



JANUARY 2022

Guild News

New South Wales & Queensland

Area News

Latest News:

Unfortunately, with Covid infections now at a peak on the East Coast I am sorry to say that neither Graham nor I have anything to report this month.

I am on schedule to begin dismantling my P4 layout in February to make room for a new O Gauge layout based on Ashburton in Devon. I have held back from sending out this newsletter because I have been busy making a video as a record of the P4 layout and wanted to include a link. So here it is: <https://youtu.be/cZIWakaUGdU>

All being well I hope to make sufficient progress with the new layout to be able to hold another meeting here on Sunday 3rd April.

I think many of us are getting frustrated with the delays of new products becoming available. I am eagerly awaiting my order for a couple of Lionheart GW 45xx 2-6-2T's but I am not expecting to see them any time soon. There is some progress with the Dapol Mk1 coaches with the Southern CK (Corridor Composite) having reached the shops in the past few days. However, there is no sign of the Western Region ones I require. Dapol propose to introduce a total of 89 variants of the Mk1 coach. It would be impracticable to introduce them all at once. So, Dapol is drip feeding the market. Consequently, some versions are totally sold out on pre-order or very quickly on reaching the shops. My advice to anyone, if you see something you want on sale or available on pre-order, buy it now as you might not get another chance. I think we are in for a long wait for the Brighton 4-wheel coaches and especially the Lionheart BR Standard Class 3 2-6-2T.



45xx Class 2-6-2T no.4560 arrives at LittleHempton on my P4 layout while making a video for posterity.

While my interest is in Lionheart and Dapol products the situation is no better with Heljan. Looking at the Hattons website they seem to be stuck with a load of ER Pacifics and have nothing else available in the way of steam locos. For those who like playing with numbers, Hattons have 33 versions of A3 and A4 pacifics of which they list over 10 in stock at £579. That adds up to, at the very least £159,000 of stock after taking the VAT off. So, LNER enthusiasts should expect some good discounts soon.

Look after yourselves and happy modelling.

Paul Plowman

GOG Constituency Representative for Queensland

Gauge O Guild Contacts in Australia:

New South Wales: Graham Plowman

Email: gppsoftware@gppsoftware.com

Mob: 0414 296 300

Website: www.mrol.com.au

Victoria: Phil Harding

Email: phil.harding@hotmail.com

Queensland: Paul Plowman

Email: paulplowman.gog@gmail.com

Mob: 0413 232 264

Website: www.mrol.com.au



An interesting effect of a 90 deg lens of my P4 layout