bit helps.

<http://www.cmrailway.org.au/Sleeper%20Sponsorship%20form%20V3.pdf>

Recently the following photo was posted to the CMR Facebook page:

As a result, CMR's page reached an audience of well over 18,000 people. That is great exposure for CMR.

Wow! How good is it that people look at our CMR site.



A snowy start to Winter 2015.

Photo courtesy of G. Strachan

General Meeting Notice

General Meeting on Saturday, 11 July 2015 at 11:00hrs to be held at the Cooma Railway Station. **Please note the time has being change from 2pm to 11am.**

Should you have an item that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the meeting agenda you are asked to forward it to secretary@cmrailway.org.au

A BBQ lunch will be provided on the day. A gold coin donation will be required. RSVP by 10 July 2015.

Agenda

- Call to order
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Correspondence
- New members/renewal numbers
- Reports
- General Business
 - Thank yous
 - Railway Operations Committee vacancies
 - Income options/solutions
 - Chakola Hall potential sale & offer
 - 620/720 potential sale/lease & offer
 - Railmotor No.8 restoration & lease
 - Sponsorship
 - Membership loans & terms
 - New position – Station duty manager/s
 - Newsletter & Facebook
- Other business
- Meeting Closed

Moving On.

The Committee of Management would like to take this opportunity to inform members that CMRs' Vice President, Debbie Schubert has stood down from her position and as Museum and Asset Manager due to ill health. We are saddened to see Debbie go and we wish her a speedy recovery. Thank you for all the great work you have done for CMR.

CMR's Safety Systems Manager, Andrew Simpson has also indicated that he is standing down from his role due to family commitments. We would like to extend our thanks to Andrew and wish him well.

CHARTER BOOKINGS

DATE	TIME	CODE	Est Persons
Wednesday 23/09/2015	9:15 am	M/T	40 Guests+1 Driver
Wednesday 30/09/2015	9:15 am	M/T	30 guest + 1 Driver
Thursday 8/10/2015	9:15 am	M/T	40 Guests+1 Driver
Tuesday 27/10/2015	9:15 am	M/T	20 guests +1 Driver
Thursday 24/12/2014	9:15 am	M/T	45 Guests + 1 Driver
Sunday 31/12/2015	9:15 am	M/T	25 Guests + 1 Driver

Rest In Peace

It is with a heavy heart, we notify you of the death of Nellie Joyce Gillies. Nellie was a life member of MVRS and CMR. She was 84.

CMR Management and Members send their condolences to her family.

Nellie will be sadly missed.

CMR Inc are currently seeking people to assist with charter bookings. If CMR fails to attract volunteers to assist we will have to cancel the bookings. If you are available to assist please contact James Sullivan - email groups@cmrailway.org.au or call 0427 101 251

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Don't forget to keep us informed of any changes to your personal details so that we can keep you up to date with what's going on at CMR. Please email membership.officer@cmrailway.org.au or mail your new details to: Attn Membership Officer, PO Box 1327 Cooma NSW 2630.

Membership renewal

It that time of the year again for all of CMR's loyal and supportive members to pay their membership fees for the 2015/2016 year.

A mailout has occurred, but there were still a number of members who haven't updated their contact details so if you have not received

a personalized letter and renewal form then please use the following link to download a form:

<http://www.cmrailway.org.au/CMR%20Inc.%20Membership%20Application-Renewal%20Form%20V3.pdf>

The Committee of Management would like to thank all members who have renewed their

membership. Without this generous support we would not be able to do the great things we do for the Cooma community.

Photo courtesy of Gordon Strachan



Safety Announcement

Recently the Committee of Management carried out a check of all firefighting equipment within the Cooma yard precinct (including onboard the railmotors) and Chakola Hall.

Unfortunately it turned out that this vital safety equipment has not been inspected since 2005.

The consequence of not having this equipment serviced on a regular basis by a qualified technician has exposed CMR to potential legal action as it breaches requirements in our lease agreements, fire safety legislation and more importantly exposes members and visitors to

unacceptable risk should they have to rely on this potentially faulty equipment in the time of need.

Initial estimates to rectify this problem have valued the required works in the vicinity of \$2,500.00. As current finances do not allow CMR to rectify this problem all in one go, the Committee of Management wishes to advise that the initial rectification will be confined to the public accessible areas of the Cooma Station Building.

It is regrettable that access to the following areas will be restricted to day light hours and only after formal approval has been granted by the Committee of Management: Loco shed & store, DLE's office and the Barracks accommodation (this will mean no overnight accommodation will be possible until further notice).

The Committee of Management wishes to apologise for the inconvenience caused by these requirements, but the Committee of Management takes the safety of members and visitors to our site very seriously.





Photo courtesy of Matt Bourke

Check out the great photo of Cooma Monaro Railway's HO scale model railway. We know that it has an irregular engine, but motive power shortages mean just that! Here is A77 on the Cooma mail awaiting departure, at Cooma Station.

Show your support for Cooma Monaro Railway. Donate today

Cooma Monaro Railway is a not for profit, registered charity. If you would like to support our endeavours to preserve and maintain Cooma's rail heritage, why not consider donating today.

Please complete the donation form on the following page and return with any contribution in the form of cheques or money orders, made payable to "Cooma Monaro Railway Inc",

Cooma Monaro Railway Inc.
PO Box 1327
COOMA NSW 2630

DONATION FORM



Your contribution will ensure that Cooma Monaro Railway can continue to educate people on the importance the railway played in developing the Cooma Monaro region and assist with the recommencement of rail operations.

I wish to donate (please tick box to the right of the amount you choose, or write the figure if "other"):

\$1000 \$500 \$300 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$

Donations may be paid by cash, cheque, money order or direct debit.

I am paying by (please circle):

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If paying by direct debit, please use your name as a reference.

Direct debit details are:

St George Bank – Cooma Monaro Railway Inc.

BSB 112 879

Account 029 182 776

If paying by direct debit, please feel free to scan and email your completed donation form to info@cmrailway.org.au, instead of posting.

Name: _____

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If paying by cash or Cheque/Money Order, please send this completed Donation Form back with your payment to:

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Your generous contribution over \$2.00 is tax-deductible in Australia.

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