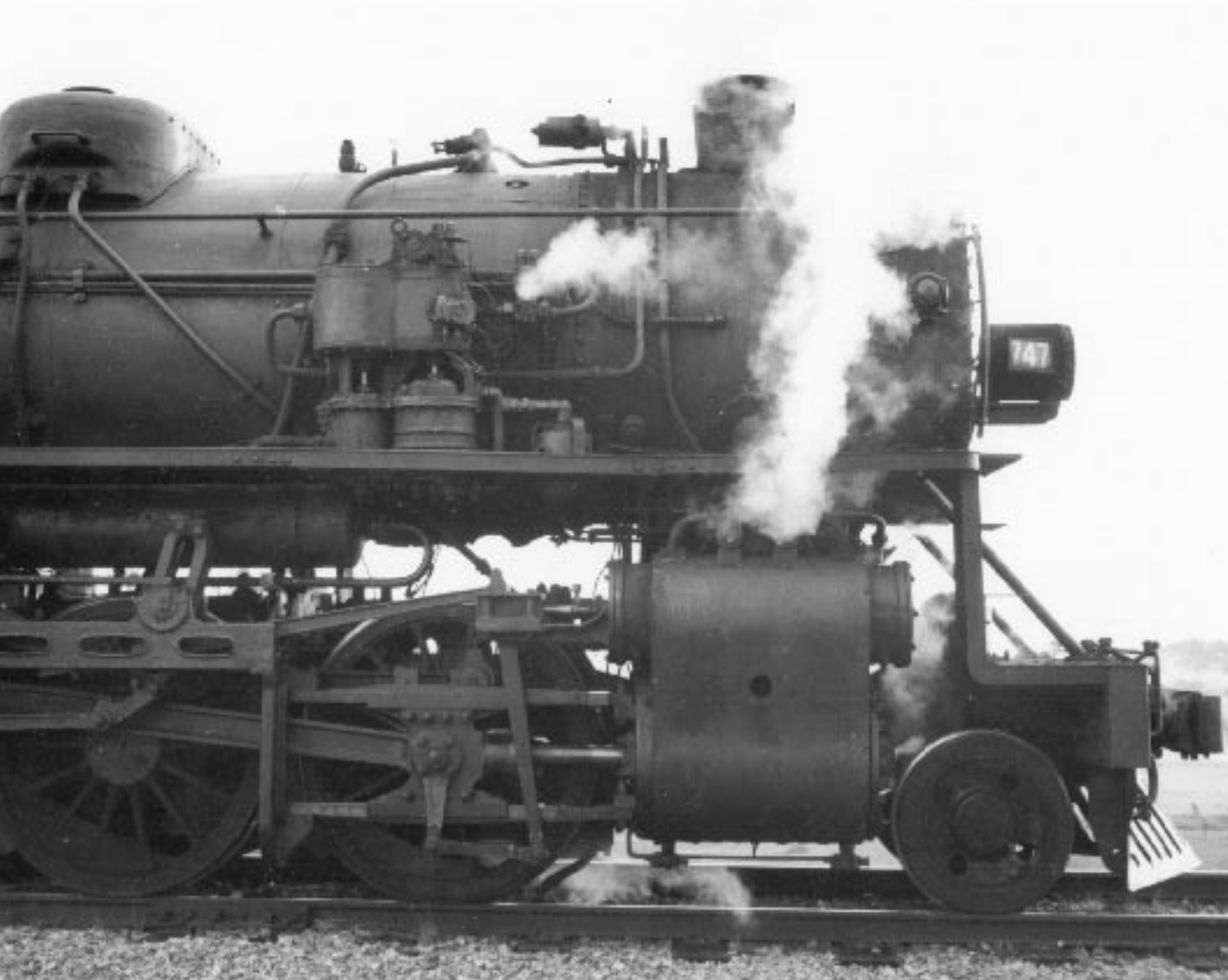


The Mikado Locomotive in South Australia



The last 740 class Mikado in service was No.747, shown at Hansborough on its return from Eudunda, 4 July 1964. Note position of whistle. Photo: John Southwell.

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WHEN 700 and 718 were condemned in September 1967, a type of locomotive which had served the South Australian Railways for just over 40 years came to an end. The 700 class encompassed also their close relations the 710 and 740 classes as well as the Commonwealth Railways' L class. The 700/740/L classes will be the subject of a new model kit to be released shortly by Broad Gauge Models. This article will endeavour to give an overview of those three classes