

Subject: 5" gauge locomotive based on "Moreton"
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G'day,

My name is Shane Morris, I'm a member of Pacific Coast Railway Society Inc. in Casino, and I am the owner-operator of a prototype locomotive design that has been loosely modelled after the Queensland sugar cane 0-6-0 locomotive "Moreton" and thought you may like to feature it on your website. The design concept is named "The Whippersnapper," it's meant to be a way to get people into the hobby of model engineering cheaply and easily, and retain them, and I've named my loco "Lady Tarja - The Winter Princess," owing to the fact my hometown is Lithgow in the Blue Mountains, famous for a certain zig zag railway and its legendary freezing weather, and I love gothic metal music!





There's Lady T in the workshop, with the largest loco in our fleet, John Skirreys "'05" on 7.25" gauge for ultimate comparison. Mine is faster, and cuter, running joke in the workshop is mine is the largest loco in the fleet ever.



The recently overhauled drivetrain and retrofitted "cupcake tray" for ballast weight. Lady T's powerplant is a ~25cc whipper snipper engine, with a 10:18, 10:18, 10:16 gearing reduction in the drivetrain via a centrifugal clutch.



Photo of Yours Truly, taken at North Casino in late June while Lady T was on a shakedown run. I've since had a shave and a haircut, Lithgow is *cold* in June!

The man who got me into model engineering, a former fellow workmate of my ex-fiancé, Ron Sulak, of Bankstown Live Steamers, has "Bimbada" on 5" gauge at his family's private track in Bankstown, where I help out as a technician when I'm in Sydney. Lady T was originally going to be a BR Class 08 when the previous owner-builder had her, I chose a sugar cane loco prototype to match Rons Bimbada in Sydney, and had access to a wealth of material from our Queensland based members at Pacific Coast.

One of my next projects in the Summer will be to make a rake of cane bins, which are neatly disguised trash/ green waste wagons, if I'm going to clean up and give the shrubbery a haircut, I'm going to do it in style!

Hope this is useful to you and your websites subject matter.

Cheers!

Shane.

Sent from my iPad