

# TMMEC NEWSLETTER

July 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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**Boiler Committee:** Peter Jones  
Bruce McKerras

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**Track:** Bruce Harvey John Stent

**Librarian:** Chris Pattison

**Rolling Stock:** Bruce Harvey

**MEANZ Rep.:** Peter Jones

## Up and Coming Events.

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Bush Railway visit. Bus is full, but  
free to join in with your own transport.

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 09:00 – 12:00. Visit by TCC to see  
our operation.

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Membership cut-off date. Subs were  
due by June 30<sup>th</sup> If dues were not paid by then,  
expect to hear from the club secretary.

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Model Train Club exhibition.

2015 – Next Convention in Hamilton.

## **Presidents Report – July 2023**

This month has been pretty bad weather-wise but we have been lucky with the few running Sundays that we have had.

I have had a call from Richard Locket from Palmerston North Club basically, saying that they too have had their locks vandalized. The solution that they came up with was to replace them with cap screws. I think we agreed with that thinking as well. Anyway, we have tried it and to date our lock thief has not pinched our cap screws. What is now of concern is that newly fitted bolts securing the raised track sleepers to the concrete have been removed. For the life of me I cannot think of a reason to do this other than to just to piss us off.. (he is succeeding!)

Silver Fern has been getting a fair bit of maintenance of late and is now back out and running on the track. After a successful trial on the Phantom, Trent and I have made a new spark arrester for Tamar, this is yet to be trialed. A number of our club members headed off to Mana Ariki on Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> July by invite from Dave Giles. This is a really interesting track, a real challenge to drive a Phantom around.. When I was last there, I was really concerned that I was going to run out of water, being a pretty novice driver then.

### **Sunday Running:**

Warren K has put together a roster for ticket selling on a Sunday. There are a few gaps at the moment. If you can help us out, please have a look. A big thank you to Heather who is back from the UK, with hubby David for their regular stints on the ticket desk.

### **Special Thank You's for this month:**

- Warren K, Warren B and Max S for their work on the Silver Fern.
- Jason and Warren B for their work on the points leading into the station.
- Ash T for Black Magic's axles – a beautiful job.
- Russell for reconfiguring the pneumatic side of the new points and for making a clever key for our new viaduct lock system.
- Regan our resident edge trimmer and track blower guy.

Also, a big thank you to our club bakers, mainly Tracey and Estelle (Mrs. Warren K) – Yum, greatly appreciated.

### **Committee Meeting Info:**

It has been agreed that Silver Fern will be getting the same upgrade as Kiwirail. We have also signed off for the final stages of the work needed to get Black Magic back up and running.

The club has been offered a lathe for \$500. This is a significant upgrade on the former one and the issue and details will be discussed at the next club night.

I am off to Melbourne to see Alice off as she is going on an OE. Good luck with club stuff while I am away.  
– Cheers, Bruce.

## **Club Captain Report - July**

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who helped to make our Matariki Night Run a success. The night was very busy, we sold just under 1000 tickets in the 3 hour run with the true number of riders being well over that as there were many customers who already had concession tickets.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the track, run the night and pack up at the end. Thank you to Roy and Barb for the fabulous food and thank you also the family of Heather and David who helped with glow sticks and ticket selling.

It was amazing to see the number of club members involved and how everyone pulled together – Thank you again.

I didn't take any photos as it was so busy, I didn't get chance. I have popped on below of the set up of tunnel 2. If anyone has any photos from the night could they email them to me [joanne\\_knights@outlook.com](mailto:joanne_knights@outlook.com) for the website please and thank you

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> saw a group of members trundle over to Mana Ariki for their Matariki run. Max D was already there and was joined by Russell, Regan, Trent, Ethan, Murray and Ash T. A great time was had by all and everyone said how amazing the track was and how friendly the people were. Dave Giles is going to hold this as an annual event so watch out for next year, we will try to organize a club outing for those interested in heading over.

Our next club outing is the Bush Tramway trip on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. For all those who have bagged a spot on Peter J's bus, we are leaving the clubrooms at 8:00am. The cost is \$15 which is the entry to the Tramway. Please could this be paid to me (Joanne) on the bus on the day, keeps it simple that way ☺. The club is covering the cost of the bus and the food for the day. Anyone else who wants to come along please feel free to join us, you will just need to get over there independently as the bus is full. It will be the \$15 entry fee when you get there. If anyone is planning on making the trip in their own vehicle please could they let me know either by text (I don't do phone calls) or drop me an email, just so we can make sure we have enough food to feed you ☺.

Joanne

## MATARIKI EVENING EVENT

**WOW** just a train load short of a thousand rides in 3 hours- an exceptional night run.

Thank you to all those whom rugged up and jumped in to make for a smooth running , jammed packed, incident free “event” with all the faces of every age wearing huge smiles. ( I’m sure a smile can be worn - right?)

The queue was a 40 minute wait for most during the busy mid period, but the weather played its part.

Thank you again Barbara and Roy for the catering – always making sure we are all well fed while trying to provide for an uncertain number.

All packed up by 9 o’clock - a big thank you to everyone involved, considering all the extra material to put away, it was outstanding.

Warren



Early start before the crowd arrived.



The rapidly forming queue.

## NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is now live. I am going to start uploading to it regularly. If you have any contributions, photos, etc to make please poke them under my nose. (The newsletter is also uploaded to it – ED.) My email is [joanne\\_knights@outlook.com](mailto:joanne_knights@outlook.com)

The address for the new site is the same:-  
[tmmecc.org.nz](http://tmmecc.org.nz)

Joanne

## Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

If you know what the Le Mans is, then have a look at the steam Le Mans:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=593139582697274>

Cotter Pin

## LIBRARY CORNER

If anybody wants the library spreadsheet of our collection, please contact me and I will forward you one. Bookworm.

## SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

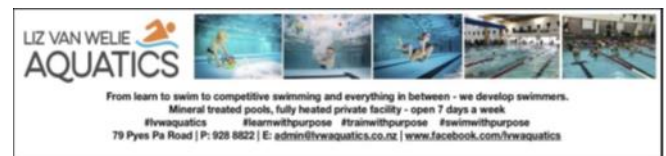
A member of the public has a partly built NZ AB loco for sale. The components are free to view in the clubhouse. The owner is open to offers.

## SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

### Ten-Pin

It has been proposed that we as a club could/should make a not too distant social occasion, to play Ten Pin Bowls, at the local venue. This will would allow members to bring family members to enjoy a different form of social interaction.

How do you feel? I (Ed) am game. It is quite a while since I played tenpin. Contact Warren if you are interested.



## Interesting Stuff

Tuesday train from Reffton to Ikamatua on a loaded coal train:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=261251453007938>



Replacing railroad ties:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=939656797296437>

A puzzle box made by hand with 541 components.

<https://taleru.com/products/mechanical-3d-puzzle-for-adults>

A two-wheeled motor car, the gyrocar.



Steam at speed, recreating the record breaking run of the Mallard.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1966076647091570>

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

### CLUB STUFF

Subs were due 20<sup>th</sup> June for club membership cards to be issued – preferably to pay by Bank Deposit to the club account Westpac 02-0435-0461711-00 using your Surname and Subs as a reference.

### Safety Committee:

Heather, a new and enthusiastic member, also registered nurse, has passed on some important advice for all members working with metals and outdoors to ensure you are covered by a Tetanus vaccination.

Tetanus causes lockjaw and permanent spinal arch deformity, so it's well worth being protected.

If you haven't been immunised in the last 10 years, see your local pharmacist or GP nurse.

Boostrix is FREE for anyone 65yrs plus, it is combined with Whooping Cough, so protecting your grandchildren.

If you have an accident resulting in a "dirty wound", get a Tetanus booster, covered by ACC for free from GP or Pharmacies.

And don't forget, all club accidents must be documented in the Incident Book.

## FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions please.

### Tuesday Evening Meetings – July

Bruce as usual ran through a precis of events happening over the past month. One of which clearly irked him was the theft of our expensive locks from around our club premises.

Bruce also showed us the effect of time and corroding elements on the petrol sender unit of his Bristol car.

Owen also brought along an interesting project of his – a calliope, using a cut-down piano keyboard which will control air going through pipes giving a two octave musical output. Apparently, Russell is making a similar calliope, using the rest of the piano keyboard.



Who knows, we might hear sometime in future, a club version of "duelling banjos"?

Which reminds me of the steam organs at the traction engine rallies that I attended long time ago.

YouTube Fairground Organ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCQZt5n6MVI>



### OPERATORS ROSTER 2023

16th July 2023	Peter Jones
23rd July 2023	Warren Karlsson
30th July 2023	Joanne Knights
6th August 2023	Bruce McKerras
11th August 2023	Russell Prout

## Ticket Sellers

16<sup>th</sup> July - Heather & David Powell  
23<sup>rd</sup> July - ???  
30<sup>th</sup> July - Heather & David Powell

We are looking for volunteer Ticket Sellers so that we can arrange a roster. Share the fun in liaising with the public. Presently we have three members on the roster. A couple more would be nice, even if only once every second months, or to jump in on a non-rostered Sunday as relief. Contact [warren.karlsson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:warren.karlsson@xtra.co.nz).

## SPONSORS:

Our thanks to those companies who sponsor us –



Note to self – don't change points while loco is travelling over them.

## CALL FOR HELP

We have had an email from Madeline Parker who is looking to “restore” her great grandfathers steamboat and asking for assistance. It's been in storage for a long time. She is wishing to dragging it out and put it on display at home. That means restoring at least the exterior, depending on the condition of the engine. It was once a functioning steam paddle boat,

approximately 1.3m long, and needs considerable restoration.

Pictures are below. It is a side paddle steamer, so it would be of interest to those who have an interest in both steam engines and boats.

It is currently in the back of her father's shed, on a mezzanine floor so quite tricky to extract. Once out, there is limited place to store it until a cabinet is made for it.

If anybody can help please email Warren.



## Unusual Loco



“La Argentina” a metre gauge, a 4-8-0 4 cylinder compound loco





Anybody want to emulate this?



Imagine the forces necessary to bend this conrod!

### **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.csmee.org.nz](http://www.csmee.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)  
**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.



## TMMEC 2023 CALENDAR - v1.1

as of 27/05/2023

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SUNDAY RUNNING DAY – 10am to 3pm

5-9 JAN

# CANMOD CONVENTION - CHRISTCHURCH

OFFICIAL CLUB PLAYDAY

CHR

CHRISTMAS PARTY - 4 FEB

COMMITTEE MEETING -- 7pm START

18-19 MARCH

HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND

GENERAL MEETING -- 7pm START

3-5 JUNE

MANUKAU OPEN WEEKEND

ENGINEERING TUESDAY -- 7:30pm START

TBC

EBOP OPEN WEEKEND

OPEN WEEKEND

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HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN

CANCELLED

14 J

MATARIKI NIGHT RUN

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