

**The Model Makers and Collectors Exhibition** for March 2012 never happened for several reasons.

First was that I was not prepared to run and organise another one. I think 10 is enough and the committee was advised of my thinking. I believed it was time someone else needed to step up and take over. I'm prepared to help with info etc. if asked but that's it.

Another reason was where will we hold it? After the last one failed to make any money for the Lions (in fact it ended up losing money) the general consensus was that the DEC was too dear and we need to find another venue.

Several have been considered and indeed the Show Ground, which was one we gave thought to, did actively pursue us. But they still needed to address a number of logistical problems before they even come close.

Princess wharf No. 1 would be attractive but there is a huge parking problem there not only for patrons but for exhibitors as well.

The Glenorchy Lions are keen to run it again but only if we can assure them of a reasonable profit. And without significant sponsorship that is very difficult to do. It should be noted that two out of three sponsors of the 2010 Exhibition failed to come good with their promised funds and that didn't help the profit margin one little bit. The fact that one of those has since closed his doors speaks volumes for his business acumen.

The MMACA Exhibitions became well established in many of the public's calendars and they think that another Exhibition will "just happen" but that won't necessarily be the case. There is an enormous amount of work in putting a show like that not the least of which is organizing all of the various clubs to work together.

If you have any suggestions please let me know as I don't mind being the centre for communications.

By way of a contrast and as a bit of a positive report I'm pleased to advise that the Model Train Show which is held in August each year, and now at the Tasmanian Transport Museum Society (it was at the Hobart Show Ground from 2005 until 2012), continues to be an outstanding success.

The BRMA has been able to pass on cheques to the Glenorchy Lions Club and the Tasmanian Transport Museum for amounts up to \$5000.00 each.

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