

# Noarlunga Model Railroaders Inc. Newsletter



## Right On Track

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*The workshop at thhe back of the shed has been reorganised .  
Lakeside now is in one trailer not two.*

## **Club Member Responsibilities 2015/16**

- **Almoner**
  - **Cleaning**
  - **Committee Members**
  - **Drinks and Confectionary Purchasing**
  - **Events (Open Days, Swap Meets, etc.)**
  - **First Aid**
  - **Lakeside**
  - **Library**
  - **Main Layout**
  - **Membership**
  - **Newsletter**
  - **Paradigm**
  - **President**
  - **Sausage Sizzle Sausage Purchasing**
  - **Sausage Sizzle Onion Purchasing**
  - **Sausage Sizzle Bread Purchasing**
  - **Sausage Sizzle Group Leaders**
  - **Secretary**
  - **Security**
  - **Treasurer**
  - **Vice-President**
  - **Web Administrator**
- **Frank Crossley**
  - **Peter Lynch, Jeff Kohler**
  - **Denis Woolard, Frank Crossley, Jeff Kohler, Peter Lynch, John Cutler, Ron Weeden, David Morley, Peter Saunders**
  - **Jeff Kohler**
  - **Denis Woolard, Peter Lynch**
  - **Peter Lynch**
  - **Ron Weeden, Denis Woolard, Jeff Kohler, Peter Saunders**
  - **David Morley**
  - **Frank Crossley**
  - **Jeff Kohler**
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  - **Committee**
  - **Ron Weeden**
  - **Peter Lynch**
  - **Justin Coombes (Thanks to The Hackham Pizza Shop)**
  - **Frank Crossley**
  - **Justin Coombes, John Cutler, Peter Lynch**
  - **Denis Woolard**
  - **Peter Saunders**
  - **Peter Lynch**
  - **Frank Crossley**
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**Next committee meeting**

**Monday 14/3/2016 7:30 pm**

**Welcome to new members:**

David Fogarty

Les Clement

James Emmett

**EASTER SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Beach Road Noarlunga Centre**

**We have been fortunate in gaining another day at Bunnings**

**A roster is on the notice board.**

**Please fill in a gap, we need the money and this event could be a beauty.**

**MODEL RAILWAY**

**EXHIBITION**

**OCTOBER 1st & 2nd**

**HUB RECREATION CENTRE**

**ABERFOYLE PARK S.A. 5159**

**SWAPMEET**

**FRIDAY EVENING**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**NOARLUNGA UNITING CHURCH**

**HILLIERS Rd MORPHETT VALE**

**Greyhound Park Exhibition**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Approval has been granted for our participation**

# **Coming Community Events**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, c2.00 PM**

**Visit from Flagstaff Hill Probus Club**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00 AM to 1130 AM**

**Reynella Neighbourhood Centre**

**A visit from Salem Christadelphian Nursing Home**

**30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Eldercare Nursing Home Reynella**

**Details will follow, check notice board**

## **LAYOUT REPORT**

**LAKESIDE The new portable layout**

The layout is at the stage of being presentable as a work in progress, however more work is continuing on the electronics, scenery and both DC and DCC controllers.

### **PARADIGM**

**Paradigm has settled down to life as our second permanent layout and is proving popular. It was a master stroke to re-activate it and thus increase our capacity.**



### **MAIN LAYOUT**

The main layout is settling down again, and ongoing maintenance has resulted in the JMRI control up and running again. An electrical fault causing a short has been found and fixed. Work is continuing on the reconstruction of the lake in the logging camp area.

# Knuckle couplers for entry level H0 railway modellers

The following notes are intended to guide beginners through the maze knuckle couplers. Most of the guide is fact, but, a little is my own opinion.

1. Kadee is not the only manufacturer of H0 scale knuckle couplers, but no other manufacturer makes them as well. It is no coincidence that H0 knuckle couplers are commonly known as "Kadees". Especially for beginners, if it is not a Kadee, put it aside and get a Kadee.
2. Kadee couplers must be set on the centre-line of the wagon, coach or locomotive, and at the correct height, for reliable operation. When you buy your first pack of Kadees, buy a "coupler height gauge", preferably a #206 insulated gauge, which is about the same price as a pack of couplers.
3. "The" standard coupler for new installations in the twenty-first century is a #148 "whisker" coupler. "The" standard coupler box ("draft gear box") for new installations in the twenty-first century is a #242 "snap together" coupler box. A pack of #148 couplers includes instructions, four couplers, four #242 coupler boxes and a few spare coupler springs (these are tiny, and you may never need them – but keep them, anyway).
4. "The" standard coupler for new installations before the release of #148 couplers was the #5, and #5 couplers will remain in common use for many years to come! "The" standard coupler box ("draft gear box") for new installations before the release of #148 couplers was the #232. A pack of #5 couplers includes instructions, four couplers, four #634 centering springs, four #232 coupler boxes and a few spare coupler springs (and it is likely that you will need these...).
5. A #148 coupler will fit straight into a #232 (old) coupler box, and a #5 coupler, with a centering spring will fit into a #242 (snap together) coupler box.
6. It is not always possible to interchange #232 and #242 coupler boxes. It may be necessary to trim the "ears" from a #232 coupler box, or the flange from the front of a #242 box. Trimming the ears from a #232 box does weaken it.
7. Traditionally, #232 (old) coupler boxes have been attached to wagons with a screw – the screw holds everything together! If you glue #242 (snap together) coupler boxes to your wagon, and don't screw them as well, it is wise to *lightly* glue the bottom into the box with a touch of liquid glue.
8. Where wagons have buffers or rigid diaphragms, #148 or #5 couplers may be too short to allow the wagons to work around tight curves: use #146 (whisker) or #26 extra long couplers in their place.
9. "Swallow-tailed" couplers are available (#17, 18, 19 and 20) for most European wagons (including some newer Hornby 00 and H0 products): these have little application elsewhere.
10. A #148 coupler can be fitted directly into the bogies of some Life-like wagons, using a #212 "talgo truck adaptor.
11. Kadee has a *really good* website. <http://www.kadee.com/>
12. Nearly all H0 and 00 wagons and locomotives can be fitted with knuckle couplers, but only most of them are easy. Some are just plain difficult! This is a very brief introduction to the subject. If your wagon or loco is proving to be difficult, ask around, *before* you throw it at a wall!

Allan Lees

## FUNDRAISING

**Our club has a good friend in DRAKE'S FOODLAND. Upon presentation of a special tag the club gets a percentage of the bill. Tags are available from Viv Crossley.**

## REMINDERS

The new Saturday sausage sizzle position ( aprox 60m south of the old one ) seems to be improving.

Sizzlers are reminded that our Sizzle is definitely zoned as METRO AREA. Therefore we don't give it a miss on a hot day unless there is a Total Ban or a Partial Ban which includes the metro area. We need more volunteers for our Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle.

All trains running on any layout must have, where practical, track cleaning devices fitted. The condition of the tracks recently leaves a lot to be desired.



# End Of The Line Hobbies

## Your One Stop Hobby Shop

End Of The Line Hobbies is offering club members a 5% discount off all purchases. To be eligible you must be a current financial member and mention your club membership at the time of purchase. The club will receive the same amount as a voucher for use as we see fit. So you can help yourself and the club at the same time.

Delivery can be arranged anywhere in the world and orders may be placed in person at the shop, via e-mail, snail mail, phone or fax. There is a stock hold option and payments can be made by Visa Card, Master Card, EFTPOS and good old fashioned cash!

**Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm**

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