# **Pakenham in Scale**

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#### **Official Newsletter of Pakenham Modellers Group**

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# Special points of interest:

- Graham Mahoney's success at Model Expo 2010
- The Great Kookaburra Book Sale
- And more

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Model Expo 2010 has come and passed with PMG yet again giving a great account of itself. This year's theme, The 1950s a Decade of Change was well received by both the public and officials together. Particular interest, especially from the younger generations, was for Barry McClutcheon's Auto Junkyard diorama.

Model Expo 2010

Photos of PMG display have featured on websites outside of the club's website. Much thanks to John Gloz and Barry McClutcheon for their work on setting up the display, manning the display and packing it up afterwards. Also thanks to the other members who also assisted, well done guys.

The highlight for PMG was Graham Mahoney taking out the Special Award for Best Trumpeter build. Graham's Wyvern seems to have become one of the iconic images from Model Expo 2010 with

Model Expo 2011

sub themes:

The Theme for Model Expo

2011 will be Micro Displays,

these will include the following

Milne Bay 1942

Reconnaissance

designed for

Not what they were

any write up or photo shoot regarding this year's Model Expo featuring it.

Our members reported that Model Expo 2010 was a great success this year, with a large turnout of the public in general. They reported that Model Expo was well managed and professionally presented, so our congratulations to the Model Expo Committee for again a job well done.

The award for Best Club Display went again to the club who seem to be Model Expo's all time champions at club displays, Waverly Scale Model Club for their ABC of Modelling. Most would agree that it was well deserved.

Check inside for photos of the PMG Display

A huge thank you to Peter Wilding of Geelong for his 1950s autos, high quality models and very popular.





Graham Mahoney received the award for Best Trumpeter for his Westland Wyvern Late Version

To ease the work on just one member the stands are being built by a number of club members. It is good to see construction of kits and thoughts on presentation already taking shape



One of the knocked out Japanese Type 95 Tank at the Battle of Milne Bay



F4U-1D one of the Theme models for the recent Waverly Interclub

"Transferring automatically the details of the post on to the operators Facebook page."

### **Waverly Interclub**

Our Club team recently attended the Waverly Interclub event. This is designed to be a low key friendly event meant to bring clubs together over a fun competition BBQ and a swap&sell. One of the features of this event is a day build, where a mystery kit is given on the day to a team from each club, then with what they can take in a shoe box, a build is done and a vote is done for the best result.

Our team members reported that they enjoyed this year's event. However, for whatever reason, we only received our theme kits four weeks before the event and unfortunately this meant that one theme builder was unable to complete the build to the extend that it could be displayed, so Graham Mahoney made a tongue in cheek diorama in it place.

The fact that the kits arrived late, did put the team at a decided disadvantage compared to other clubs who had actually completed their theme builds when our kits had just arrived.

Still our team put up a great effort and really enjoyed the day. One of our members benefitting greatly from a discussion with a WSMC member regarding upgrades to the Airfix Mosquito kit.



When our Theme build of the Musashi couldn't be completed, Graham decided to do a little diorama on what happed to it instead

## Website Report

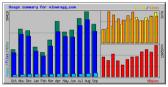
Without the Hobby Expo and a large photo shoot from Model Expo, the website is still showing remarkable growth in number of visits with 3077 visits for September alone. The Model Tips forum contains over six pages of tips and it would appear that visitors are using the forums as a kind of Scale Modeling Data Base.

It is good to see posting by other members of the Club

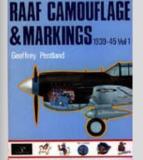
and increases in visits seem to have coincided with the Facebook linking option. This linking is simply performed via a button at the bottom of a post. Once clicked, the website will generate a query into the Facebook Database, transferring automatically the details of the post on to the operators Facebook page.

This automatically shares your latest build or tip on your Face-

book profile.







#### **The Great Kookaburra Book Sale**

What started as a search for a father's day present has ended up in the club having access to the complete back catalogue of Kookaburra Technical Publications books. This includes the whole range of hard copy books and all that remain of the original soft cover series. At the first September meeting PMG members had an extremely rare chance to purchase the books which in many cases will never be printed again for incredibly low prices, an example of this is the RAAF Camouflage and Markings series were sold for \$45:00 a volume. If you are interested in any remaining stock, please con-tact PMG



# **Photo Gallery**





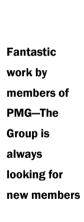
Renault RE-30B F1 racer by John Gloz

Beaufighter Mk21 Ginger Meggs aka Nancy 93 Sqn 1945

By Graham Mahoney



Mirage IIIO by John Gloz





A couple of shots of our Model Expo Display "The 1950s a Decade of Change"



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Making Scale Modeling Fun for everyone of all ages Pakenham Modellers Group is a general scale modeling group located in Pakenham Victoria, approx. 67 kms South East of the Melbourne CBD. The Group meets in the comfortable, recently modernized Studio of the LLinC Centre, 6b Henry St, Pakenham. Meetings are once a fortnight on Sunday afternoon starting at 02:00 pm. Our meetings are semi structured, with sessions on current projects and problem solving. Our skill level varies from the novice to the award winner, so no one will feel out of their depth. A cuppa and a biscuit follow each meeting and at only \$20.00 a year, you will buy yourself a lot of enjoyment: **"Come along and enjoy the Fun"** 

Check out our website
Pakenhammodellers.com

#### **Pakenham Hobby Expo**

Return of the Pakenham Hobby Expo is set for May 2012, this is after completion of the construction of the new Pakenham Hall. The Pakenham Hall reconstruction is part of a total redevelopment of the Hall/ Library site and should provide exciting new facilities for the area.

Currently frame work and concreting have been done on the site and construct work is due to be finished by March 2011.

This new venue will be closer to the main Pakenham Shopping Strip, in fact in walking distance with better access to public transport and parking facilities. ATM banking and other requirements will be provided by the Shopping Strip itself.

2012 should see a new era for this event, for further information please contact manager Rob O'Connor care of Pakenham Modellers Group.

