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SPRING, SPARK & STEAM: An illustrated guide to Australasian toy and model trains. By Bruce MacDonald

Colour dustjacket. 144 pp. Profusely illustrated with B&W but mostly colour photographs.

This book documents the beginnings of the model toy industry in Australia and New Zealand.

This book covers the pre-war and post- World War 2 period – when experienced model makers were leaving their regular employment to start cottage industries, producing models for a toy-starved public – up until the 1960s. As well as the details of fifty-five manufacturers such as Ferris, Maurlyn, Robilt, and Scorpion, the book has over six hundred full-colour photographs of many of the models produced and includes coverage of the retail outlets that were the public face of the industry.

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VICTORIAN SIGNALLING by Accident or Design? Author Peter Fisher¹

Peter Fisher has researched the development of signalling systems overseas (particularly in the UK and the USA) to establish the correlation between overseas best practice and its adoption and adaptation to the Victorian environment. The book explores how and why Victoria chose to blend two vastly different philosophies to achieve a cohesive outcome. The motivation behind this book was the author's concern that the mechanical signals on the Victorian Railways were fast disappearing without any published record which led him to his meticulous preparation of the material for this book. The book's 120 pages are printed on high quality paper and include over 160 black & white; as well as colour photographs and illustrations.

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Wooden Wonders: Victoria's Timber Bridges

By Don Chambers²

Timber bridge history is intrinsically connected to road and rail history. This book could be described as a showcase for design ingenuity or even a regional tour of Victoria. The asset of Australian hardwoods combined with simple stand-alone structure makes for compelling essays and dramatic black and white (as well as colour) photographs.

Undertaken as an exploration both for Dr. Don Chambers and research for the National Trust's Timber Bridge Study for the Trust's Timber Bridge Committee. If as in the case of the wooden rail bridge at Walhalla, a bridge is lost by bushfire or any other natural disaster, this book will serve as an important historical reference for future historians.

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¹ **Peter Fisher** has been interested in trains, and particularly signals, since he was a small boy living atop the Northcote cutting. At ten years of age he started the Northcote Train Society, supported by *The Spirit* newspaper. He is now a professional environmental consultant and university lecturer. He also writes freelance for the *Australian Financial Review*. He is meticulous with researching for his profession and for his hobby.

² **Don Chambers** was born at Lilydale in 1935 and grew up in and around Euroa in north-eastern Victoria. At 16 he became a rural worker. He studied extensively at Melbourne & Cambridge Universities. He teaches history at Monash University; renovates houses and is involved in the heritage and Open Learning scene in Melbourne.

NEW BOOKS

PATTERNS OF STEAM: Steam locomotives in Australia and New Zealand 1964-1985

Shane McCarthy

PATTERNS OF STEAM is a beautifully presented hardbound book of 208 pages, 300mm square, containing 350 evocative black-and-white photographs, printed in duotone on heavy art paper to the highest standards. The government systems of all Australian States, and the South Island of New Zealand, are covered; as well, there are many photographs of Australian industrial railways. Railway enthusiasts and lovers of fine art photography alike will be fascinated by the diversity of the photographs and the connections between them. Designed and photographed by Shane McCarthy, one of Australia's best known railway photographers, this magnificent book will be a lasting record of a railway era now gone forever.

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"Freight Across the Nation" by Rod Avery.

On board a Pacific National Superfreighter from Brisbane to Melbourne, then across to Perth. You will also learn what it takes to make these trains run, including train planning, train control, and crew sign on/sign off procedures. This superb book is in colour throughout, with over 80 colour photographs, including some great shots inside the cab of an NR Class loco. It is 170mm x 220mm, hard cover, section sewn.

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New Release DVD's

"Vic's Railway's - Volume 1" 2 hours and 12 minutes - \$49.95

Steam Media & Series 567 Rail Video have combined to produce a DVD featuring historic railway footage taken between 1991 and 1995 by the late Vic Greensill - the train driver tragically killed in a level crossing accident at Trawalla last April.

The contents are absolute rail history. Filmed on VHS and remastered to digital, the picture quality is outstanding. Many scenes in the history filled DVD are now unrepeatable. Filmed on a variety of different gauges in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland highlights include:- Cheetham's Laverton Salt works 2' gauge; ICI Deer Park Explosives factory 2' 6" gauge system; SECV Yallourn electric railway; Brisbane suburbans - loco hauled & EMU; cane train action; 14 vintage trams cavalcade; multi unit diesels of many classes in all 3 states including triple C class, quad T class, triple S class and a parallel run with 3801, R 766 and K 183 and much more.

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This DVD is a re-release of the extremely popular VHS title from Steam Media whose reputation for excellence in rail videos is well known. Revisiting six years ago you will see:- a quadruple header with K 183, R 761, R 707 & R 766; 6A returning to service with its Lempor exhaust triple heading with 7 and 14A; the final run of 'The Climax' before restoration; VGR Steamfreight weekend featuring K 160 and J 549; K 190 on the veteran car set; cabrides on Y 112, K 160 and Coal Creek 'Bundy'; Much action on the former double track Bendigo line beyond Kyneton; BPR Easter extravaganza with many double and some triple headers. Twenty one different steam locos appear on 50 operating days. Well worth upgrading your almost worn out VHS copy to see how much the railway scene has changed!

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