

**The Model Makers And Collectors Exhibition** for next March (2012) remains in limbo for several reasons. One is that I am not prepared to run and organise another one (I think 10 is enough and the committee have been advised of this) so someone else needs to step up and take over. I'm prepared to help with info etc. if asked but that's it. Another reason is 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, has been actively chasing us. But they still need 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. 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 are now well established on many of the public's calendars and they think that another Exhibition will "just happen" but that may not necessarily be the case.

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 that was held on August 20 & 21 this year, at the Hobart Show Ground, was an outstanding success. The BRMA have been able to pass on a cheque to the Glenorchy Lions Club for \$9600.00 and a further \$2000.00 to the Tasmanian Transport Museum Society to help in continuing restoration projects.

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