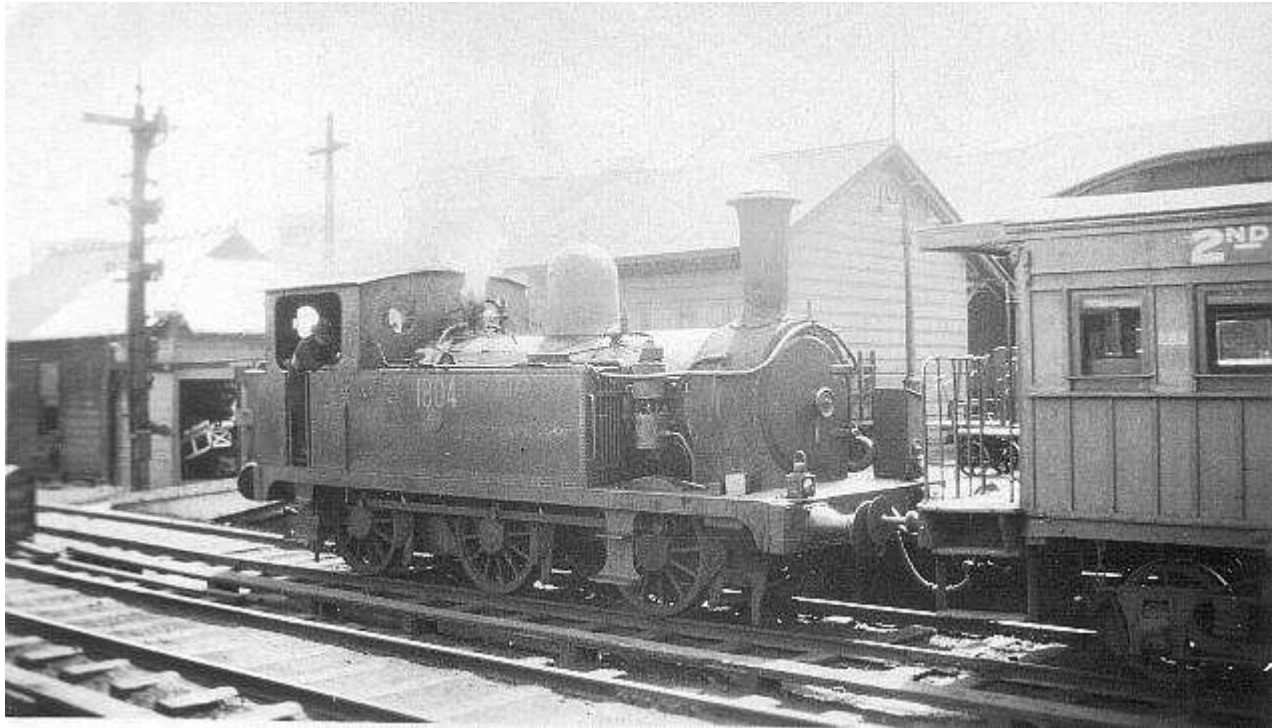
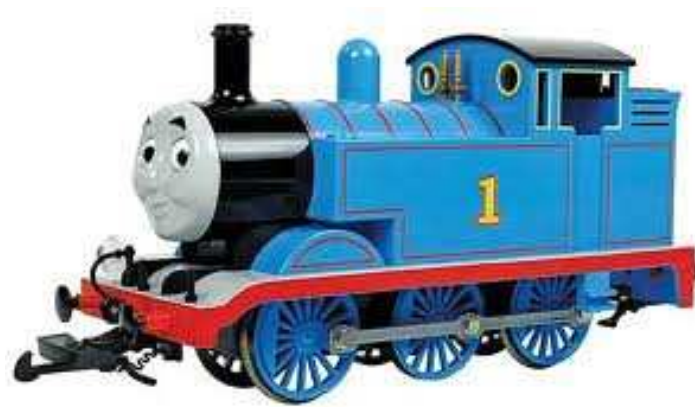


The BTR, 1800 Class 0-6-0 Tank Loco.



The photo above is of NSWGR 1800 Class No. 1804 at Newcastle NSW.

Geof inherited a Bachmann THOMAS THE TANK Engine that had been reworked by a fellow modeler.



The Loco as new, out of the box.



Dismantling the model as received.

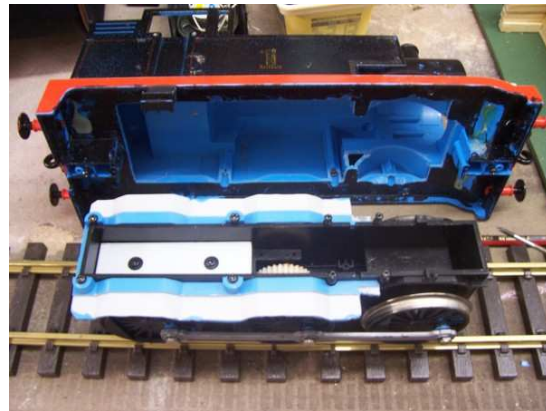
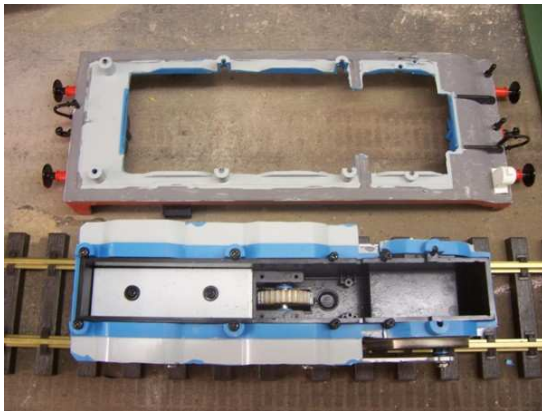


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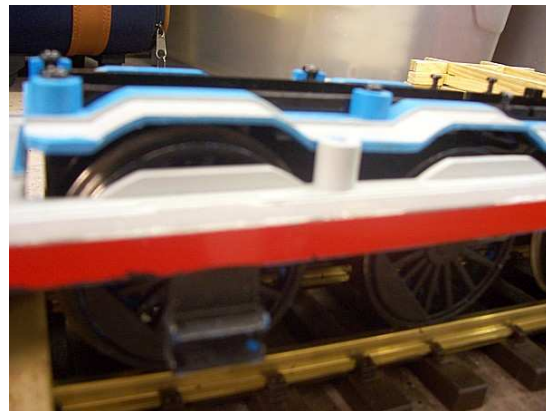
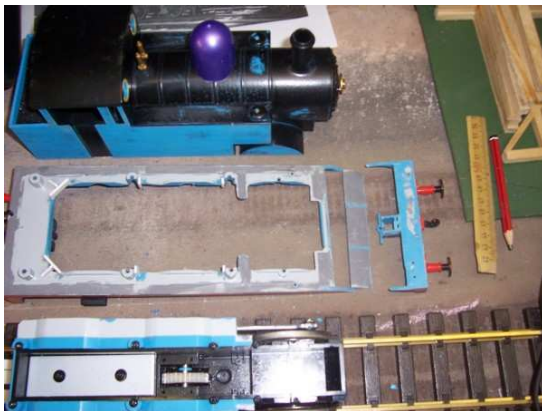


Geof made use of bits and pieces to rework the model.

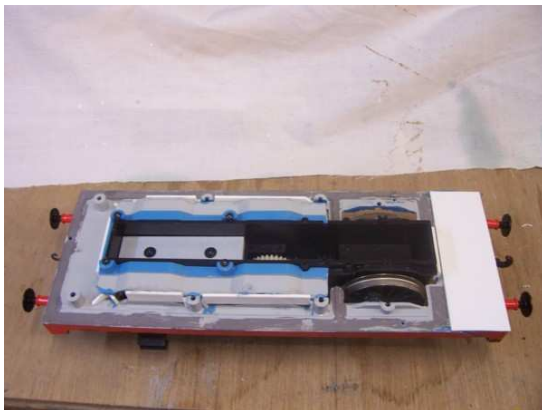
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Motor block, Footplate and Boiler/Cab shell were unscrewed ready to LOWER the footplate by 10mm.



The front buffer beam was separated, the inner footplate was detached and clearances were checked.



Footplate re-built with packers, refitted buffer beam & part-footplate, some relieving needed for clearances.

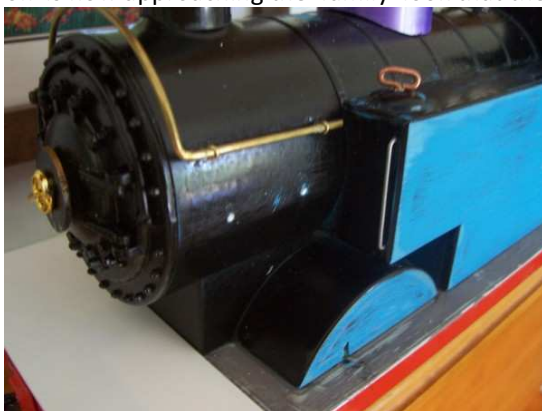


Rear bunker was cut down lower, buffer beam raised, Cab cut-outs, bigger roof plate, chimney & done enlarged.

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The 'look' is now approaching the 'family' look that the BTR aspires to. Ready for detailing additions.

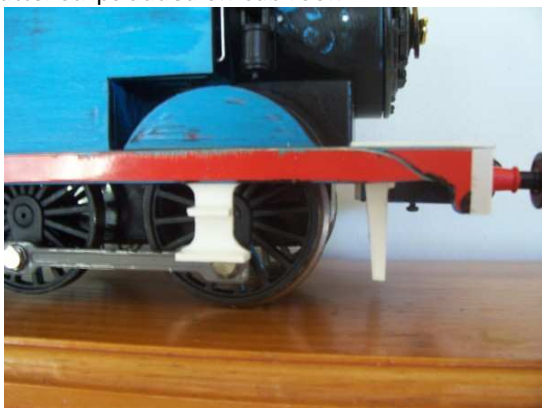


Grab Irons, side tank fill caps, hole infills then some fret work to complete the spectacle plate rings on Cab rear.



Rain gutter strips added on Cab roof.

Brake Pump added to right side.



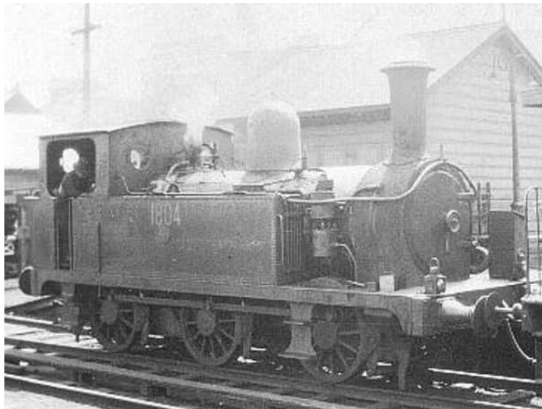
Extra step plates added under footplate, cow catch bars and buffer beam end caps on footplate.

Time to start paint job!

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The Loco No. 1804 was filthy dirty toward the end of her working life, so a weathered finish is appropriate.



Compromises made during this 'look-alike' re-build can be seen in these comparison photos.



Now to start adding the dirty, grime, wear and tear look to this road-ready shunter for the BTR.