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Official correspondence and newsletter

If you read this and are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details. Please ensure we are notified of any change of email address. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day.

Next Club Meetings

This month the 16th of October will be our normal track day. Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cellphone for members, members contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list. 15th October will be committee meeting and 16th October will be our normal members track day.

Raised track progress



Raised track bridge pillar



raised track progress

Chairman's Chatter

September heritage weekend the club again hosted our September fair after an absence of 2 years due to Covid. Thanks to Carel for taking care of the arrangements, a job very well done with all the stalls and additional displays. Attendance was close to our last fair before Covid. A lot of members participated with displays showcasing their skills and efforts. A lot of members also helped with passenger hauling, keeping the station clear of waiting passengers. Thanks to all for making it an exceptional event.

We are close to finishing the repairs to the caretaker facility. It will definitely help a lot over the longer-term limiting damage by floods.

The raised track took a bit of a backseat with the fair and building repairs, we plan to start on the work again soon.

We are still awaiting resolution of the power to the park that was cut off by the city council. We have obtained a generator as interim measure to run open days and parties, and we are also considering solar solutions long term, but despite verbal assurances nothing has happened so far regarding installing metering and reconnecting the power.

Secretary's bit



Though public attendance was not as expected, we congratulate Carel Janse van Rensburg and his helpers, as the main organiser, for an excellent September Fair. We hosted many more stalls than ever before and most, if not all, stall holders were most impressed with the venue and event, indicating their willingness to attend next year's event. Well done Carel and team!!

On a lesser note, there are still some membership subs outstanding. We know times are tough. Rather than forfeiting your membership due to non-payment of subs,

please discuss the issue with the committee. There are other ways in which members can be of assistance and in turn be assisted.

Our birthday guys for September were **Rodney Michael, Norman Reyneke, Dam Wessels, Gerrit de Vries, Johan Louw, Carel Jense van Rensburg & Ballot Marx**. This month are **Sam van Rensburg, Edmund Carr and Lukas Nel**.

Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

The repairing of the flood damaged caretakers flat is almost finished. Maintenance and repair of locos "Sarel" and "Lizzy" is being undertaken, DZ rolling stock is being modified to improve stability. Flood damage repair and maintenance of the wood table sets for the station continued. Progress on the raised track stalled due to the Sept. fair and the flat but bridge supports have been built. Drain laying from the G scale area is now complete.

Who is doing what?



Johnny Sharpe machined and sanded the massive domes on his 7 ¼ inch Shay.



Carel Janse van Rensburg's brass parts for his B22 B Bogie wagon in Cape Gauge 1, 1:24 garden scale.

For sale and wanted

Ken Fletcher, kenson@ozemail.com.au (contact Ken directly for more information)

My father, Dennis Fletcher, has recently passed away. He was a very accomplished model engineer and built 4 of 5inch gauge steam locomotives. He was based in Plettenberg Bay, where he was a principle and main member of Plettenberg Miniature Railway for many years.

The entire contents of his workshop, plus 2 unsold locomotives are for sale. We have a full inventory of all tools.

All this equipment is for sale. For information, I have attached a few photos of his workshop. And an excel spreadsheet of all tools and equipment available.



Fletcher's Tools.xlsx



There is also a quantity of 5" track available.

Here is the link for Hannes Paling's September fair photos. – Thank you, Hannes.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/albums/72177720302421962>

Funnies



A big thanks to those who assisted by contributing! – ED.