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**Launceston & North East Railway**



## 2021/2022 NEWSLETTER.

# “THE YEAR THAT WAS”



Dear Members,

It is nearly that time of year again to renew memberships and to have our AGM which will be held on:

(9th July 2022, Karoola Hall, Time TBA)

Thank you to our members and especially our Volunteers, Board and committee Members who have been working hard to keep L&NER going.

"The year that was"

After our last AGM, our new board have been working hard behind the scenes as well as turning up on Saturdays to work. They have been working towards moving to Turners Marsh, getting the station area organised at Karoola and sorting out planning for Karoola bridge etc.



Unfortunately late last year two of our board members resigned. (Chairman and a committee member)

Making way for our Vice Chair, Michael DeBomford, to take the "reins".

Our secretary, David and other committee members have been working hard on our accreditation. Without this we will not get our Railbugs, WG, and locomotives onto the rails.



Unfortunately while having the gate at Turners Marsh widened by a volunteer (and it couldn't be locked for a short time) we had sleepers, clips and plates stolen from the site.

This theft has disrupted the transition to Turners Marsh as we do not have any security there at the moment to ensure the safety of our equipment. As a result we have moved our containers onto the Karoola station site for now. Karoola station is our temporary go to and at present all volunteers



and members are to sign in and out at Karoola station.



This week (25-27th May 2022), we will be obtaining Locomotives x3

donated to us by Tasrail. These will be housed at the Lilydale station and will be monitored by our subcommittee members. The subcommittee members are comprised



of original and existing members of Diesel Traction Tasmania (DTT). They call themselves the “EE”

(English Electric) group or subcommittee.



This is all thanks to TasRail and their support, and also a BIG thanks to Combined Cranes for transporting and delivering/unloading the locomotives in a very professional manner, and getting them safely to Lilydale. A lot of organising and preparation has gone on behind the scenes to make this happen.

It is a huge milestone, but in the excitement let's not forget the other visible outcomes from hours of work by dedicated L&NER members

apart from this, including all the financial support from a few members and recently the \$20,000 grant we were given through Bridget Archer. Let's also not forget the first Railbug ready and waiting, with another two ready for assembly, the Railbug support vehicle which has been



reassembled and updated, the WG refurbishment which is almost completed, the storage shed which has been bought and is ready to be erected, or the track maintenance from Turners Marsh to Waddles Road which has been completed in readiness for rail operations.

Then there's the effort and time being put in to complete the accreditation application to go to the Rail Regulator.

We are madly trying to fund raise for our future insurances and developments and we have had a couple of fundraising events throughout the year.



For our Xmas celebrations we booked a lovely dinner at the Lilydale Tavern.

We all had a delicious meal and our Xmas raffle was well supported which raised us much needed funds.



For this year's Xmas event if people would prefer to have a lunchtime meal, ensuring you will be home before dark, please let us know.

At Easter time we had a BBQ at Karoola with bus trips available to the public, enabling them to visit all our sites for progress reports. We held a raffle on the day which once again was well supported.

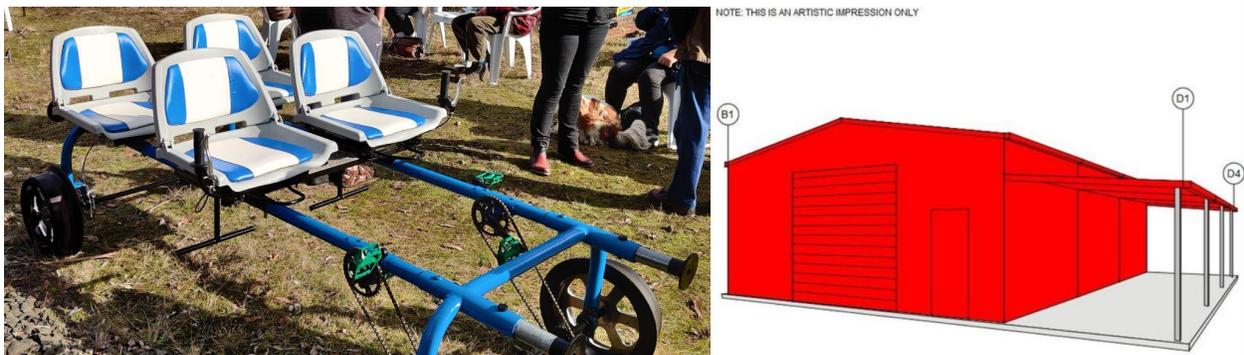


Our "Sleeper plaques" and "Go fund me" have also helped raise funds.



All your assistance with these fund raising events have been very much appreciated, proving that progress is only possible when the community is supporting you. We need to get the Railbug onto our track and earning an income for our future to progress.

One of our windfalls that has been positive has been the grant for \$20,000 from the Bridget Archer Fund to assist with the building and approvals of the Railbug shed. The three Railbugs, designed and built by us, and the shed, were all purchased by us with money we raised in this group. What a great effort these people put in to see something happen. That's almost \$25,000 we raised and payed ourselves for the Railbugs and shed.



So for the benefit of all those members who follow us on our social media sites, between covid times, retirements of board members and acquisition of land issues, we have been working hard towards keeping the lease and business plan active.

Hope this has helped to update our members and keep membership alive, well and thriving.

We are all a dedicated group of volunteers.

From all of us at L&N.E.R.

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