



Hobby Show News

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The official newsletter of *Hawkesbury Model & Hobby Show (Inc.)*



One of the models on Bill Maguire's stand. Photo. Jim Dean

An Invitation

The committee would like to invite all members and their friends and family to join us for dinner on Saturday 15th August at Richmond Golf Club at 7pm. This venue got great reviews from those who attended the Saturday night dinner on the Show weekend for its good quality food at a reasonable price. You have the choice of "a la carte" or a banquet.

The club is in Bourke Street East Richmond, next to the railway station. If you could let us know approximate numbers by 8th August we would appreciate it. Contact details at the bottom of the page.

Annual General Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at the Stan Stevens Studio at the Deerubbin Centre Windsor (aka Windsor Library) at 7:30 pm. The

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following business will be conducted at the meeting. Acceptance of the Annual Report and Election of the Committee.

Annual Report

The Committee is preparing a report that will cover the first Financial Year of the Association. It will be available on the website about 2 weeks before the AGM. An email will be sent to Members when it is available. Printed copies will be available at the AGM. Any member who would like to receive a printed copy when it is released please let us know.

Election of Committee

The Association is managed by a Committee elected by the members. Committee Members are elected for 2 years and half the Committee members are elected each year. There are 7 positions on the Committee. Existing committee members are eligible for re-election.

As this is the first election all 7 positions are up for election. Half the positions will be for 1 year and the rest for 2 years. The members of the committee elect the Office Bearers of the Association and as this is the first election they will decide who will serve for 1 or 2 years.

We encourage all members to consider standing for the committee. We need a wide range of experience and skills to produce the best Hobby Show we can.

The Association's rules don't allow proxy votes. Only financial members present at the AGM can vote or stand for the committee. We encourage all members to attend the AGM and have their say in the growth of our association and event.

Member's Forum

After the formal business of the AGM we will have an open forum where all members can have their say.

Apart from feedback on the Hobby Show some other subjects that could be discussed are Member's Meetings, Social events and other recipients of donations.

Supper

Supper will be supplied after the meeting. To help cover the costs there will be a gold coin Honesty Jar.



Scene from Stephen Wright's model railway "Galong"
Photo. Jim Dean

Hobby Show Report

This year proved to be even tougher than we expected. The gate takings were similar to last year but returns from traders were down a little. Overall we had a very small surplus to distribute to the community.

Exhibits

There is both good and not so good to report here. While we had the best range of exhibits we have ever had we also had problems with "no shows". There were 8 stands who applied but didn't attend.

Sickness and accidents accounted for a few stands and we only found out about a couple on the weekend. A couple of displays simply failed to arrive. This resulted in spaces in the hall we weren't able to fill.

On the positive side we had several new exhibits which added to the



Part of the vehicle display in the grounds. Photo Jim Dean

variety. It has always been an aim of the show to have as wide a range as possible. We have already had others who weren't able to attend this year express interest for next year.

Dinner

The dinner was well attended this year with over 30 people enjoying a fine meal. Unfortunately we were a little slow letting the club know the numbers and they didn't have enough staff to provide their usual good service.

New Laws

Our association is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act. This legislation is in the process of being updated. However based on the available information the committee does not believe the changes will have any great effect on the operation of our association.

The Office of Fair Trading has indicated it will hold information sessions on the changes before they take affect.

Trivia Night

We have been planning a trivia night in October however for a variety of reasons our plans are temporarily on hold. We hope to be able to provide further information soon.

Coming Events

| Date | Event |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 15 th August | Members Dinner |
| 2 nd September | AGM |