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# Guild News

*New South Wales &  
Queensland*

## Area News



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Dear Member,

I am very pleased to be able to announce arrangements for our first area meeting. Trevor Hodges has very kindly invited us to visit his Morpeth layout on Saturday 8 May 2021.

The address is 19 Nunderi Lane, Nunderi, NSW. This is just over the Qld border, close to Murwillumbah. The day will commence at 10am and run through to 2pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided for a small charge of a note donation. Could you please let Trevor know if you plan to attend at [trevorchodges@gmail.com](mailto:trevorchodges@gmail.com) or call 0429926003 for catering purposes.

Trevor has been working on his Morpeth layout for about the past four years. It depicts a fictionalized version of the branch line that ran from East Maitland main line to the township of Morpeth on the Hunter River in NSW. It incorporates a couple of small modular layouts that he has been working on for the past 20 years or so. The layout is in its early development stages and has recently been host to regular operating sessions.

The layout is housed on the second floor of a 8.5m by 6.5m shed in Trevor's garden so to get to it you have to ascend a flight of



**SS Louise on Trevor Hodges Morpeth layout**



stairs. The room fully lined and air conditioned. The track is laid to standard Finescale standards (32mm gauge) and most locomotives built to this standard should run. Anyone who comes on the day is welcome to bring a train or loco to test out. However, the layout is run using an NCE DCC system and Trevor has no provision to run DC locos. Due to a planned house move this layout will soon be dismantled so this will be the last chance you might have to see it for quite some time.

We look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

### Members' Details:

Although GOG HQ has provided me with a comprehensive list of member's contact details I have little information of your modelling interests. I would be pleased to hear from members about their modelling activities and interests so that I can make this newsletter as relevant as possible. Please email me at the address below.



*Above: Trevor Hodges' Morpeth Layout*

### GOG Wiki:

I have upload three articles to the GOG Wiki this month:

[Cant and Transition Design](#)

[Signalling a Passing Loop](#)

[Signalling for Ashburton](#)

Please note, you will need to be already logged into the GOG website for these links to work.

### Articles for the Newsletter:

As we are so spread out in an area that covers a huge geographical area it is difficult for us to get together at meetings in any great number. If you are part of a small local group that is holding meetings please let me know so that I can publish details in this newsletter.

I would also welcome articles of your modelling activities for inclusion in the newsletter. Photographs will be very welcome.

Unfortunately I have run out of time this month having been away on holiday.

However, I have a couple of articles in the pipeline for the next newsletter. We have been experimenting with 3-d printing and following some initial disasters have now achieved some success. We have some tips and advice to pass on. Additionally, I have managed to acquire a Dapol BR Standard Brake Van which we will have a close look at.

Until next month,

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