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NEXT MEETING  Friday, September the 29th at Tony Binders

Minirail open day at Innisfail.
Hi all, things are getting quieter, thank goodness. So now we can start doing work on the shed, well we have already started, Tony, Merve and I spread 13 tonnes of road base beneath the Shelter Shed and the low area between it and our shed. I have a blister on my thumb to prove it and Merve was worked to a stand still. But we are lucky Tony bought in his small tractor with a scoop on the front, or we would still be there.

Our next plan is to is to fence in the Shelter Shed with pool fencing with some of the panels removable for easy access for our exhibits. Glen seems to have that job in hand.

I have purchased some electrical gear so that we can make a start to wire up the shed and Tony is looking into getting a wall in the first bay for a club room.

Although the temperature in the shed is quite good at the moment as we have insulation in the roof, I think things will change in a few months time, so we had better get a start on with the work.

Last meeting it was decided to hold the monthly meetings on Friday night at Tony’s place this may change back to the shed when the club room is completed and the power is connected.

This month we have a story and photos from Peter and Cheryl Higgins on the display at Innisfail on the Minirail open day. Peter Higgins, Nolan Sheehan and Alan Murray put in a massive effort with a total of seventeen items at the display, it is a credit to them. A photo of their display is on the front cover.

Keith.
Innisfail Minirail Opening Day

By Peter Higgins

The occasion was well patronized with nearly as many adults riding as children over the 1 klm track. Allan Murray, Nolan Sheehan and Peter Higgins were on hand to fly the N.Q.M.P. flag. The first here since the mid 1990s.

Allan displayed all his acquisitions, two Moffat Virtues, several Villiers, Drill, a Wisconsin, His Sandstone Wheel, Leather Stretcher, and his two Pedal cars. To top it off he had his little air compressor for his balloons that put a smile on many a young child's face.

Nolan came down from Babinda with a Horizontal Roseberry Buzacott and 1928 4hp McDonald Type C. Both ran faultlessly.

Peter only living about 300 yards away displayed his 1910 6HP Smellies Globurn, 3hp Mc Donald type CE, 1925 Witte Drag Saw, 1910 Stewart Little Major and a 1950s' era Ford Popular Ute which only the Smellies Globurn and Hornsby were run.

It was agreed by all that it was a very enjoyable day with Allan and Nolan looking forward to rallying together at the Babinda Sugar Festival on 7th October 2017.

Peter.
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Left. Merve works himself to stand still, levelling the road base under the shelter ready for our display area at the Train Park.

Below Left. Tony packs the road base down at the Train Park. A permanent style pool fence will be erected around the shelter, with some removable panels allowing access to the compound.

Below Right. A shot of our engines lined up at the Giru Show a few weeks ago on the 10/9/17.