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## **THE WEEDS OF DESPAIR**

Will the weeds once again take over the Humewood Loco or will the Apple Express Company once again be able to rescue the train from destruction. We are all watching with bated breath.

Because of delays and resistance by Spoornet Narrow Gauge to sign agreements and contracts, the last of the sponsors have had enough and have, out of frustration, pulled the plug on financial aid. The shed staff have secured all the valuable equipment and tools as best as they could before switching out the lights and going home. All the coaches and locomotives have been shunted down to the Diesel Depot for safe keeping, leaving the steam sheds eerily silent. Negotiations and meetings with Spoornet are still ongoing and we just hope that the Railway authorities will sign the necessary documents very soon to enable the train to, literally, get back on track.



The emptiness of the loco sheds.

## **THE ASSOCIATION A.G.M.**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Apple Express Steam Association to be held on 29 May 2004 at 2pm at the 1820 Settler Association Headquarters, No.1 Mackay Street, Central.

### AGENDA

Welcome

Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

Chairman's Report

Financial Report

Election Of Office Bearers

General

Members will probably be wondering why no requests for subscriptions for the new year have been received. In light of the main story of this newsletter, the committee decided not to send out membership renewal notices until the future of the Apple Express train has been established. It is no good having an Apple Express interest group if there is no Apple Express. The Association has sufficient funds available to carry postage and printing of the newsletter for a few months. Let us hope that you will be getting a renewal notice in the near future.

### **OBITUARY**

It is with sorrow that we announce the recent passing of Pat Peace, wife of John. Our deepest sympathy goes to John and his family.

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