

MOZ NEWSLETTER

An update on the Magnorail System by MagnorailOz

Issue #9 brings you up to date on the happenings around MagnorailOz over the past few months.

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Welcome to the May 2022 MagnorailOz (MOZ)Newsletter

Last month our Newsletter was a bit gloomy with only a few positives.

This issue - and yes it is a lot earlier than our usual quarterly timetable - is only good news.

GOOD NEWS 1

We are fully stocked again!

The Magnorail team have been working flat out to get the production line going again and have overcome the supply issues that plagued the operation over the past four months.

Despite Thierry being laid low with Covid as well another staff member, Fabienne battled on with some volunteers and kept the wheels of commerce turning

So we now have all items back in stock and listed on our web shop.

GOOD NEWS 2

The new Ready To Run Santa has arrived. Beautifully 3D printed with his sack on his back, the new Santa is available in our web shop for AUD\$60.



The word from Magnorail Central is that there will be a trailer later in the year to accessorise this model. However if you have the older Santa with trailer and pine tree on board, you might be able to twist the connector to horizontal and voila!



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GOOD NEWS 3

Shipping across the world continue to improve with more airlines getting back to some normality thus increasing the number of postal items able to be shipped by air.

Express Post still seems to be the most effective means of posting (albeit dearer) both within Australia and overseas. I had a parcel from Europe arrive in 8 days whilst parcels in Victoria seem to be back to overnight delivery with Express Post.

American customers still seem to be experiencing delays once our parcels arrive in USA (10 days from Australia). It seems UPS and US customs are experiencing staffing problems due to Covid delaying shipments by a further 2 weeks.

Hopefully that will improve in the near future. We have had no parcels stopped by customs so it is purely manpower problems. UK residents are getting through no problems.

Overseas customers, remember to check the Australia Post Link on our web shop page to see what current restrictions and delays are. <https://auspost.com.au/service-updates/international-delivery-times>

Also when doing your research, do the calculation for currency conversion as the Aussie dollar is quite high at the moment meaning it is usually cheaper for you when purchasing overseas.

VICTORIA'S SMALLEST RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Grampian Model Railroaders held their first exhibition for 2022 at their clubrooms at the Stawell Goods Shed in February.

It was at the tail end of the strict Covid lockdown rules imposed by the Victorian state government - supposedly the longest and harshest in the world (until the Chinese locked everything down in Shanghai and Beijing) so it was a bit of a gamble.

Whilst we did not break any records for patrons, there was still a steady flow of people through the doors with only a couple of people turned away because they were unvaccinated. Our diligence paid off with no reported covid cases coming from the weekend.

The beauty of having the show at our clubrooms is that the main Australian east-west railway line goes right past our door, so the video I have uploaded of the show gives you an insight into the type of freight that is carried on this line and the type of locos used. <https://youtu.be/04xVjnHdb54>



Treasurer Dave was a dab hand at the sausage sizzle for exhibitors and traders who were able to eat lunch and watch trains at the same time whilst sitting on our platform.



CANBERRA MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EXPO 26 & 27 MARCH

The MagnorailOz team visited the CRMC Expo for the first time. It was a long drive pulling a trailer with two layouts inside and all our stock plus our #1 assistant Robert (he was in the car, not the trailer) - over 8 hours if we drove straight through, but we stayed with relatives at a halfway stop.

We were suitably impressed with the presentation and management of the event which operated under strict Covid regulations. The only drawback was that we had to close at 3pm on Sunday as the school facilities we were using had to be deep cleaned prior to students attending the next day.



Over 30 layouts/exhibits were scattered though the myriad of school rooms, corridors, gym and other presentation spaces. It was easy to get lost if you didn't follow your program supplied at the door. With about 15 traders also, there were plenty of opportunities for people to purchase new and second hand items as visitors made their way around the complex.



We were pleased to hear people saying that they had watched all our YouTube videos and it was great when online customers introduced themselves so we could put a face to names on our database. I didn't think at the time, but we should have taken selfies and put them up on our social pages.

It was great to meet Volker Aeuckens who was one of the movers and shakers to get CRMC to install three Magnorail circuits on their club layout. The lake scene has a boat cruising along at a leisurely pace whilst several cyclists circumnavigate the lake and down at the end the quarry is busy working away. They have modified their quarry section where a loaded truck comes out from the quarry and stops at the weigh bridge shed and then continues on. They have used an IR emitter hidden in a pile of pipes on the side of the roads that triggers an Arduino board process to stop the vehicle for a set time delay making a very realistic action on an already magical scene.



I will be putting up a video on the show and their layout soon on our klatchco56 YouTube channel, so make sure you subscribe and hit the little bell button so you get notification when a new video is uploaded.

It was also great to meet another of our nonagenarian (over ninety years old) customers and supporter at the show. Tom Drury has been a key worker along with Aeuckens on the clubs Magnorail installations. His daughter Judy has also helped Tom with assembling and painting cyclists. It was a real pleasure chatting to them both in person after so many electronic conversations over the years. Once again I forgot to get a selfie with Tom, so I must remember to do it next year Tom!

I used my test track to highlight the versatility of the Magnorail System by having the following moving around the track.

- Tanks - die cast and plastic
- Hot Wheels
- Mario Cart figurines
- HO scale
- N Scale Buses & trucks
- Z scale tractors, cars and trucks





The May/June issue will soon available for download. <https://railmodelleraustralia.com/downloads.html> or read previous issues on line at the same download page

There are pages of great articles across a broad spectrum of the modelling scene with detailed descriptions of builds and plenty of photos. The beauty of this format is that you can enlarge photos on your screen to see detail that need further investigation unlike the magazine version where you would need a magnifier to see the detail. That said though, a subscription is well worth it for this jam packed little magazine or generous donation will keep it up and running.

You may even see some articles from MagnorailOz - check out the back issues for November and December 2020 - I am trying to pull together some more articles for the Editor. If you are inclined to some journalistic prowess and have some good photos on a subject, I am sure they will be interested in reviewing your article for possible publication!

NEODYMIUM MAGNETS

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are building a range of these extra strong magnets that can be used to replace sliders by gluing them directly on to a vehicle's chassis at the centre of the front axle. This eliminates the drag mark that the sliders leave down the centre of your roads and pathways. Free moving wheels are necessary though, or if using them with boats etc, some form of flock coated adhesive paper to reduce the friction.

Obviously one size does not fit all, you may have to glue two smaller magnets on top of each other to get the right clearance. You should try to have a clearance of 1-2mm above the roadbed so that the track magnets can still attract your vehicles magnet and draw it along.



The 5mm diameter magnets fit perfectly into the LEGO anti-studs. We will be doing a specific video of this process that replaces sliders and soon we will also be offering HO scale vehicles and N Scale buses Ready to Run with magnets attached. Remember to add some to your next order or see us at an exhibition.

PLEASE NOTE THESE MAGNETS SHOULD ALWAYS BE SECURED BY SUPERGLUE TO THE VEHICLES AND SPARE MAGNETS SHOULD BE KEPT IN A CHILDPROOF CONTAINER AWAY FROM SMALL INQUISITIVE HANDS.

You can remove superglued magnets (or unwanted glue on your fingers) by brushing or soaking them with acetone and allow some time for it to penetrate. Using a blade, they should prise off - some nail polish removers still contain acetone but you can check you hardware stores if not at the chemists.

COMMENTS, QUERIES AND SUGGESTIONS

We would like to hear from you if you have any questions about Magnorail or would like see some specific videos on a particular aspect of Magnorail installation.

Our blog page (click here *) discusses many aspects of using Magnorail and our FAQ pages (click here *) also answer queries we have received. Both are vital reading for someone looking to purchase a Magnorail starter set or currently installing a Magnorail circuit. If you have a specific request you can email us at admin@magnorailoz.com.au and you should get a reply within a day or so.



We would be pleased for comments on our videos as to whether you like them or found something interesting. If you would like a particular process highlighted from one of our general videos or an explanation of how someone else has created a particular effect in their video involving Magnorail, just send a link to the video with your query and we will take a look.

We do have a section on our YouTube channel with tutorials specific to the operation of the Magnorail System and would be happy to create a video on your specific request, as you can guarantee that you will not be the only person in the world that wants to know that special something. (click here *)

We would especially like for you to subscribe and hit the bell button so you will receive notification of any new videos we put up.

Yarra Valley Model Railway Club Exhibition at Diamond Creek

This was also a first time visit to this clubs exhibition. The show was held over the Easter weekend but only on the Saturday and Sunday.



A huge venue with plenty of space in two areas for displays and traders which was excellent giving us room to move behind the layouts instead of the usual cramped spaces in the smaller halls that clubs usually have to operate in.

We had the Lego layout and Crater Lake layout on display as well as our little test track and trading table alongside our display stand with all our scale accessories. We will do a video soon to our klatchco56 YouTube channel.

We were expecting more patrons on the Saturday, however upgrade works at the rail crossing a few minutes away meant people had to a 10 minute detour through narrow windy roads to get to the venue, which may have deterred the casual attendee. Obviously the true model railroad enthusiasts were not distracted by this inconvenience. As an aside it seems they were installing new technology whereby the energy from the braking of the trains is stored and then used for the starting off of the train leaving the station. Full details here on this new technology <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/media/publications/new-energy-storage-system>

For those of you that attended and noticed my wife Lois vacuuming up the detritus from the layout (which always occurs after transporting layouts) using our USB vacuum cleaner, you will be pleased to know we have more stock coming after selling out at the show. Handy little gadget that gets in to all the nooks and crannies and is powered by your portable USB power pack that is used for recharging phones and iPads on the run. It is in our webshop for \$15 <https://www.magnorailoz.com.au/store/p207/USB-VACUUM-CLEANER.html>



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ABOUT MAGNORAILOZ

MagnorailOz is the registered business name of C.O.Humphries & Associates selling the Magnorail System and other accessories for the hobbyist.

Clyde, a business consultant by profession, is now semi retired having worked in many fields of endeavour, from finance, not for profit organisations, local government, retail and several of his own business enterprises.

Clyde claims he is not a master modeller but is a thinker and creative concept person who can visualise concepts and projects clearly. He sees the Magnorail System as a major creative step in the model hobby field from novices to pros and is constantly thinking up ideas for implementation of the Magnorail System in getting some Magnorail Magic into the hobbyists hands.