

# TMMEC NEWSLETTER

July 2022



Located at the Memorial Park, Tauranga  
Open to the public Sundays 10:00 to 15:00  
(weather and Covid Level permitting)

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**MEANZ Rep.:** Peter Jones

## Up and Coming Events.

October 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> - Keirunga Park Labour  
Weekend

October 29<sup>th</sup> Halloween Night Run

## President's Report – July

We have had our ADR - All that catch up with safety stuff was worth it, and it was all signed off. A big thank you to all.

After the drama was over, I tackled the subject of the lathe and mill. Rex's suggestion was that we hard wire them into the wall socket and make a lockable box to cover the power point. His concern then was eye protection. His preference was for a face shield (which we have). We will discuss this at the next committee meeting but I suspect it will fly.

Our ADR is now behind us but please keep safety high in your mind – If anyone has any safety related thoughts please let one of the committee know.

A big thanks to all to all who helped with our Night Run. We were extremely lucky with the weather and the night was a success. Lessons learned – Get organised early, things that are easy to set up in the daytime are a bit tricky when it gets dark...heaps of torches are required.

- A big thank you to Roy and Barb for the Barbeque, which was enjoyed by all.
- Great lighting in the tunnels and up on the viaduct, it looked really cool. Thanks to Russell for the brackets and straps. Thank you to Joanne for the lights.

Russell has a scheme up his sleeve with Otumoetai College's Tech Class. They are going to design and build an engine to be run-tested on our track. This is an opportunity for potential new members... – Watch this space for more to come on that one.

On the topic of new members - we need some..... On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July only three bods turned up to run the trains... Brian Marriner, Brian Fitzpatrick and my good self... It was a fine day and there were HEAPS of people waiting to ride the trains and not enough of us to run them. With very limited numbers we ran for free with one train, unfortunately the free ride call spread like wildfire... Robbie turned up a bit later on along with Inderjit, a bit more help. Then Trent arrived with Stuart and Tracey who amended their plans for the day when they saw all the drama and helped us out.

(Joanne's highjack to the report here) – It was a similar story again last Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> July) only three of us at the track at 9.40am (Murray, Jason and myself + Ben)... Trent and Stuart arrived which took us to 4 ½ (Trent being a junior) and just in the nick of time as we were about to call it a no-go Max Shaw arrived and we had enough to run. Again it was a busy morning with lots of people wanting to ride and by pure scrape just enough of us to manage it. We only opened until 12:30 as Jason, Trent and Stuart had to leave at lunchtime so we closed

the track for the afternoon run. I popped an ad up on our railway Facebook page that evening with basically a plea for people who could help us out and, amazingly, it has had an actual response.... At the time of writing we have had nearly 20(!) people express an interest in helping us run the railway on a Sunday. Jason is going to organise a meet and greet over the next couple of weeks to get these bods on board and we will put together some sort of rota once we have an idea of where people are interested in helping out.

In the meantime, until we can get these new people sorted, if you can help us keep our Sunday running going it would be a great help. We operate in two sessions now with a defined break at lunchtime which makes it easier if you can only do half a day. I know we are all busy people with loads going on but the railway is a big part of the club and has been here for over 40 years now. Please can we support it until we get the new people organised. A big thank you to all those who do put in their time, be it maintaining or running, it is a massive job and I for one really appreciate everyone's effort. The railway was the main draw to the club for me when we first moved here and didn't know a soul. The people I have met because of it are awesome. Back to Bruce....

The F project in the workshop is looking pretty sad and is under threat of getting put into the too hard to rescue pile. We won't build a boiler until we get it's running sorted – To my absolute joy Peter Lawn has come to our rescue – Peter doesn't want to take on the whole project but is quite happy to fix bits and pieces. So, Owen and Peter J will sort, fiddle, assess and give bits to Peter to fix. Win, win.

On the subject of Peter Lawn, it was really neat to see his engine on the raised track at the playday. We are nearly there with the boiler cert, a couple of things to sort and it will be there.

With Ashley also getting his 5" going too the raised track may start to see some use. I wonder if we may need to tidy it up somewhat (maybe organise a working bee) and sort out some issues.

The revived Pioneer is getting used at every opportunity that Trent can get. He has latched onto it with enthusiasm and has taken it home to tidy up some of the wiring. While it was here we learned that it does not like pulling three loaded ride cars up the viaduct, I think I can, I think I can..... it didn't!

In other news, Russell and I have taken on building a new pedestrian crossing barrier arm near the end of the station. It will be a stand alone thing and will be able to be shifted without too much hassle. It will also be solar powered.... Watch this space.

As most of you know I am now away in Perth for a long awaited family reunion – Whew! Please look after our club while I am gone 😊

Thanks,

Bruce McKerras

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS – Last Call**

Ordinary members \$30, Country members \$18 and Junior members \$6.

New membership year starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The cutoff date for paying subs is the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, so if you have not yet paid, please do so soon.

Preferred payment option is online: Wespac account, number 03-0435-0461711-000, with your name. If no online banking then pay by Eftpos or cash at the clubrooms.

Jason Flannery, Club Secretary

### **Club Captain's report**

Nil this month.

### **Editorial**

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Well, the Matariki Night Run was to my mind, a success.

Admittedly we were at the mercy of the rain gods. There was soft rain off and on right in the first hour or so up until the scheduled start of 6pm, then it decided to hold off. The crowds grew and at one time we had a queue wrapped right round behind the clubhouse.

The crowd died off fairly abruptly at about 8:20pm, and this was when the rain started again. So, somebody was smiling on us and all those who came to have a bit of fun.

The food was great, with nice warming soup, hamburgers, and sausages and mash, kindly prepared by Roy and Barbara. Jason's better half made a hot chocolate as well that was to die for.

There were some initial hiccups that resulted in a slow start, but once these were cleared, the running eventually went like clockwork. I believe that we eventually had close to 450 passengers. Not to be sneezed at.

Cotter Pin.

## **FAVOURIED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendations are welcome.

### **LIBRARY CORNER**

I am still on the lookout for missing issues of Model Engineer. Meantime, the issues of EIM are steadily coming in, and we have reached the end of the current volume (43). Because we started our subscription in the middle of this volume, we are short of issues July, August and September 2021. As I would like to bind a full volume, I would ask if there are any club members out there who get this magazine, if so, could I borrow these issues, to copy and so get a full volume to bind.

Many thanks from the Bookworm.

### **SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:**

Any members wanting to sell, or purchase workshop items?



### **SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:**

Any clever workarounds that you have come up with? Please share.

### **CLUB NEWS:**

No report from our Club Captain.

### **MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

Ross is busy working on his traction engine boiler, and it looks like Regan has grabbed the boiler forming plates to make a start on his Phantom. I am also getting to a point where I can start putting my boiler together (weather and temperature permitting).

So, there is a fair amount of underground activity in the club.



## PUZZLE



### Model railroading word-search puzzle

BY FRANK J. D'AGOSTINO

WITHIN this word-search puzzle are 41 familiar model railroad terms. They may be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and frontwards and backwards. The puzzle solution is on page 128. ©



Here are some more extracts from Cambridge (UK) newspapers on the subject of traction engines:

**1941 11 24**

"Freeing the Traction Engine".— According to a Waterbeach-born correspondent (says Watchman) today is the 45th anniversary of the repeal of what people were pleased to call the old Red Flag Act. It was on November 14 1896, that traction engines, then largely used for agricultural work, were first allowed on the public roads without a man walking some yards in front and carrying a red flag to warn people of the coming of mechanical transport. Steam engines, used for driving roundabouts and for drawing showmen's vans, were in the same category as traction engines used by farmers, and the man with a red flag was a familiar figure on country roads. It was about eighty years ago that the first steam roundabout appeared at one of the Cambridge fairs, and it is said to have been invented by an

engineer James Savage, who lived at King's Lynn.

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It took them most of yesterday to get *Lord Lascales* out of a ditch at Gt Chesterford. They used heavy recovery cranes, a lot of sweat and a word or two that you wouldn't hear at midnight mass. His Lordship, a 20-ton traction engine slithered down the side of the bank on his way to a charity do at Ickleton. Uttlesford district councillor, Mr Stephen Neville, was behind the wheel when the accident happened. The engine has raised over £400 for charity this year.

### Tuesday Evening Meeting – July

There were a couple of things to see at our usual meeting. Firstly, a control arm for a pedestrian crossing that worked to stop pedestrians at a rail crossing, but also stopped a train when pedestrians were being allowed to cross the track.

Also presented was a revitalised bogie for our carriages.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Roy and Barbara for their catering skills at the Matariki Night Run.



Crossing arm post.



Crossing arm carrier with counterweight.



A carry over from our previous meeting was a request by Bruce that when people unlock padlocks where they are used, for people to please close the padlocks again so that they don't get pilfered in the interim period.

### OPERATORS ROSTER 2022

24/07/2022	J.FLANNERY 021 629 048
31/07/2022	B.HARVEY 021 920 189
07/08/2022	P.JONES 027 352 4006
14/08/2022	W.KARLSSON 027 5422 863
21/08/2022	B.McKERRAS 022 045 5154
28/08/2022	R. PROUT 027 973 1597
04/09/2022	M.de.LUES 027 302 0930
11/09/2022	B.FITZPATRICK 578 8749
18/09/2022	J.FLANNERY 021 629 048
25/09/2022	B.HARVEY 021 920 189

### **SPONSORS:**

Our thanks to those companies who sponsor us –



### LINKS TO OTHER CLUBS:

MEANZ has a listing of affiliated clubs on its website. It is in the form of a map showing the various locations of each club. If you click on a location, it will give you details of that club. See: <http://www.pnmec.org.nz/meanzmap.htm>

**Auckland Society of Model Engineers** - [www.asme.org.nz](http://www.asme.org.nz) Cambridge Model Engineering Society Inc.

[www.cmes.org.nz/](http://www.cmes.org.nz/)

**Christchurch Live Steamers** -

[www.clstrains.co.nz](http://www.clstrains.co.nz)

**Canterbury Society of Model Engineers** -

[www.csme.org.nz](http://www.csme.org.nz)

**Hamilton Model Engineers**

- [www.hme.co.nz](http://www.hme.co.nz)

**Hutt Valley Model Engineering Society** -

[www.hvmes.com](http://www.hvmes.com)

**Kapiti Miniature Railway Association** -

[www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)

**Havelock North Live Steamers** -

[www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz](http://www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz)

**Manakau Live Steamers** -

[www.manakaulivesteamers.co.nz](http://www.manakaulivesteamers.co.nz)

**Marlborough Associated Modellers Society** -

[www.mams.org.nz](http://www.mams.org.nz)

**Nelson Modellers** - [www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz](http://www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz)

**Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society** -

[www.omrr.org.nz](http://www.omrr.org.nz)

**Otago Model Engineers Society** -

[www.omes.org.nz](http://www.omes.org.nz)

**Palmerston North Model Engineering Club** -

[www.pnmec.org.nz](http://www.pnmec.org.nz)

**EBOP Society of Model Engineers, Whakatane**

- [www.riveredgerailway.org.nz](http://www.riveredgerailway.org.nz)

**South Canterbury Model Engineers Society** -

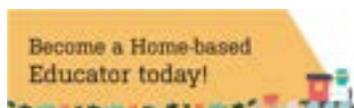
[www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org](http://www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org)

**Whangarei Model Engineering Club** -

[www.wmec.org.nz](http://www.wmec.org.nz)

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If I have missed any out, kindly advise me of whom and their details.



Bearing in mind the current heatwave conditions in the UK, it is hoped that we do not see pictures like this.



Watering the Iron Horse



And a Tiger Tank close to being finished.

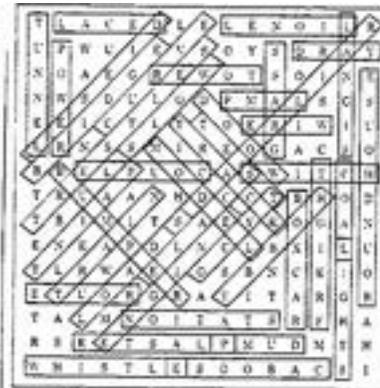


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### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE

How many did you get?



#### Word list

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|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Boxcar   | 15. Lamp       | 29. Station  |
| 2. Bridge   | 16. Lights     | 30. Switch   |
| 3. Bumper   | 17. Lionel     | 31. Test     |
| 4. Caboose  | 18. Loads      | 32. Tower    |
| 5. Coal     | 19. Model      | 33. Track    |
| 6. Couple   | 20. Paint      | 34. Train    |
| 7. Curve    | 21. Plaster    | 35. Trestles |
| 8. Decal    | 22. Power      | 36. Tunnel   |
| 9. Diesel   | 23. Railroads  | 37. Tyco     |
| 10. Dump    | 24. Roundhouse | 38. Whistle  |
| 11. Engine  | 25. Route      | 39. Wire     |
| 12. Freight | 26. Scale      | 40. Wood     |
| 13. Grass   | 27. Signal     | 41. Yard     |
| 14. Hobby   | 28. Slow       |              |



# TMMEC 2022 CALENDAR - V1.1

as of 13/01/2022

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SUNDAY RUNNING DAY - 10am to 3pm



OFFICIAL CLUB PLAYDAY



COMMITTEE MEETING - 7pm START



GENERAL MEETING - 7pm START



ENGINEERING TUESDAY - 7:30pm START



OPEN WEEKEND



CANCELLED



AGM



CHR CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12 FEB



19-20 MARCH HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND



4-5-6 JUNE MANUKAU OPEN WEEKEND



16-17 JULY EBOP OPEN WEEKEND



29 OCT HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN