



Hobby Show News

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

2012 Major Recipient

As reported in the last newsletter we considered St John of God Hospital as the major recipient for 2012. We did receive a reply to our questions from the hospital. After considering the reply the committee decided to go with the alternative recipient this year.

At the last meeting we identified Secret Garden at Richmond as the recipient. We have contacted them and discussed our offer. We will have a representative at our next meeting.

The Secret Garden & Nursery is a non-profit project. All proceeds from plant sales to the general public go towards running horticulture as therapy for people with mental illness and disabilities. Secret Garden is located on College Drive, Richmond NSW. Secret Garden was threatened with closure last year after the State Government withdrew funding. The community has stepped in to cover the shortfall and this is our opportunity to contribute.

Australia Day at the Village

We have been invited to attend the Australia Day celebrations at Australiana Pioneer Village. If we have enough people available we will have a display promoting our event and hopefully attracting attention from potential exhibitors and volunteers. We would like to have a display of exhibits to attract attention too, any offers?

If you can help, even for a short time during the day, give Jim a call ASAP so we can book a spot.

2012 HMHS Flyer

The flyer has been one of the most effective and cheapest form of advertising in previous years. We have never counted up how many we print each year but it would be thousands. Many members take large quantities to distribute at various events and through

businesses and many other places.

A temporary flyer has been prepared for this year's show so that we have something to hand out on Australia Day and at any other event before the next meeting. Small quantities will be printed to meet these needs.

This flyer will be the draft flyer to be presented to the February meeting for approval. Any other design will be considered too. The approved flyer will be printed in large quantities and will be available soon after the meeting. Any member requiring flyers please let us know. It will also be available in pdf format from the web site.

Paddling4PAH

This event has been postponed again, this time to 29th April. It was originally scheduled for 4th December but had been postponed to 19th February. As the new date conflicts with the Hawkesbury Show we are waiting on confirmation of the date. See the next newsletter for more details.

A family fun day will be held in Governor Phillip Park in Windsor to mark the end of the event. We hope to have a stall there to promote our group and event.

There will be more details in the April newsletter but if you can be available on the day please let us know. We also need display

Coming Events

Date	Event
26 th January 2012	Australia Day
8 th February 2012	General Meeting
11 th April 2012	General Meeting
29 th April 2012	Paddling4PAH
16 th May 2012	General Meeting
13 th June 2012	General Meeting
27 th June 2012	General Meeting
7th & 8th July 2012	Hobby Show
12 th September 2012	AGM
24 th October 2012	General Meeting

items to enhance our stand. We know from previous events that a display always attracts plenty of attention.

February Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 8th February at the usual time and place, Deerubbin Centre at 7pm. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the organisation of the show.

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting will include the following items.

Exhibitor Invitations / Applications

Organisation Timetable

Promotions / Flyer

Insurance Renewal

We will have a visit from a representative of our major recipient, Secret Garden.

As usual the full agenda, notes and minutes of the previous meeting will be available before the meeting. If any member would like to receive a copy prior to the meeting please let Jim know.

All members are encouraged to attend and take part.

2012 Meetings

Our application for meeting dates has been approved. The dates are now confirmed.

Vale Viv Maguire

In every group there are people who work quietly in the background without drawing much attention to themselves but are willing to put their hand up when something needs to be done. We are sad to report that we have lost just such a person when Viv passed away in early December.

Some people will remember her as the lady with the mermaids and fairies. Her display added both colour and variety with a touch of the mystical to our show.

Workers at the last show will remember the great lunch she provided for our volunteers on the Friday. Her homemade soup was just the right thing after a busy morning getting the hall ready, even if it was too much for the plates!

Our group is much poorer without her. She will be missed. We extend our sympathy to our President, Bill and his family.

End of Year Get – Together

A number of members met up for an end of year get together on Sunday 4th December at Australiana Pioneer Village. Those who attended report they had an enjoyable lunch.

After lunch the opportunity was taken to have a look around the village before joining the Friends of the Village for a tasty afternoon tea of scones and damper. Fortunately this was held in the Damper Camp as the weather turned very wet during the afternoon.

Collectormania

Collectormania is a new event that has replaced the Penrith Model Swap Meet. There are over 200 stalls with various collectables including cars, action figures, trading cards and railways. As well as the traders there are a small number of displays.

Several of our exhibitors, including our President, attended the first event in October 2011 and most will return for the next event on 11th March. It will be held at Penrith Panthers Pavilion at Panthers in Mulgoa Road Penrith, 9 – 3. We will have flyers available for anyone who will have a stand on the day.

Exhibitors

Invitations have been sent to potential exhibitors and applications are starting to arrive. But we are always looking for new displays to add variety to our show. If you know of anyone with a suitable display please let us know. Exhibitor information sheets and application forms are on the website.

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