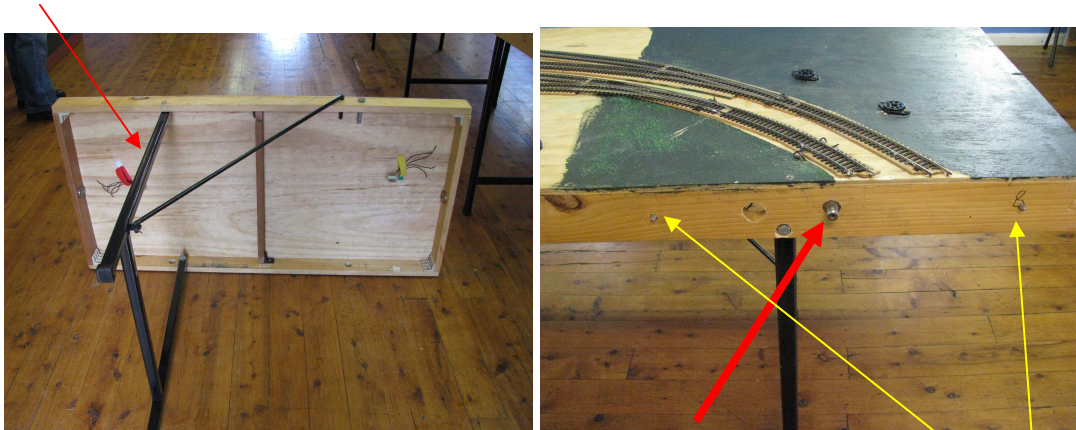


Club Layout – “Defty”

“Defty” is the third H0/00 layout to be constructed by St Lukes Model Railway Club. Several years of planning and about 6 months of work at fortnightly meetings brought it to an early stage of operational condition in 2008. It has been further developed and extended since that time.

It is a large, modular layout, with gentle curves permitting the running of large locomotives and long trains.

It features purpose-built steel/brass dowels to precisely align and lock the modules, as well as steel legs which fold away completely to facilitate storage between club meetings.



Locking dowel

Alignment dowels

It is stacked in a purpose-built cupboard in the church hall. It takes only about 15 minutes to erect for club meetings.



It is named in honour of Graham Defty, a former Rector of St Lukes, Hornsby Heights, who encouraged the holding of annual model railway exhibitions and the formation of the St Lukes MRC. (Graham has since retired to the NSW South Coast.)

"Defty" is a 2-rail H0/00 layout and has featured DCC-controlled equipment, DC controls and Hornby Live steam control systems owned and operated by members, to demonstrate the flexibility and realism possible with all control systems. As a shared layout, it uses Code 100 track, so as to accept a wide range of wheel types.

Due to storage constraints, the layout cannot be given permanent scenery, but it does include a large fan of storage sidings at its rear to facilitate storage of a variety of trains during running sessions and exhibitions.

Members have constructed a variety of card and plastic buildings which are used on the layout when exhibited.



Defty in 2008



Defty in 2012



Rear storage siding fan with (L to R) DCC NSWGR C36 class, Hornby live steam LNER A4 and scratchbuilt DC GWR 0-6-0