



ON DISPLAY

President's Post

By David Patterson

We at CMR hope you all enjoy this issue of the The Cooma Mail and hope that you will be able to assist with our needs.

A Day out at Redfern with THNSW

Well the day started at 09:30 hours at Redfern and I didn't know what to expect of the day.

I did the usual thing, register in at the facility as a representative of Cooma Monaro Railway and had a cup of coffee.

I met an interesting fellow, Mr Geoff Clark who came from Byron Bay Railway. He informed me he was the Track Manager for 3km of track. The track runs from the resort into Byron Bay Station and they own one (1) set of 620/720 Railmotors that Lithgow State Mine has refurbished. The service

will provide a half hour service from resort to station and back again.

There were approx. 60 people from different rail, bus and tram groups who had gathered into the Auditorium to hear THNSW talk about various groups for e.g. BMD, Valley Heights, Thirlemere, Tenterfield, Finley and Redfern. THNSW explained what they are doing to encourage people through the door to look at the museum at Thirlemere.

Another thing discussed is what they call SWOT analysis! What does this mean?

S = Strength

- Value to Sector

W = Weakness

- Lack of Extensive Collaboration & Co-operation
- Lack of Trust (Being able to work together as a group and being able to work and communicate with other groups).

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An example of how the sector should be co-operating is in Victoria Daysford rail group. They had help from Puffing Billy to assist with track work.

O = Opportunity

- THNSW used the e.g. Espee that is the commercial arm of ARHS ACT of Canberra

Espee is a Business/Company solely owned by ARHS ACT that returns profits back to ARHS ACT preservation

Espee continually looks for opportunities to pick up work from CFCLA and ARTC and supplying crews to ARHS for tours.

Trust = Need to engage to get good outcomes, also provide good Communication to develop trust.

THNSW has introduced a new IFAP, that is:

Independent Funding & Advisory Panel that is made up of four (4) people that come from various walks of life.

Dr Christine Wright

Stuart Coppock

Dianne Leeson

John Minchin

Each year they will assess grant applications from groups who are seeking funding.

The panel will award funding to the project with the most merit.

Yes, you're right they are making it harder for funding but it means to us we have to be on our game a lot more.

THNSW also talked about the English Railway museums - how they operate 365 days a year.

They have a steady flow of people, bus groups, elderly and children from schools that come through their doors.

It's all because a story is told about History.

THNSW also talked about our own Rail, Bus and Tram groups. We have a story to tell here like Cooma, although it's an out sector to THNSW. We have a museum and we have a story to tell whether it's a story about the Station from a Station Masters, Shunter, Driver, Fettler and Fitter also selling the story in period costume.

The day finished at 15:30 hours.

CHAKOLA HALL

Contracts have been signed. All going well the sale will be completed by 11 January 2016.

REMINDER

CMR would like to take this opportunity to remind members and visitors that the Cooma precinct and its trains are considered to be alcohol free.

CMR will only allow an exemption to this rule for private functions or events that have made the necessary arrangements to have an appropriately approved liquor licence along with appropriately trained service staff (RSA) and insurance cover for the event.

Members and volunteers of CMR are also reminded that by entering CMR's site you may be expected to have random drug and alcohol testing performed in accordance with our safety management systems.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE

As you are all aware, in the last newsletter a suggestion was made to have a change of direction which would include a name/branding change.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify any misunderstanding by members and friends of the railway as to what was meant with this suggestion. Under no circumstances was it suggested that Cooma Monaro Railway Inc change its name or branding, as it has been pointed out by some members that many members have invested their time and even their own money promoting CMR Inc over many years and as a result it has developed a well known brand amongst rail enthusiasts.

What was proposed was that CMR take a leaf out of the books of THNSW and ARHS ACT and move toward establishing a company solely owned by CMR Inc and established to oversee the day to day operations and seek out business opportunities in the future.

A possibility for future business opportunities are the potential to hire out train crews, track maintainers, track examiners etc to other rail groups and companies. This will enable any profits to be returned to CMR Inc for further investment in the preservation of the rail history in Cooma.

The company would be a mix of employed and volunteer positions, just like THNSW and ARHS ACT.

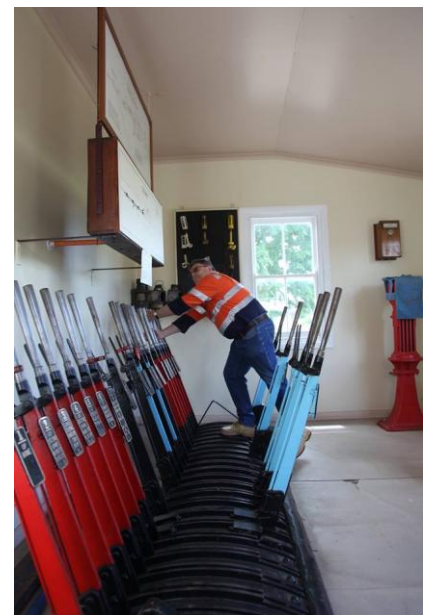
I hope this clears up any concerns those members and friends of the railway had and that we can all work toward the reactivation of rail operations in Cooma.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

Well its Christmas time again, wow how fast the year has gone.

On behalf of CMR, I would like to personally thank you all for your involvement over the past 12 months and would like to wish members and friends of the railway a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to your involvement next year and keep watch for our progress throughout 2016.



David Patterson can swing switches with the best of them (photo by Matt Bourke)

From the Vice President

COOMA PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

As discussed at several meetings, CMR is in need of developing a Master plan for the Cooma Yard Precinct.

A master plan would provide a road map for CMR to collaborate with Transport Heritage NSW, Department Environment and Heritage and other government and private bodies along with other community organizations for appropriate approvals, involvement and funding.

The master plan could include, but would not be limited to:

- Proposed occupancy for the precinct;
- Identify and outline the use of all facilities;
- Outline any potential building developments i.e. New Museum/Exhibition Hall, additional loco storage structures, purpose built carriage storage facilities and associated workshop with visitor viewing platforms and gallery etc;
- Propose the reconstruction of various historic structures including the original coal stage, crane, sales yards etc.;
- Proposed future land acquisitions;
- Proposed boundary fencing upgrade outlining the approved materials;
- Options for separating the track infrastructure within the precinct from being accessed by non authorised persons;
- Proposed pedestrian bridges and underpasses that also cater for people with disabilities;

- Proposed miniature railway development within the precinct;
- Water supply upgrade;
- Toilet facility upgrade;
- Etc.

It is important for our members and friends of the railway to understand that if CMR was to continue to rely on only train ticket sales and charter bookings alone to fund railway operations and other preservation projects, then CMR will simply not survive.

Something needs to be done to ensure the survival of CMR as our members, the Cooma Township and the wider district cannot afford for CMR to cease to exist and to be one of those long lost tourist attractions.

Any proposal needs to be of a high calibre and ensure that our customers leave the precinct having had a wonderful, educational and entertaining experience.

Some may say that it will be impossible to gain approvals to add additional buildings and structures to the Cooma yard precinct as it is heritage listed, but that is not necessarily true as a precedent has already been set in the State of NSW and that is the current precinct at Thirlmere. This precinct includes the old station, sheds, and the recent additions of the Round House in 2009 and the Exhibition Hall in 2010 along with water towers and other structures, all of which appear on the state's heritage register.

If you have an idea and would like to contribute, CMR would like to hear from you. We will also be forming a Master plan development subcommittee for those who are interested. So if you have an idea or would like to be on the subcommittee please

contact CMR by email: secretary@cmrailway.org.au or call Gordon on 0456126 341

HELPING AT CMR

CMR would like to reassure members and friends of the railway that not all positions within CMR will require you to have medicals and accredited training.

Yes, members and volunteers will have to meet stringent criteria for rail safety positions such as drivers, guards, station master, train control, fettlers, etc, but there are many positions that are just as important and which CMR will need assistance with.

We would like members and volunteers who may not be able to meet the criteria for rail safety position to consider helping CMR in other ways.

Here is a list of positions that won't require you to complete the medical and accredited training and you could consider if you have some spare time to assist:

- Marketing
- Information technology
- Taking minutes
- Fundraising
- Grants
- Minor Building Maintenance
- Gardening and Mowing in designated areas
- Catering for charters
- Cleaning services
- Shop Sales
- Meet and greet visitors to the station
- Taking bookings
- Cataloguing
- Museum Attendants

As you can see there are many job opportunities at CMR and no doubt, once the precinct master plan is in place there will be even more opportunities to assist CMR

without having to meet the stringent criteria required for rail safety work.

So if you find yourself looking for something to do and you wouldn't like to have a medical or

accredited training, there is always something for everybody.

Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, 14 November 2015 Cooma Monaro Railway Inc. held its annual general meeting at the Cooma Station. Nominations for the positions of president, vice-president, secretary and committee members were received.

The results of the meeting are as follows:

President:	David Patterson
Vice-President	Gordon Strachan
Secretary	Joanne Jeanes
Treasurer	Vacant
Committee Member/Public Officer	Vacant
Committee Member	Greg Riddell
Committee Member	Glynn Kay

As you can see the Committee of Management currently have two casual vacancies to fill. If any member believes they have the necessary experience and spare time to be able to contribute to either role of Treasurer or Ordinary Committee member/membership/public officer then the Committee of Management would like to hear from you. You can submit an expression of interest to secretary@cmrailway.org.au or mail to CMR Inc PO Box 1327, Cooma NSW 2630.

Moving On

CMR would like to take this opportunity to inform members that Committee Member and Events and Passenger Service Manager, James Sullivan has stood down from these roles. We are sorry to see James go as he has done an amazing job, in

particular, entertaining and feeding CMR's various visiting groups. CMR would like to thank James for all of his hard work over the years. We wish James all the best for the future and we hope to still see him around the precinct from time to time.

Training

As reported in our last newsletter, CMR has entered into an agreement with a registered training organisation to provide interested members and volunteers with access to appropriate training for working within the rail industry. The training organisation is Southern Cross Rail Training.

You will all be pleased to know that CMR held its first training day on Tuesday, 17 November 2015. The training conducted on Tuesday was TLIF2080C Safely access the rail corridor. This course is essential for anyone who wishes to assist CMR with any rail safety work.

For those members and volunteers who are not aware of what rail safety work is, it includes:

- Design, construction, repair, maintenance,

upgrading, inspection or testing of track, rolling stock, civil and electrical traction infrastructure, and signalling and telecommunications equipment;

- Driving or dispatching rollingstock;
- Signalling and signalling operations;
- Coupling and uncoupling rollingstock;
- Maintaining, repairing, modifying, inspecting or testing rollingstock;
- Installation of rollingstock components;
- Working on or about rail infrastructure;
- Installation or maintenance of telecommunications relating to rail infrastructure;
- Work involving safety certification of rollingstock or infrastructure;

- Work involving development of safeworking systems;
- Work involving monitoring or management of passenger safety;
- Any other work that is prescribed by regulators to be rail safety work; and
- Any work associated with the Management of Railways and railway Infrastructure.

Note: Almost all work related to the management and safe operations of CMR are regarded as Rail Safety Work.

During the training, course participants developed an



CMR's Access the rail corridor training graduates (Photo by Matt Bourke)

understanding of CMRs network, basic legislative requirements, ability to identify features of the rail corridor and rail safety, understanding basic requirements of working safely in and around the rail corridor, understanding major rail hazards, understanding basic risk management and risk controls and understanding basic requirements working safely near electrical infrastructure.

CMR would like to thank Southern Cross Rail Training Trainer, Michael Egan for delivering the course to our own CMR students. John Cowper, Peter Pantano, Brendan Pantano, Glynn Kay, Gordon Strachan, Matt Bourke, Dave Patterson.

The good news is we all passed the course.

Upcoming training opportunities and requirements

There are a number of prerequisites that members and volunteers wishing to participate in training packages and perform rail safety work will have to meet. These include:

1. All members and volunteers performing rail safety work will be required to have a medical check performed by an authorised health professional. Currently, CMR Inc. is willing to meet 50% of the costs towards the medical for all current financial members who wish to complete the required training packages and then perform rail safety work at CMR.

You can find an authorised health professional by using the following link:

<http://railindustryworker.com.au/health-professionals> (enter your postcode in the AHP search facility)

The full cost of a Railway Medical with drug screening is \$300.00 and the nearest authorised health professional to Cooma is located at:

Medibank Health Solutions
1st Floor 15 Bowes Street Woden 2606.
Phone 02 6269 2001

For those members and volunteers who have a valid and current Railway Medical Assessment you will be required to provide CMR with an original assessment form, completed by an Authorised Health Professional or a certified copy of the assessment form.

For those members and volunteers who will be performing the following duties you will be required to have a Railway Medical Category 1 (Cat 1) Safety Critical medical (>60 = yearly; 50 – 60 = every 2 years; <50 = every 5 years):

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| • Train Driver | • Hand Signaller |
| • Trainee Train Driver | • Protection Officer |
| • Train Guard | |
| • Trainee Train Guard | |
| • Rail Bound Plant Operator | |
| • Road Rail Plant Operator | |

For all other rail safety work a Railway Medical Category 3 (Cat3) Non Safety Critical medical will be required (on commencement of duties; >40 every 5 years)

2. Complete TLIF2080C Safely access the rail corridor (Track Safety Awareness)

This course will be offered to members and volunteers throughout the year, so keep a lookout for upcoming dates listed in newsletters.

The full cost of this course is \$330.00. Currently CMR Inc will cover 50% of the course cost for current financial members of CMR Inc. who wish to perform rail safety work at CMR.

For around the track personnel (rail infrastructure)

3. Complete CPCCOHS1001 Work Safely in the construction industry (White Card).

For members and volunteers who don't hold this qualification you can complete this course online and through CMR's RTO for the cost of \$60.00. Please use the following link to access this service:

<http://www.scrn.com.au/index.asp?fromwhere=Course12&CourseList=yes>

For members and volunteers who currently hold a valid White Card you will be required to present your card at the time of your first CMR training course.

4. Once items 1 to 3 have been completed, CMR Inc will upload your results and qualification/s to the Rail Industry Worker Pegasus database where you will then be issued with a nationally recognised rail industry identity card.

The cost of registration and card issue is \$150.00

Additional courses - Perway Courses:

Rail Laborer

Prerequisites: must have completed TLIF2080C Safely access the rail corridor and CPCCOHS1001 Work Safely in the construction industry

Minimum 6 trainees required

Cost: \$400.00 Currently CMR Inc will cover 50% of the course cost for current financial members of CMR Inc. who wish to perform rail safety work at CMR.

Duration: 1 day

- TLIW2001A Operate under track protection rules
- TLIB1028A Maintain and use hand tools
- TLID1001A Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
- TLIE1003A Participate in basic workplace communications
- TLIF1001A Follow occupational health and safety procedures
- TLIF2010A Apply fatigue management strategies
- TLIB2085A Apply track fundamentals
- TLIU2008A Apply environmental procedures to rail infrastructure

Track Maintainer or Track Examiner

Prerequisites: must have completed Rail Laborer unit

Minimum 6 trainees required

Cost: \$400.00 Currently CMR Inc will cover 50% of the course cost for current financial members of CMR Inc. who wish to perform rail safety work at CMR.



- TLIB2092A Operate minor mechanical equipment
- TLIB2097A Install and maintain guard rails
- TLIB2121B Maintain rail joints
- TLIS2030A Carry out track ballasting
- TLIS2031A Install railway sleepers
- TLIS2044A Carry out rail installation
- TLIS2034A Install and repair rail fastening systems

Duration: 1 day

Further Training to complete, a further 7 Units: Workbook will be supplied and practical done on the job and signed off by Cert IV trainer under agreement with RTO SCRT. **Cost to be advised.**

Other course costs to be advised at a later date:

Radio Protocols
Hi Rail Drivers
Safeworking Ordinary and Ticket and Electric Staff
Site Protection Officer
Machine Operators – Track

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

Monday, 15 February 2016 - TLIF2080C Safely access the rail corridor – Cost: \$330.00 full & \$165.00 current financial members.

Tuesday, 16 February 2016 – Rail Laborer – Cost \$400.00 Full & \$200.00 current financial members

Wednesday, 17 February 2016 – Track Maintainer – Cost \$400.00 Full & \$200.00 current financial members

If you would like to complete any of these nationally recognized training courses, you are asked to please deposit your money into CMR's account prior to the training day and advise the Secretary so that you will get a receipt.

CMR bank details: St George bank BSB 112 879 Account 029 182 776

All training will be conducted by Sothern Cross Rail Training.

Training Location: Cooma Barracks
Start Time: 0800 to 1600 hours

*Bring your own Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea. **Tea and coffee will be provided.***

COOMA MONARO RAILWAY INDUCTION

Currently a review of CMR's induction is underway and once the review is complete, all members, volunteers, contractors and even visiting representatives from the rail safety regulator will be required to complete the induction process.

Further details will be announced early next year.

Cooma Station Museum

As you would all be aware, without rail operations occurring for the foreseeable future, CMR is faced with a challenge to attract people to visit the Cooma Railway Precinct. Without large numbers of visitors visiting the precinct, CMR will find it very difficult to raise the necessary income to restart rail operations. This is why it has been identified that CMR must work towards the development of an interactive museum with a focus on informing visitors of the historical connection between the NSW Railway and the Cooma township and the wider district.

Whilst progress on the establishment of an interactive museum has been slow, progress is being made.

CMR would like thank the following people for their assistance so far:

Jim and Shirley Hart for cataloguing and packaging for safe keeping CMR's display items that were on display in the Parcel Room.

John Britton, Peter & Brendan Pantano and Gordon Strachan for their assistance with identifying and

sealing the roof leak in the Parcel Room. (the plasterboard will be repaired in the next week or two)

And finally, Esther Strachan for her kind donation of a wall clock for the Waiting Room.

Once repairs have been made to the ceiling plasterboard in the Parcel Room we will be focussing our attention on repainting the ceiling, walls and doors where the HO model railway will be relocated to.

Since the departure of Debbie earlier this year CMR still has a vacancy for the position of Museum manager. If you believe you have the necessary skills to be able to manage this essential area of CMR please forward expressions of interest to secretary@cmrailway.org.au or mail to PO Box 1327, Cooma NSW 2630

Stay tuned for further updates.



CMR's newly installed Waiting Room wall clock (Picture by Gordon Strachan)

Rail Infrastructure

TRACK EXAMINATION AND MAINTENANCE

With training commenced for our members and volunteers we are on our way to addressing the needs of CMR's rail infrastructure to ensure future safe rail operations. CMR is endeavouring to train a number of CMR members and volunteers who will be able to undertake the duties associated with rail infrastructure examination, repair and maintenance.

Once the training and assessment have been completed we will then begin a thorough rail infrastructure examination of the Cooma yard precinct and then expand our attention to examinations to the north and south.

In order for members and volunteers to be able to complete the examination and subsequent maintenance and repairs of CMR's rail infrastructure, it will be necessary for CMR to purchase a number of items of equipment. CMR is currently seeking to purchase the following items:

- 2 x Geismar RCA Combination points and crossing track gauge \$1,367.00 ea
- 1 x GEISMAR MTZ Lightweight Abrasive Rail Saw 16" petrol \$4,400.00
- 1 x Stihl BT 45 Hand held petrol drill \$839.00
- 1 x Geismar MIW 2 petrol impact gun \$4,730.00

As you can see the equipment listed above is very expensive and without the generosity of members and friends of CMR we will not be in a position to purchase this needed equipment. CMR is calling upon the generosity of members and friends of the railway who may be in a position to assist, to make a financial contribution toward the purchase of the above listed equipment. If you are in a position to help, please contact CMR, by emailing manager@cmrailway.org.au or telephoning David Patterson on 0404 048 264.

THANK YOU

CMR would like to thank Malcolm Elmslie who took the time out of his day and travelled to Bega to inspect and gather information on secondhand sleepers that are currently for sale at Hayes Haulage, Bega. The information Malcolm was able to provide was helpful and we will be investigating further. Thank you once again.

Grounds and Buildings update

BE ALERT

With the onset of the warmer weather and rain over the last few months we have seen the grass and weeds flourish in and around the Cooma precinct. This has provided an ideal habitat for rodents and snakes to reside in.

CMR would like to take this opportunity to remind members, volunteers and visitors to the Cooma precinct to be vigilant whilst walking through the precinct, as a number of venomous snakes have been sighted throughout the yard, even next to the walking paths.

In an effort to remove the ideal habitat for rodents and snakes, CMR has renewed efforts to bring the weeds and grass under control throughout the Cooma yard precinct. These control measures will also make the precinct more aesthetically appealing to visitors to our site.

The control measures being used are mowing, brush cutting and weed spraying.

CMR would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people for their assistance with these measures to date. They include:

James Sullivan – Donation of \$400.00 to repair the CMR ride on mower.

Members of the Cooma Mens' Shed - for maintaining the driveway entry area. The Men's Shed members have been

responsible for mowing, line trimming and weed control in this area.

Grahame Linkenbach – for attending to the entry rose garden and station/carpark entry area. Grahame has been removing the weeds that were smothering the rose bushes and he has also carried out weed spraying within the carpark and station entry area.

Gordon Strachan – for mowing various areas of the Cooma precinct.

It is wonderful to see our members and volunteers contribute in such positive ways to the up keep of the Cooma precinct.

Thank you again for your assistance and we know that you can't keep up the great work alone. So if any other member or future volunteer have a hour or two or more to spare and would like to assist CMR to maintain the precinct, please call Gordon on 0456 126 341

COOMA BARRACKS PROJECT

As members would be aware the Cooma barracks are currently NOT fit to be used for overnight accommodation for either members, guests or groups, as the building doesn't meet current building/fire regulations.

What's been done!

On Saturday, 31 October, CMR had a cleanup day for the

Barracks in preparations for upgrade works to proceed.

CMR would like to take the opportunity to thank: Joanne Jeanes, Greg Riddell, Grahame Linkenbach, David Patterson, Grahame Bailie, Esther Strachan, Gordon Strachan, Hamish Strachan, Caelan Strachan and Aidan Strachan for their hard work on the day. A great effort by all.

Where to from here?

At present, CMR is in the process of obtaining quotations/pricing for a number of items/upgrades. Some of the quotations/pricing being sought includes:

- Upgrade to smoke alarm system – extension of interconnected smoke alarms to all bedrooms and an additional detector to hallway.
- Purchase and installation of fire fighting equipment and signage.
- Development of evacuation plan and installation of evacuation plan diagrams to bedroom doors and other key locations.
- Upgrade of bedroom door locks.
- Sand and polish timber floorboards.
- Upgrade of shower facilities.
- Upgrade to kitchen facilities.
- Reconnection of electricity to laundry block.

So keep an eye open in coming newsletters for updates to this project.

GARDENING & LAWN CARE EQUIPMENT

As you can imagine, maintaining the large Cooma Yard precinct is a mammoth job and requires enough suitable equipment to get the job done.

Over the years members and friends of CMR have kindly donated various items of equipment or even brought their own personal equipment from home to get the job done.

Currently CMR have a number of pieces of equipment used in maintaining the precinct. Items currently on hand, are the Dixon 30" deck ride-on mower, two domestic line trimmers (needing repair), a battery powered weed spraying backpack and shovels (accessing the fettler's tool shed).

We are aware that over the years members and friends of the railway have gifted other items for the purposes of maintaining the precinct and some of you may be wondering where they are now. It is simple to answer; they have

been worn out due to the rigors of work in the rail environment. CMR are eternally grateful for past donations of equipment. It is just a shame that the equipment has worn out.

CMR is now looking to the future and how we can continue to do the great work in maintaining the precinct and other areas of the rail corridor currently under CMR's management and any additions in the future.

This is why CMR has recently made an assessment of equipment needed to ensure that we can get the job done, attract more members to assist in maintenance of the precinct, encourage additional community volunteers and even engage with employment agencies to enter into agreement for work for the dole programs.

But it comes down to one thing; if CMR does not have the equipment that is suitable for the rigors of working in a railway environment along with sufficient numbers, we won't be able to achieve our goals of maintaining the Cooma precinct and any other area under CMR's management.

This is why CMR would like to publish a list of items currently being sought to achieve our goals and assist in getting the job done.

It is important to remember that the equipment being sought is of a high quality and built to take the rigors of commercial work.

If members or friends of the railway are in a position to assist CMR in sourcing items either through direct financial donations, purchasing an item on the list and donating it to CMR or being able to identify and prepare grant applications, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

If you are in a position to assist in any way, please contact Gordon (Building and Grounds Manager) on 0456 126 341, to discuss prior to any donation of money, item, or time.

Please note: - any monetary donation or equipment donation accompanied with a receipt of purchase will be tax deductible and a deductible gift recipient receipt will be issued by CMR to the donor.

The list: (prices listed are from selected retailers)

- 20ft Shipping container (\$2900.00)
- 2 to 4 -Stihl Brush cutter - Big Business FS260 C-E (\$1399.00 ea)
- 1 x Star picket post remover
- 1 x Wire fence strainer
- 1 x Stihl Backpack yard petrol leaf blower BR 200 (\$629.00 ea)
- 2 x Aluminium folding loading ramps
- 4 x Stihl Professional Chainsaw brush cutter safety helmet – hard hat, mesh & earmuffs. (\$129.00 ea)
- 2 x Stihl Professional overhead ear muffs (\$52.50 ea)
- 10 x - Stihl safety glass – available in clear, mirrored or smoked. (\$11.50 ea)
- 1 x Stihl Chainsaw – Wood Boss 40cm MS231 (\$879.00 ea)

- 1 x Stihl Chainsaw – Farm Boss MS311 (\$1299.00 ea)
- 2 x Stihl Chainsaw case (\$92.50 ea)
- 1 x Stihl Telescopic Pole Pruner HT 75 (\$1469.00ea)
- 2 x Stihl Chainsaw filling kit (\$46.50 ea)
- 2 x Stihl Chainsaw spare chain and spark plug storage box (\$8.75 ea)
- 1 x Stihl Chainsaw file holder guide (\$23.25 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone 16T Steel rake (\$36.95 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Garden Spade (\$44.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Shifting Square Shovel (\$59.95 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Garden Fork (\$64.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Mattock Cut End with handle 2kg (\$57.00)
- 2 x Cyclone 3 prong Cultivator (long timber handle) (\$37.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Stainless Steel hand spade/trowel (\$10.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Stainless Steel hand fork (\$9.95 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Stainless Steel hand weeder (\$9.95 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone pruning curved hand saw (\$19.00 ea)
- 1 x Ride-on Mower Trailer
- 1 x Cyclone Bypass Heavy Duty Telescopic Lopper (\$69.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Ergo Heavy Duty Bypass Shears (\$59.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Compact Bypass pruner (\$49.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Floral Snips (\$14.00 ea)
- 6 x Cyclone pruning pouch (\$9.95 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone deep hole shovel (\$57.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone digging and shifting shovel – long handle (\$64.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone trench shovel (\$54.00 ea)
- 2 x Cyclone square mouth Post Hole Shovel – long handle (\$49.95ea)
- 2 x Cyclone Great Aussie Super Rake (plastic & aluminium handle) (\$19.89 ea)
- 1 x Westmix Cement mixer petrol power (\$1749.00ea)(this item will be shared with the perway team)
- 2 x Easy mix 100 litre steel boss wheelbarrow (\$299.00 ea)
- 2 x Gardena Heavy Duty Metal Hose Trolley (\$99.00ea)
- 2 x Pope Tap to Reel Premium Connector hose set (\$24.63 ea)
- 1x Ride on mower trailer (\$149.00)

Events and Passenger Services

VACANCY

With our former manager vacating the position of Events and Passenger Services Manager, CMR is now on the lookout for a suitably qualified person to fill this vital role.

This role is responsible for the management and co-ordination of the customer service areas at CMR including:

- catering,
- cleaning services,
- ticket and merchandise sales,
- Charter bookings,
- Passenger Attendance and
- Accommodation (once the barracks have been upgraded)

If any member or friend of CMR believes they have the skills and time to commit to this role, then CMR would like to hear from you. If you are interested, please forward an expression of interest to manager@cmrailway.org.au or mail to PO Box 1327, Cooma NSW 2630.

Please note: Having a Food safety Supervisors certificate would be an advantage.

CHARTER GROUPS

A number of charter groups have attended the Cooma Station over the last few months. The visiting groups either partake in morning or afternoon tea or a Bar-B-Q lunch. Charter group visitors are also entertained by James Sullivan, who provides a verbal history on Cooma Monaro Railway, how the railway was important to Cooma and the region when the line was connected to the mainline, and in addition, an overview of the importance of agriculture to the town and wider region. Having these groups attend enables CMR to earn a little income that helps to cover the ongoing running cost.

It is a fitting time to let the wider membership and community know that without the assistance of some remarkable members and volunteers this would not be possible. CMR would like to thank the following members and volunteers for their assistance with these events: James Sullivan, John Gibson, Grahame Linkenbagh, Joanne Jeanes, Greg Riddell, Gordon Strachan and the Cooma Men's Shed.

CMR is always open to assistance with these events by other members and volunteers, so if you have a few hours to spare during the day, when the charter groups are visiting, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us by either sending an email to groups@cmrailway.org.au or telephoning Joanne on 0402637122

CMR have a number of upcoming charter groups visiting the Cooma station for morning teas in December. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 24/12/2015	9:30 am	Christmas	35 Guests + 1 Driver	Morning tea & talk	High Country Motel
	14:00hrs		TBC	Afternoon tea & talk	Expanding Horizons
Thursday 31/12/2015	9:15 am	NY Ford	34 +1 Driver + 1 hostess	Morning tea & talk	High Country Motel
	10:30am	NY HCM	35 Guests + 1 Driver	Morning tea & talk	High Country Motel

MECHANDISE

Well!! It's a big "thank you" to David Patterson for his donation of the recently arrived CMR coffee cups. To date they have proved a success for CMR as we have sold half of the merchandise supplied already. These sales are providing us with much needed funds.

Currently CMR have a number of items for sale to visitors who visit the Cooma station. So far the collection of merchandise includes:

CMR railmotor coffee cup (two designs)

Postcards (various images)

CMR polo shirt (white or black)

Rail tales (children's book)

Fridge magnet

Button badges (various images)

We are hoping that we will be able to expand the range of merchandise currently on offer to our visitors in the near future. CMR is also working towards improving the presentation of our merchandise to our visitors in an attempt to make the merchandise more appealing. Stay tuned for future announcements.

LOOKING FOR A FRIDGE

CMR is currently looking to acquire a 1000 Litre, 2 door, glass display refrigerator. This fridge is to be located in the Cooma station booking/ticket office and will enable us to sell a variety of cold drinks. The reason CMR is looking for a fridge with glass doors is to make it more appealing to our customers, especially on a hot summer's day.

If a member or friend of the railway have, or knows of someone, who owns a refrigerator as described, and you/ they no longer have a need for it and would like for it to be donated to a worthy cause, then we would like to hear from you. If someone is in a position to assist, then please call Gordon on 0456 126 341.



Operations Report

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure we announce the appointment of Ray Sullivan to the position of Operations Manager for CMR. Ray comes from Parkes and has an extensive background in rail operations. Welcome aboard Ray.

New Members

CMR would like to welcome the following new members:

Brian Roberts
Amanda Dargin
Joshua Dargin
Andrew Dargin

Francios Le Gall
Peter Lee
Davide Von Peters

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CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

All CMR members and family are invited to attend a Christmas get-together on

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER

6-9pm at the Railway Station

A sausage sizzle will be provided

Please bring along a plate of Christmas Goodies to share with everyone!

RSVP to Joanne on 0402637122 or jjeanes53@bigpond.com for catering purposes

Please note that this event is Alcohol Free!

