#### **MAGNORAILOZ NEWS**

# **MOZ NEWSLETTER**

## An update on the Magnorail System by MagnorailOz

# Issue #7 brings you up to date on the happenings around MagnorailOz over the past few months.

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MAGNORAIL Head Office in France advised us in December that MagnorailOz was their top dealer for 2021!

What an accolade and honour for us here in Australia to receive this but it really is all thanks to you, our loyal customers from across the world.



As we start a New Year under the shadow of a worldwide pandemic that keeps rearing its ugly head in new strains, we reflect back on a tumulus past year that should have been a fresh start, with the Delta variant vanquished and lockdowns gone forever.

It was not meant to be. In Australia, and other countries, the government gave support to small business and families through cash subsidies and reduced costs to ease the financial burden of the pandemic. In

some cases it was certainly helpful. In other cases people fell through the cracks, with many individuals and families struggling and many small businesses closing their doors, unable to survive without the customer flow.



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<u>klatchco56</u> for 300+ videos featuring the Magnorail System

#### **MagnorailOz**



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Some hobby shops turned to the internet and survived that way but there were many that did not survive. With overheads such as rent and rates continuing despite reduced cash flow.

As we start 2022 it will still be a challenging time. Please support your hobby suppliers who have not been able to sell to you directly because exhibitions and shows have been cancelled. When we can start up the shows, put on a friendly face (with a mask covering it) and welcome back your friends in the modelling fraternity.

The positive thing will be that there should be hundreds of new layouts which have been constructed during lockdowns across the world. It will be great fun to see what new themes and ideas hobbyists have come up with - hopefully we will see lots more Magnorail Magic. Our Lego layout is one of those!

Please, please, please have a safe 2022 and respect your fellow people no matter what your vaccination beliefs are as we can only get through this pandemic if we work together to bring this horrible disease to its knees and return to some semblance of normality in our lives

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### **DELAYS DELAYS DELAYS**

It has not been smooth sailing these past two years with logistic and freight problems causing huge delivery delays in some areas. Thank you for your patience as the postal systems across the world try to finish digesting the Christmas rush and hopefully get back to some normality with delivery (that's if the Omicron variation of covid doesn't throw a spanner in the transport

networks again - fingers crossed). The fact that in and out of Australia also imposed further at MagnorailOz, especially to India where no occurred for over a month or more.

I will stress that once we have posted your tracking advice, we have no control over the system or cancel it. Most times, we despatch airlines had restricted flights delays for us

flights

order and sent you the order and cannot pull it out of the the day the order is received - except

QANTAS

for weekends. I do apologise for the extended delays that some of the overseas customers experienced over November and December.

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On the positive side, 99% of our goods arrive in good condition.

#### BUT.....

Magnorail have been caught up in the worldwide logistic bottleneck though, with some items being out of production for 4-5 months until raw material supplies start moving again.

The area hardest hit will be the ready to run bicycles, as the manufacturers of the clear wheel component which adds the pedalling magic to the Magnorail system, cannot get the raw plastic materials for the extrusion machines. Whilst there are still some exisiting stocks in Magnorail dealers inventory, nearly all bikes apart from the male and female cyclists, will be in short supply for several months. This also creates a problem for the *Bicycle Starter Sets* and the *Pair of Cyclists Kits* as there will be no clear wheel component available for them to be completed.

Hopefully the logistic problem will be solved and containers will be on the move again soon - please bear with us and just keep scanning web shops to see when items will be available again.







# MAGNORAIL MOVES LEGO\* #3



The more we play with the concept of moving Lego\*, the more potential we see for Magnorail moving Lego\*. We scan the new Lego\* sets as they come out, to see what we can adapt and City 60290 was the latest.

skateboard System an excitemen first time.

What appealed was the wheelchair and the skateboard as they are unique in the Lego\* System and will certainly create a bit of excitement when people see them for the



As both have

small footprints, we needed to adapt how the magnets were attached to the undersides using the Lego\* System. The wheelchair had to use what is called a *jumper plate* so we could attach magnets latitudinally in line with the Magnorail track. The one stud on top attaches to the wheel chair underside whilst the bottom of the plate allows us to fit two







magnets. Because of the smaller footprint we have to do a specialised

conversion of the blue chain links to accommodate the closer magnets. The Skateboard was able to accommodate the two magnets using clear Lego\* round baseplates Your can follow this in more detail in our video <u>https://youtu.be/ksUzvvmx31s</u>

We did resurrect some

of my boys *vintage* Lego\* (over 30 years old) and have the Octan racing team doing laps whilst their Octan Team Semi is in the garage getting its brakes overhauled.

We will be launching the new Lego\* layout at the January 8th & 9th Brickvention at the

Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre so we will see what impact it has on the

Lego\* community. I have already had these comments from the exhibitors Facebook page. *What is this witchcraft! Wow! This is GREAT! This is Awesome! This is so good!* 

We will see what happens and whether we get some new sales after the show, as we cannot sell any kits at the designated trade stand section because there are not enough team MagnorailOz members to cover two seperate stalls.

There will be a new *Lego*\* *Starter Set* as AFOL's (Adult Fan of Lego - there is a whole new language to learn if you want to play seriously with Lego\*) generally do not have things like transformers and controllers which a model railroader might have. It will be incorporating a complete starter set with a power controller, an extra fast motor (as the heavier Lego vehicles need a bit more grunt to pull them around), magnet viewer and extra magnets to attach to vehicles

MAGNORAIL AND MAGNORAILOZ HAVE NO AFFILIATION WITH LEGO\* AND ITS ASSOCIATED BRANDS AND KITS AND IS MERELY OFFERING A MEANS TO ANIMATE LEGO\* VEHICLES, BOATS, ANIMALS THAT ARE NORMALLY STATIC. ALL UNITS THAT RUN ON THE MAGNORAIL SYSTEM CAN STILL OPERATE AS INTENDED BY THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER. \*LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorise or endorse this product.









I will be producing an in depth report on the Lego project for release in the Australian Rail Modeller Magazine, hopefully for the January/February/ March issue.

In the meantime if you haven't read a copy of this great online Aussie hobby magazine, go to their website for the latest free online edition <u>here</u> or you can subscribe for a hard copy on their website https:// railmodelleraustralia.com

# MAGNORAIL NEW PRODUCT PLUS OTHER NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

We now have a good supply of *MAGNORAIL MAGNET VIEWERS* which are an indispensable Magnorail modellers tool. You can track where your magnets are under the roadbed so easily with this cheap little tool. It also has a couple of rulers printed on it to confirm the magnet spacing if you are using various configurations for your bicycles. \$7-code MZA01





#### We have a limited supply of MAGNORAIL MAGICIAN MUGS.

Great gift idea for yourself or a mate, when you order your next Magnorail set or accessories to save on postage.

Our code is M6 and the mugs cost \$15 plus postage.

# **NEODYMIUM MAGNETS**

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 fill all but for Lego conversions the 5mm width is the optimum size to fit the Lego under-stud but because of the variation in vehicle chassis clearances, you may have to glue two smaller magnets 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.



#### PLEASE NOTE THESE MAGNETS SHOULD ALWAYS BE SECURED BY SUPERGLUE TO THE VEHICLES AND SPARE MAGNETS SHOULD BE KEPT IN A CHILDPROOF CONTAINER not accessible to children.



Please also note that the new 3D printed Santa launch has been delayed due to the lack of clear wheels to complete the assembly. Magnorail are expecting supplies of this and other out of stock *Ready To Run* bicycles to be available mid year 2022.

WE HAVE A RANGE OF SCENERY ITEMS THAT WILL BE LISTED OVER THE NEXT MONTH, SO KEEP YOUR EYE ON OUR WEB SHOP.







# YOUTUBE VIDEOS WORTH WATCHING

As the volunteer curator for all things Magnorail on YouTube, I regularly scan for videos containing any Magnorail items in action.

The following new ones are just a few that I think are worthy of your attention.









MagnorailOz's video on the new Lego skateboard and wheelchair moving around the layout is worth seeing and can be adapted to non-lego scenarios. It has instructions on how to attach magnets to the Lego units to get them moving with the *Magic of Magnorail* 

#### https://youtu.be/ksUzvvmx31s

Luke Towan has done another diorama incorporating Magnorail. This is a condensed version which Luke has allowed us to produce that just features the Magnorail component. It is great if you are doing a new Magnorail installation with clear instructions from Luke

Chris Edwards from New Zealand has created a multi tiered modular N scale layout based on a German regional town.

He has plans to extend it even higher with a ski resort above the town

https://youtu.be/8W-2Z43Xx4g

And don't forget to watch the Magnorail Teaser when our web page is opened and send the link to your friends who may be interested.

# **COMMENTS, QUERIES AND SUGGESTIONS**

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

Our blog page (click here <u>\*</u>) discusses many aspects of using Magnorail and our FAQ pages (click here <u>\*</u>) 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 <u>magnorailoz.com.au</u> and you should get a reply within a day or so.

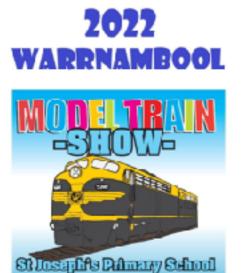
We would be pleased for comments on our videos as to whether you like them or found something interesting. If you would like a particular process highlighted from one of our general videos or an explanation of how someone else has created a particular effect in their video involving Magnorail, just send 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 <u>\*</u>)

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



January 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> 70 Botanic Road, Warmambool Saturday:10am-5pm, Sunday:10am-4pm Govid vecchation and QR check in required Find us enFacebook search Warmambool Nodel Railway Club Or call 0448805211 or 0427345594 or 0421159206

#### WARRNAMBOOL Model Railway Club Exhibition

MagnorailOz will be at the Warrnambool show this coming weekend January 8th & 9th with Crater Lake plus stock of



Magnorail Kits and accessories along with our MOZ Miniature range of vehicles and scale people from N to O Gauge. If you can't get to the show, everything is available on our web site www.magnorailoz.com.au



#### **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.



