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## 1. THANKS

Over the years the Museum has received generous support through donations in kind and financial assistance from many of our members and local businesses and companies. Without this support the Museum would not be where it is today and we would especially like to take this opportunity to sincerely express our appreciation to the following companies for their support during the last twelve months.

Company/Donor	Contact	Phone
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Gracelands Electrical Pty Ltd	Glenn Hargrave	(02) 4753 6508 0408 272 561
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Tony/Anthony Brown Pty Ltd	Anthony Brown	(02) 4751 1935 0428 241 311
Macquarie Road Auto Repairs	Ken Albery	(02) 4751 6620
SPS – Statewide Protective Service	John Cramp	(02) 4751 8932
Austrains	John Eassie	(02) 9809 6954
Terry's Truck Hire	Terry Howe	(02) 4751 1180 0418 971 052
Leonay Plumbing Pty Ltd	John Campbell	(02) 4722 2244

In addition to the above we would also like to thank Mr Kevin Girard who continues to support the Museum with his advice and expertise on Pest Control management. Many thanks everyone.

## 2. MEMBERS RAILMOTOR TOUR

The Member's Railmotor Tour is now full and payment for your tickets/seats is now required. If you have expressed interest in attending and reserved your seat(s), please arrange for your payment to be forwarded to the Tour Organiser as soon as possible. Please contact the Tour Organiser, David Lewis on (02) 9630 6304 or email [floozie2@bigpond.net.au](mailto:floozie2@bigpond.net.au) to discuss payment of your tickets as soon as possible.

## 3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are advised that the Museum's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007 commencing at 1:30pm. Annual Reports are included with this Edition of the Depot Diary.

## 4. FISH REPORT

It's that time of the year again where we look back, reflect and report to our members, the Museum's achievements of the past twelve months. Included with this Depot Diary is the full Annual Report of the Museum. Please take the time to read and learn about your Museum and its performance over the last twelve months. I would like to pass on my personal thanks and congratulations to the Museum's Members who have contributed to our achievements during this time. I would like to specially thank those members of the Executive Committee and sub committees who have worked as a team and assisted in guiding the Museum into the future. May we look forward to your continuing support in the coming twelve months. Hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting.

## 5. NEW TRAM SHED

As reported in the last edition of the DD work on the construction of the new tram shed has finally commenced. While it was hoped to  
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have the structure completed by the end of June, unfortunately the weather has not been all that kind to the builder in the early stages of the construction resulting in progress being delayed during the periods of rain we experienced in June. We hope the photos below give you a good impression on the size and progress of the new shed.



Above: The new STaRPS shed starts to take shape. These two views show frame work, and cladding on the southern wall. Below: Looking through the shed with cladding on both side walls and roof fitted. Note: Rails for the first siding in place. Photos: Ted Mullett.



## 6. OPEN DAY SET UP ASSISTANCE

The Museum is keen to hear from any local members who can give us some assistance for 1-2 hours in the morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. We understand that some members cannot give up all their Sundays and probably feel that a couple of hours would not be of any assistance. The Museum has some tasks on Open Days that need to be completed before opening times, which would only require a minimum of 1-2 hours of your time in the morning. These tasks include display set up, assistance with roadside signage and onsite cleanliness. If you cannot assist in the morning, assistance in the afternoon with packing up the site would be very much appreciated, particularly with collection of roadside signs. Times your assistance would be required would be from between 8:00 and 10:30am in the morning or from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the afternoon. If you are a local member and feel that you can assist during these hours we would be keen to hear from you. Please contact Andrew Tester on (02) 4735 8601 after 7pm.

## 7. CLEANING ASSISTANCE

The Museum is interested to hear from any one who could offer assistance with general cleaning. Duties would include cleaning of the Members Meal Room, Toilets and general cleaning of the Museum grounds. Assistance would only be required on two half days a month. All equipment provided. Anybody interested in this can contact Col Burne on Ph: 4739 2423 or Andrew Tester on Ph: 4735 8601. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## 8. GET WELL WISHES

One of the Museum's earliest members Nick Hill is presently suffering from health complications. Nick and his wife Judith have been long time supporters of the Museum. Nick – the Museum wishes you all the best with your health. Our thoughts are with both Nick and Judith during this time.

## 9. RETAIL REPORT

### NEW ARRIVALS

44 Class book (*by the late Ron Preston*) has now arrived - \$65.00

2008 AMRM Calendar (*Double sided for the steam and diesel enthusiasts*) - \$17.00

2008 RTM Calendar – (*Due August 2007 – Discounts for RTM Members upon presentation of special offer brochure with next RTM Roundhouse*).

### NEW CD/DVD RELEASES

DVD – Steam Times (Part 5) - \$38.00

### SHOP ASSISTANCE

"We have a need for more people to assist in the shop, so if you like dealing with people, or you think that you would like to work in the shop area, your help would be very gratefully appreciated. No retail experience necessary. Interested persons will be trained by experienced staff and depending on numbers volunteering, be rostered once every couple of months or so. Please contact our Retail Manager Steve Corrigan on 4759 1980 or email: [sjc\\_alco@pnc.com.au](mailto:sjc_alco@pnc.com.au)."



**YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU**

## 10. WORKS REPORT.

**Work Hours** – The following hours have been logged by our volunteers for the months of June 2007 and July 2007.

Activity	June	July
Services	14	0
Buildings	337	255
Model Railway	48	16
Workshop	109	88
Exhibits	130	197
Landscaping / Grounds	166	101
Publicity	62	1
Retail	102	189
General / Admin	90	81
Job Quest / WFD	0	0
Total	1058	928

### Reminder – Attendance Register

All members please ensure that you register all details relevant to your attendance at the Depot, in the Attendance Register. This enables an accurate record of your time spent on each project. Workers Concession hours are calculated from these records.

It is also a requirement for Insurance purposes, should anything unforeseen happen to a worker while on the site.

## 11. NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined and trust they have a long and enjoyable association with the Museum.

Name	Membership Number
Denis Clunie, Mt. Riverview	488
Brandon Nesbit, Mt. Riverview	489

## 12. EMAIL

Do you have email access and would like your copy of the Depot Diary emailed to you? Please let us know of your email address. If you already receive the Depot Diary by email, please ensure you advise us of any changes to your email address. If you no longer wish to receive the Depot Diary by email please advise. This will

ensure you continue to receive your copies of the Depot Diary. Please contact the Museum's Membership Officer, at our Postal Address with your revised details.

What are the advantages of getting the Depot Dairy by email? Getting the Depot Diary emailed, you will not only get it quicker than through the conventional mail system, you will also receive a colour copy of the Depot Dairy.

## 13. CHANGING ADDRESS?

Are you moving home or changing your contact details?

Please ensure that you keep us informed of your correct details. This will save the Museum money in postage and will ensure that we can continue sending you copies of the Depot Diary.

## 14. MUSEUM ADMISSION FOR MEMBERS

Just a reminder for the benefit of members of Valley Heights, the RTM, STaRPS and the Springwood Historical Society, in order to gain free entry to the Valley Heights Museum on Open Days, please have your current Membership Card / Badge ready for presentation to shop staff when asked to do so.

Failure to present your Membership Card/Badge when requested will require payment of the Admission charge applicable.

Visiting members of Valley Heights, RTM and Springwood Historical Society are advised that while your Membership entitles you to unlimited free Admission to the Museum this **does not** include Tram/Trike Rides. Unlimited Member's rides cost – Adults: \$5-00, School Students \$3-00, Seniors/Concessions \$3-00.

## 15. FUTURE DEPOT DIARIES

If any members have any features that they would like to include in the Depot Diary please contact our Publicity Officer to submit an article. These can be reports of work carried out at the Museum to items of Railway Interest in general.

## 16. UP COMING EVENTS

Event	Dates
Annual General Meeting & 5711 Work Day	Sat. 25/8/2007
Members Railmotor Tour	Sun. 26/8/2007
Open Days – September	Sun. 2 & 16/9/2007
Retiree Work Week	Sat. 8/9/2007 & M-F. 10-14/9/2007
5711 Work Day	Sat. 22/9/2007
Membership Renewals Due	Mon. 1/10/2007
Open Days – October	Sun. 7 & 21/10/2007
Retiree Work Week	Sat. 13/10/2007 & M-F. 15-19/10/2007
5711 Work Day	Sat. 27/10/2007
Open Days – November	Sun. 4 & 18/11/2007
Retiree Work Week	Sat. 10/11/2007 & M-F. 12-16/11/2007
5711 Work Day	Sat. 24/11/2007
Open Days – December	Sun. 2 & 16/12/2007
Retiree Work Week	Sat. 8/12/2007 & M-F. 10-14/12/2007
5711 Work Day	Sat. 22/12/2007