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# Guild News

*New South Wales &  
Queensland*

## Area News



*Plywood sheets laid loosely on the steel frame to provide a test track*

### Latest News:

With Covid restrictions now being eased the next thing we must contend with is torrential rain. We have had heavy rainfall here in SE Queensland almost non-stop for the past two weeks. The garden has been waterlogged but fortunately not high enough to get into my shed. We have just had a couple of fine days, but the heavy rainfall is forecast to return.

As mentioned in the January newsletter I was able to begin dismantling my P4 layout at the beginning of February to make room for a new O Gauge layout based on Ashburton in Devon. The old layout was built in sections which were lifted off the supporting steel frame which supported them. The steel frame was then separated into two halves. One section was repositioned along one side of the shed where it will be reused to support one of the two new stations on the

O Gauge layout. The second section was repositioned along the middle of the shed where it will support the new fiddle yard.

I have placed several sheets of ply loose on the steel frame so that I can lay a test track 29 ft long.

In the meanwhile, I have started removing track, etc. from the old layout sections. I am progressively removing wiring and point motors for reuse. At the present time it looks as though I might be able to reuse five out of the eleven old baseboard sections. This should save me time and expense.

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

## Meetings:

As mentioned above I propose to hold a meeting here at Boyland on Sunday afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup> April. I will include details in the next newsletter.

If anyone would like to host a meeting in the meanwhile, please contact me.

Look after yourselves and happy modelling.

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