

# Central Otago Model News

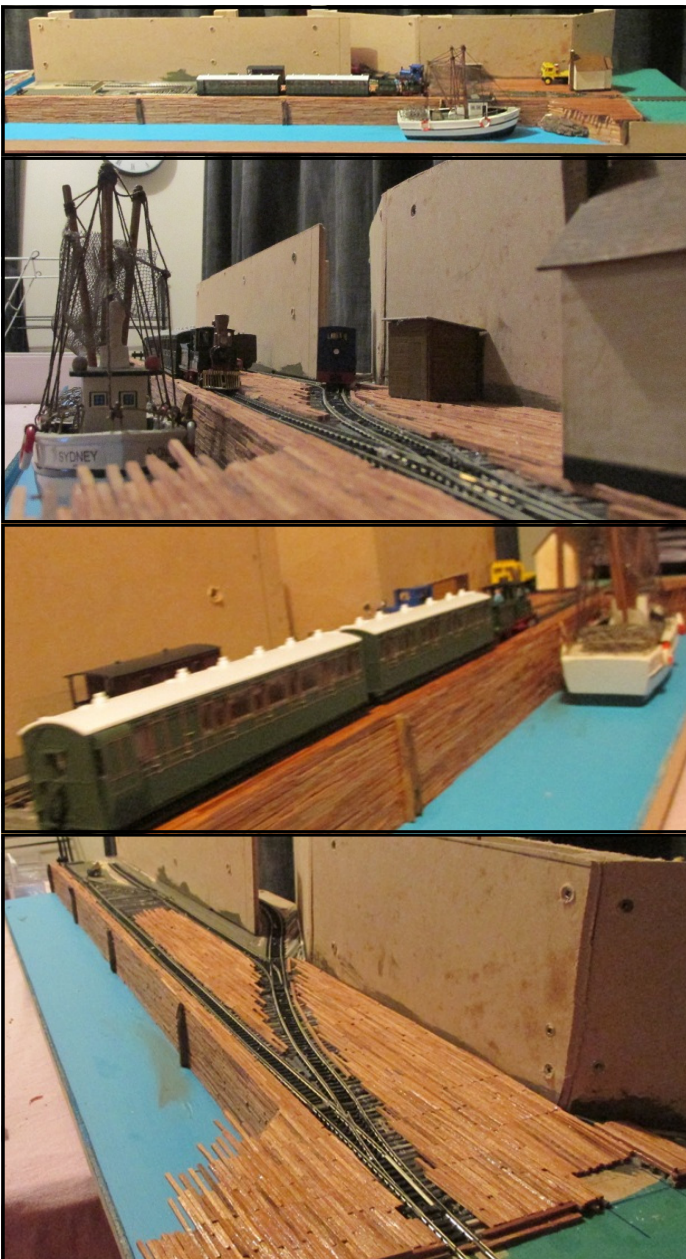
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## From the President's Desk

Not too much happening in the train shed as work is very busy, burst pipes etc. Have purchased trailer plugs to wire up and a mirror to put into a scene to enhance it ( something I saw in a model book ) so will lay track next and wire up.

Lochland has brought his new module up to the house to work on as pva doesn't dry well when its -3 degrees and the pva is frozen. Its a long job putting the match sticks on but will be well worth it when finished - see photos.



## Thoughts from Steve

Firstly a very warm welcome to Jake Marshall who is our newest junior member. Jake came to our have a go day and built his first model there and has now joined us and is going great building a tiger tank, taking his time and getting things right. Jakes interests are in building tanks, planes and boats and is really keen to get into the hobby.



Reading through the latest Wellington model club newsletter in their article on club judging criteria I noticed the following paragraph ----- When judging and comparison of top placing models makes it difficult to clearly separate the better model from the other, the following

## Community House Workshop

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Workshop 1-4

Committee Meeting 4-5:30

... and ...

Scout Den Workshop

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

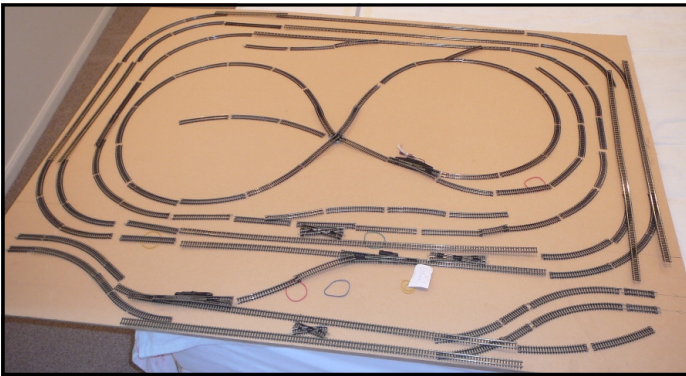
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additional points should be considered to decide the models order of merit. - Presentation - Stand off appearance - Appeal - Charisma - Emotion -----just a thought but maybe we could use a similar line when judging our models

The IPMS Nationals being held in Dunedin on 10-11 October 15 are at the Westpac Bowls Stadium 38 Tahuna Road Dunedin.

Warbirds over Wanaka is on 25-27-27 March 16

I had a quiet 10 minutes the other day so I started some putting some ideas down for a new layout for my n gage module so the first job was to get a suitable piece of board and reduce it to a size that will fit into the back of my truck. This ended up being 1450 x 1150 mm so this is the end size and then I sat some track sections on the board to see how it would look ( see photo ). Somehow what you draw on a piece of paper just doesn't seem to fit on the board and if members have any suggestions or modifications or things I have overlooked I would love to hear from them. This is only the first idea and won't be the last as models have to get finished for the nationals in October before any track gets laid on board.



After I had laid out the track I noticed on the back of one of the sets of points there was a web site to download a free track laying program - [www.atlasrr.com](http://www.atlasrr.com) - I guess if I spend a lot of time I may learn how to drive it but it may be of some help.

#### **Some thoughts to ponder over**

A conclusion is simply the place where you get tired of thinking - I don't have a solution but I admire the problem - Don't be so open minded that your brains fall out - If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished.

## More Railroad Tips

### **Road Surfaces**

I use wet/dry fine grade sandpaper for sections of roadway. I rub a couple of sheets together to remove the perfect glassy finish and make the road even smoother. Even the dust adds to the look, but you might need to spray a light coat of matt varnish to stop the dust getting where you don't want it.

### **Ploughed Field**

Corrugated cardboard is good for making ploughed fields. Glue it down in the farm paddock with the corrugated side facing upwards. Then paint on some white glue and apply a sprinkling of soil-colored scatter. The final details can be a few indications of some weeds or dead growth. A little detailing is usually better than overdoing it.

### **Printed Circuit Board**

Over the past 6 years I have done a lot of scratchbuilding of houses and buildings. I have tried using cardboard, balsa-wood and even styrene. Although I like working with balsa it is not always as strong as I would like it to be. A friend gave me some double-sided printed-circuit board and it was perfect. I cut it using a guillotine as it was so strong. It was easy to solder pieces together. He gave me heaps of offcuts for free. I used my soldering iron to add some stonework effects.

## Dates For Your Diary

- 12 July **Community House Workshop**
- 19 July **Scout Den Workshop**
- 25-27 July **IPMS Southland Show**
- 9 Aug **Community House Workshop**
- 16 Aug **Scout Den Workshop**
- 13 Sept **Community House Workshop**
- 13-14 Sept **IPMS Brisbane model competition**
- 20 Sept **Scout Den Workshop**
- 27-28 Sept **Alexandra Blossom Festival**
- 4-5 Oct **Christchurch Train Show**
- 10-11 Oct **IPMS National Champs Dunedin**
- 11 Oct **Community House Workshop**
- 18 Oct **Scout Den Workshop**
- 15 Nov **Scout Den Workshop**
- 13 Dec **Community House Workshop and AGM**
- 20 Dec **Scout Den Workshop**