

# TMMEC NEWSLETTER

December 2023



Located at the Memorial Park, Tauranga  
Open to the public Sundays 10:00 to 15:00 with  
half-hour lunch break at about 12:30.  
(weather permitting)

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Bruce Harvey

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**3D Printer:** Russell

## CONVENORS:

**Workshop:** Regan Olivecrona

**Track:** Bruce Harvey John Stent

**Librarian:** Chris Pattison

**Rolling Stock:** Bruce Harvey

**MEANZ Rep.:** Russell Prout

## Up and Coming Events.

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Model Train Club exhibition. We have historically supported the Tauranga Model Railway's annual exhibition at Tauranga Boys College Gymnasium.. The hall is open on Friday 19th December from 8am till 7pm. Show days are Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st. Both 10am till 4.30pm.

Jason invites member's interest in helping, by contributing items for view at the table and so promoting our association. Please contact Jason.

**Christmas Party** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at Bruce Harvey's place.

2 to 11 April 2024– 10 day North Island Rail Adventure, by Glenbrook Vintage Railway. See [www.gvr.org.nz](http://www.gvr.org.nz) (I saw this and thought I would bring this to members attention. I have no connection otherwise)

28 – 30 May 2024 – EMEX in Auckland.

2025 – Next Convention in Hamilton.



**Peter Jones – RIP**

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### **President Report – December 2023**

#### **Memorial for Peter Jones**

The club recognises the unexpected passing of Peter Jones. Peter was a foundation member, long serving president, life member and club representative to MEANZ. He was a true stalwart and enthusiastic supporter of the miniature steam hobby. His immense contribution to the club is acknowledged.

His contribution to the building of miniature steam boilers will leave an immense gap within our club, however, the knowledge he imparted will have an impact for many years to come as new members take on the challenge of furthering the hobby. Peter was a true gentleman and a friend to all. May he rest in peace.

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I would like to start off with a couple of thank you's. Firstly, to Joanne for tidying up and getting my reports readable and secondly to Regan who has taken on mowing and doing all the edges, especially for our open weekend – The track layout looked really nice.

#### **Open Weekend – 11<sup>th</sup> November:**

In my opinion, a great weekend. Clearly open weekends have changed... gone are the days of our steaming bay full of visiting locos. However, it was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

#### **Prizes:**

**Norm Decke Trophy** (completed project within this year) – John Stent for his amazing Garrett steam locomotive.

**Furthest Travelled** – Rob Bramley who visited from Napier.

**Ron Salisbury** (junior completed project) – Trent Walker for his Seagull Outboard.

Other projects well worth a mention – Phil Allen's Armortek Tiger II Tank and Warren Belk's spectacular boat, wow, - the finish!

Bruce Casey visited us from the Cambridge Club along with several kids including the ever-enthusiastic Cody. Great to see them and they received a petrol voucher for their trouble.

Russell Prout organised a Meteor V12 engined car to turn up and it made a spectacular noise, I even got to sit in it. We gave the owner a bottle of wine ☺.



Another thank you to Roy and Barb for the tea, amazing as usual.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:**

Another beautiful day, a bit short on drivers. Rex Thoms turned up and was pressed into driving – Thanks Rex.

I have been trying several different spark arrester designs – my old deflector type can't handle the volume of fines coming up the chimney using the new coal. Clearly any kind of gauze or trap device which restricts the blast retards the performance of the Phantom. Our new coal burns in a splintery fashion with lots of fines ending up in the smoke box.

A secondary gauze with larger holes was trialled which seems to work but looks really odd. At least it catches the larger fines. A Mark II is on the drawing board.

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:**

A number of us went to the hospital to visit Peter Jones.

Regan swapped out a troublesome bogie, it is great that we have a back-up to swap out when needed.

A computer guy from Millennium came to set up our new club PC.

**A PLEA FROM REGAN – PLEASE PUT OUR TOOLS BACK IN THE WORKSHOP AFTER USE ☺**

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:**

A new solar panel fitted to the station control battery.

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:**

Several members attended Peter J's funeral. I managed to give a eulogy without incident. It was a very good turnout for Peter, there was a good number of our club

members, along with Vauxhall club members, many of whom brought their cars and escorted Peter on his journey to the service. There were also people from Uza-Bus and Kiwi Rail. Peter was obviously a very well-liked guy and it was great to see so many people there to farewell him.

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:**

A special run down at the track – Thank you to those who turned out to help.

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November:**

Another nice day, the morning was busy. Russell filling in for Bruce H today. An amazingly smooth day with no dramas, which is always a good thing.

Lance, one of our members is proving to be a real character in the club – Great on the train stamp for the kid's (and mum's) hands ☺.

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November:**

Another special group run and whole school group this time. Again, thanks to those who turned out to help.

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

Meeting with the council today – good news for the club, the clubhouse stays. Early days yet but it is good to know that we are going to survive without too much drama. This council business has been a bit of a frazzle.

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:**

Play Day today. Tamar ran with a new gauze spark arrester in the smokebox, again this seems to stop the large hot sparks going up the chimney with only the small fines going through. Thank you to Warren B and John S for sitting this.

Sweetpea had the first stages of its boiler test, so far so good. Owen B was involved here in his new role as Boiler Inspector to replace Peter J.

Jerry, one of our new members, was introduced to driving under the supervision of Murray. Jerry seemed to cotton on to stuff pretty well. Welcome to the driver pool Jerry ☺.

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

Dodgy weather day today. We managed to run until lunchtime before the rain stopped play.

Silverfern was misbehaving, and was carted off to the workshop. We now have two of our locos out of action and we are going to have to survive Sunday running as best we can. We have new motors ready to go on Silverfern but there is a fair bit of reconfiguring to do to get the four-motor set up operational.

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

Joanne was Duty Operator today, a steady day with a good flow of passengers. Warm weather and no dramas. A good turnout of people to help, a big thank you from Joanne to all those who came down on the day ☺.

Ethan ran the Phantom with a trial of blended coal which seemed to work OK. But still filled the smokebox with fines.

We made up for the shortage of locos by running six ride cars behind Russell's loco, this worked well.

Warren K came down and loaded some club stuff onto the new computer and we had Heather training up Ethan's mum Nikki on the ticket desk.

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

Another special run this morning, a lot of end of year treats for the local children's groups.

Regan was down soldering his boiler with Owen helping. A big day for Regan ☺.

Warren B and Bruce H were working on No' 4's friction drive on the hydraulic lever.

#### **News from the December Committee Meeting:**

With the passing of Peter Jones and resignation of Max D., there are some position movements, as follows:

**Boiler Inspectors:** Bruce M, Owen B, Ross C and Regan O – Inspector in training.

**Duty Operator Roster:** Warren K

**Club Calendar and Purchaser of Coffee:**

Joanne K

**Computer Overseer:** Owen B

**3D Printer:** Russell P

**Purchaser of cake & biscuits:** Regan O

**MEANZ Rep:** Russell P

**Club Constitution (revision):** Warren K, Joanne K  
Owen B, Chris P

I also highlighted that we are looking for more Duty Operators and Committee members in future, etc. It would be great if members could have a think about the roles within the club and give something a go.....

Business from around the table included Warren B suggesting that now we have more certainty regarding the future of the club going forward that we look into a future plan. Russell suggested putting together a 'Scope of Work' so that when we get people involved for quoting for projects that we have exactly what needs doing to put in front of them.

Ideas put forward from Warren B include a new roof line to the club house to include a canopy over the tracks in front of the building, potentially scrapping the existing raised track and putting in place a new version on pilings, a new cutting with tunnel storage (sorry Trent..)

Regan is to take over work on the Rob Roy which is great news.

Russell reported that Solid Works is now on the club PC. We are also looking at options for a 3D printer which Russell and myself are going to check out.

Ash T wanted to extend another thank you to Roy and Barb for the catering at our events, always awesome.

Joanne has put together the new club calendar for 2024, see the end of the newsletter.

So, all in all team it has been a busy month, I have a headache..... looking forward to the Xmas and New Year break.

Cheers, Bruce

#### **Club Captain Report**

Hi Team,

After discussion at the committee meetings and now that we have some more solid information from the council regarding the development of the park, we have



decided to make Play Days a monthly event. Hopefully this will give everyone more opportunity to bring down their toys and make use of the club facilities ☺.

Xmas Party is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Bruce H's place – Save the date ☺.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the running and operation of our club throughout the year.

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers, Joanne

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

Index to Model Engineering Workshop until issue 240:

<https://www.homews-mew-index.co.uk/index.html>

If anybody wants the spreadsheet of our library collection, please contact me for a copy.

### **Recent library additions:**

Bound Engineering in Miniature magazines:

January 2023 to September 2023.

April 2015 to December 2015

Bound Model Engineer magazines:

Vol 228, Dec 2021 to June 2022

Bookworm.

## **Editorial**

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Well, this is the last newsletter of this year and I have been let off the hook for January, so the next newsletter will be for February next year.

2023 has been not entirely uneventful for the club. Generally speaking, the club has continued to do what it does well. Our two night runs were well supported by the public and certainly we are getting used to the habit of how to do these well.



Matariki queue

Thankfully, a cloud that was hanging over the club heads seems to have dissipated, namely that the QE2 building would expand enormously and envelop our

clubhouse and part of our track. The implications in terms of time, effort and money, not ignoring future commitment by club members, looked quite enormous. We have since been told that the degree of ambition of this project has been pulled back and that we will be retaining our present footprint. Time will tell, and I expect that this will only be set in stone once we have a democratically elected council later in 2024.

Sadly, later in the year, we lost a founder member of the club, a long-standing President, in the form of Peter Jones. He was a stalwart club member and a solid guide for the club's future. His contribution and support will be sorely missed.

May I take this opportunity to wish all you members and your families a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year going into 2024.

. - Cotter Pin

## **WEBSITE**

Our new website is live. Joanne will upload stuff to it regularly. Send any contributions, photos, etc to her for inclusion. (The newsletter is also uploaded to it – ED.) Email: [joanne\\_knights@outlook.com](mailto:joanne_knights@outlook.com)

Website address is:- [www.tmmecc.org.nz](http://www.tmmecc.org.nz) - Joanne



### **Club Apparel individual purchase.**

TMMECC Club Nitro Polos are \$39.95 each, the Logo is \$16.50 and individual Names are \$4. Polos for Men are sized - Small to 5XL - Women sizes 8 to 24. Bucket hats are \$10.50 with the Logo a further \$10. All prices are GST included.

See club member John Stent for assistance if needed



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56b Fifteenth Avenue, Tauranga

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## **New Members**

Please provide a warm welcome to our following new members:

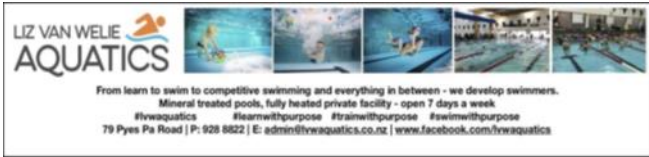
Jerry Payne (Katikati)

Lance Chandler (Tauranga)

Daniel Compton (Tauranga)

## **SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:**

## **SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:**



## Interesting Stuff

Steam bicycle:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=663470729267168>

Starting old engines:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=298527602995176>



Universal socket wrench.

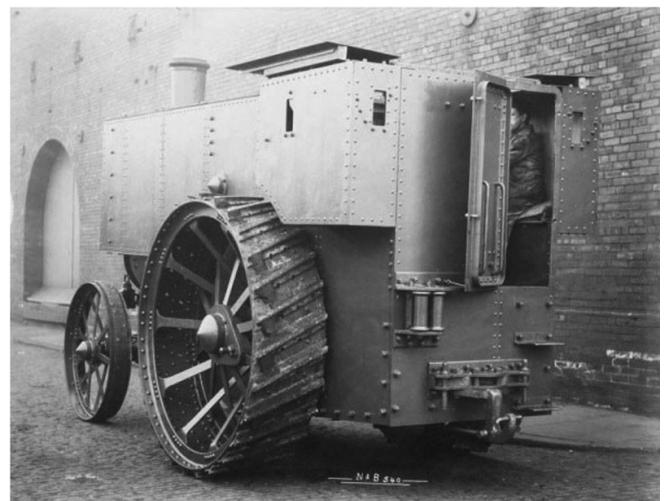


A Bristol 407 Zagato (specially for Bruce)

1 Bed room 1 bath 18 car garage. Perfect design.



Dream house for an engineer



An armour plated T.E. Must have been hot in there!



Regan with his new baby.



Don't drink and drive!

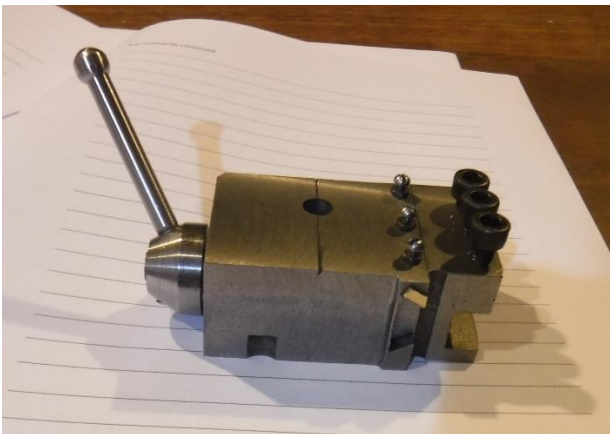


**For sale. Aussie Snowman.  
Needs repair. \$25**



The fine art of making holes and then filling them.

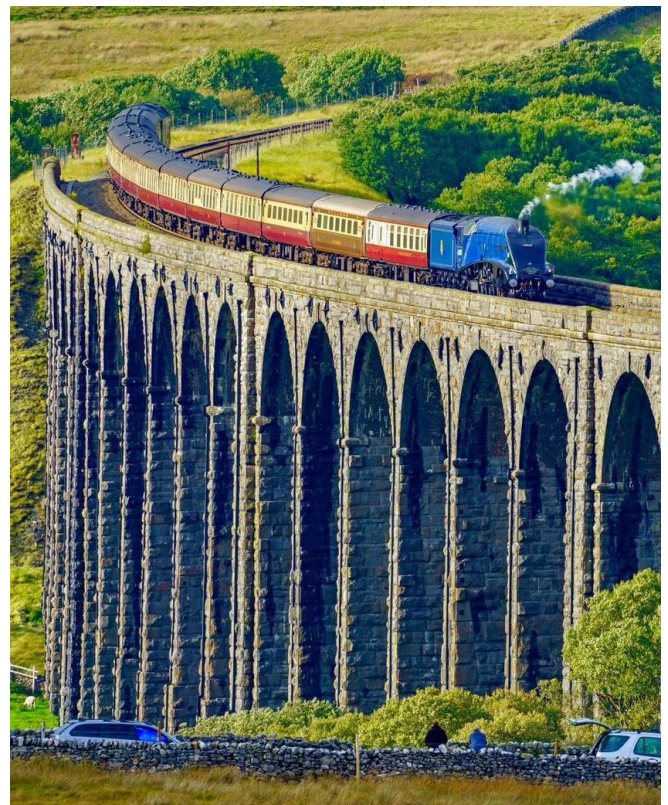
**Tuesday Evening Meeting –**



A quick release thread cutting head by Peter L.



Trent's neat tap & die holder



Ribble viaduct



Tiger, tiger!

**Duty Operator Roster**



Date	Duty Operator
7th January 2024	Warren Karlsson
14th January 2024	Bruce Bocock
21st January 2024	Bryan Fitzpatrick
28th January 2024	Jason Flannery
4th February 2024	Bruce Harvey
11th February 2024	Warren Karlsson
18th February 2024	Joanne Knights
25th February 2024	Bruce McKerras

We are still looking for volunteer Ticket Sellers. Enjoy meeting the public and their family. Even if only every second month, or jump in as casual relief. Contact [warren.karlsson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:warren.karlsson@xtra.co.nz).

### 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 -**

[PNMEC@trains.net.nz](mailto:PNMEC@trains.net.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)

**MEANZ: -** [www.meanz.org/](http://www.meanz.org/) [meanz.org/](http://meanz.org/)

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

See also the newsletters from other clubs as posted by Warren, and printed copies in the clubhouse.

End of the Line

# TMMEC CLUB CALENDAR 2024 V1.1

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Sunday Running 10am - 3pm

## Club Play Day

General Meeting 7pm

Engineering Tuesday 7:30pm

## Open Weekend

AGM

Committee Meeting 7pm

## Christmas Party

Matariki Night Run 28th June

## Halloween Night Run 2 November

CLOSED/CANCELLED

Hamilton Open Weekend 16-17 March

## Manukau Open Weekend 1-3 June

Keirunga Park Open Weekend 25-28 October

EBOP (Whakatane) TBC

Mana Ariki 28 - 30 June