

# TMMEC NEWSLETTER

## September 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)

### CONTACT:

The Secretary, PO Box 15589., Tauranga, 3112  
Palmerville Station: Phone: 07 578 7293

**WEBSITE:** [www.tmmec.org.nz](http://www.tmmec.org.nz)

### FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/memorialparkrailway/>

### COMMITTEE:

President: Bruce McKerras 022 045 5154

Vice: Regan Olivecrona

Secretary: Warren Karlsson

Treasurer: Sandra

Club Captain: Joanne Knights 020 4190 9567

Committee: Warren Belk Owen Bennett

Russell Prout Ash Thomas

**Boiler Committee:** Peter Jones

Bruce McKerras

**Safety Committee:** Warren Karlsson ; Peter  
Jones ; Bruce Harvey ; Bruce McKerras ;  
Russell Prout.

**Editor:** Chris Pattison 021 231 6612

[Ytrose2@gmail.com](mailto:Ytrose2@gmail.com)

**Club Calendar** Max Donnelly

**Website creator:** Red Eye Designs

Editor: Joanne Knights

### CONVENORS:

**Workshop:** Regan Olivecrona

**Track:** Bruce Harvey John Stent

**Librarian:** Chris Pattison

**Rolling Stock:** Bruce Harvey

**MEANZ Rep.:** Peter Jones

### Up and Coming Events.

23<sup>rd</sup> September: Cambridge night run.

1<sup>st</sup> October: Tauranga STEM event. (Science,  
Technology, Engineering & Maths)

7<sup>th</sup> October: Playday

21-22 October: Nelson Club, celebrating their new  
weather roofing addition

October 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> (Labour Weekend)  
- Nelson Society of Modellers Official opening of  
their new Station, 3 days of public running.

October 28<sup>th</sup> – Halloween night run, 5:30pm to  
9pm. Turn up early to prepare and get a bite to eat.

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

January 2024: We have historically supported the  
Tauranga Model Railway's annual exhibition,  
which is planned to be held again next January.  
To promote a better display from our club, Jason  
invites interest in helping with it, and to bring  
more items to the table. Please contact Jason.

2025 – Next Convention in Hamilton.

## President's Report – September 2023

### **Club Stuff**

This month we have been really lucky with the weather, we have run most Sundays and have been well supported by the public.

Tuesday morning the 15<sup>th</sup> we met at the Club House with our council commissioners. We were all nervous about this as there are huge implications for our club here. We got a better reception than we anticipated, which is good news. What came from the meeting is that we have a future at the park. Next step was a meeting with the actual planners. Again, we got a pretty good reception, this time some very probing questions, but no actual plan put forward as yet – I'm sure they left with a pretty good idea of what is involved in moving the track, steaming bays, clubhouse, etc. It was clear that their budget has been reduced, so a scaled down development of the complex will happen, which might be our saviour!

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> was a working bee – container vents were fitted, scissor lift tidied up and painted, clubhouse points were upgraded making the blades spring loaded, No 4 (Big Yellow) got some attention to its vacuum pump and a trench was dug for an improvement to the signalling wiring. It was pleasing to look around and see everyone apparently enjoying themselves. I think we do working bees well ☺. Murray also made some yummy scones which went down very well, you had to get in quick!

On the maintenance side, Bruce H is continuing with the ridecar WOFs. Two sets of brake blocks were fitted. Good stuff Bruce, Thank you!

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> saw a busy running day with Bruce B at the helm – Thank you Bruce. We had so many troops turn up that day that a gang of us were able to get into the workshop and do some work on Black Magic. We have now got the new steel sideplates and these are looking great. Russell has been working on a clever system that controls both the hydraulics and the engine throttle.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> was Father's Day, we ran with fathers riding for free and we also received a visit from Rex Thoms (our auditor for MANZ).

Next came our Club meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> which was one of our more interesting meetings. I raised a proposal from Owen B to upgrade the technology for the club via a new club PC plus CAD software – Much discussion but basically a unanimous yes vote from the floor. Owen and Regan are looking into this. The new PC and software is hoped to be another string to the club's bow. I just hope that it helps revive our Tuesday nights, they are pretty lonely. Whilst on the topic of upgrades, a new lathe was discussed.

The club meeting also saw Roy Robinson introduce a new member, welcome Jerry – a very big welcome indeed!

Peter J is off to Nelson over the Labour Weekend for the opening of their new station – I am a tad envious, a great group of bods down there.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> saw a great turnout of volunteers. Black Magic's new chassis was trialled, a few adjustments to be made but it basically behaved – great news. A viaduct gate tab had been bent, our first vandalism since the fitting of the new cap screw and nut system. The Tamar was also running and well received by the public, as always. It ran well with very little to no smoke – Warren B has certainly got the smoke issue sorted – I wish I could say the same for my Phantom.

### **Committee Meeting**

A big welcome back to Sandra who is back from overseas.

Warren K put together an agenda/running order for us so that the meeting can stay on track and help me through all the drama of chairing the meeting – Thank you Warren.

It has been a really expensive month for the club, the new smokeless coal was the biggie, along with the upgrade to Black Magic and also an upgrade to Kiwirail's motors, etc. All expensive stuff, a good job we have had a lot of customers ride the railway this month.

We discussed John Bremner's interest in the Hygler. Basically, John it is now yours to finish!

We are looking into name badges for club members and have a few sources to check out.

Ridecar signage was discussed as some of the sponsors have pulled out – we decided that we are going to put our own advertising onto these cars.

The point blade pivots were discussed. They seem to be having a hard time of late with two bolts coming out of late. It was decided that this would be looked at during Tuesday morning maintenance, we will upgrade to bigger bolts.

Tamar was also discussed as the boiler test is coming up for the loco. This will be done by Chris Erasmus as it is a commercial boiler. Gauge checks will also be done.

Halloween Night Run is coming up on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Joanne has found some clever plug protecting devices which keep all the plugs and connections for the lights and decorations watertight.

The traverser battery is still going intermittently flat, this always seems to happen at the most inconvenient times too! The charging system has had several improvements but every now and then..... flat battery! I am going to fit a small volt meter to the battery which will be permanently wired in so that we can see what is going on..... gggrrrrr.

and finally... a Newsflash!

I have spoken to Russell Hulbert who is going to come along to our next club meeting and give us a talk on CPR and the Defibrillator device. I found his talk very interesting when he came to the Vintage Car Club. Team, please pencil this date into dairies and make an effort to attend.

Cheers, Bruce

## LIBRARY CORNER

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

Index to Model Engineering Workshop until issue 240:  
<https://www.homews-mew-index.co.uk/index.html>

## NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is live. I will upload stuff 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

Joanne

## Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Usually I have a subject that pops up in my mind which I can wax lyrical in this posting. This time, I have had a brain freeze.

I am keen on genealogy (for those who are in the dark, this is digging into your family tree). In my research on my father's side, I have found out that his ancestors used to work in the coal mines in Northumberland, and more specifically they, father and son worked as blacksmiths on the mine. So, it looks like I have rust in my veins.

I like to think that blacksmiths were basically the first engineers. Often they were called upon to make hinges, locks and all sorts of other iron implements necessary for making life easier. Farriers, who made

and fitted horseshoes, were just a specialised type of blacksmith.

Apart from arc welding, my forays into hot joining of metal have been somewhat limited. Until recently when I have been faced with silver soldering the boiler for my Atkinson.

A short while before Covid (BC!), I had noticed that a forge in the Manawatu, calling itself the Kowhai Forge, was running blacksmithing courses. I finally decided to sign up for a course to make an axe.

And because the Vikings had a habit of invading North East England, it had to be a Viking style bearded axe. It came out quite well. It is not finished though. I need to spend a bit of time finishing it off and properly crafting a handle for it.

The course leader did a lot of metal bashing – he knew what he was doing, but I still had a fair amount of input by way of swinging a sledge hammer. I felt the muscles the following day!

Once finished, I will bring it round to the club.

Cotter Pin



Camden & Amboy 6-2-0 Lightning



A SAR Garrett in the Western Cape





### Club Captains Report

Hi Team,  
We have a few events coming up.

#### Cambridge Club Night Run, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (running time 5:30-8:30).

At this point there are about 7 or 8 of heading over with Bruce’s Phantom and Russell’s Oakford Express in tow. This is a very popular event that half of Cambridge turns out for. Cambridge is a very small club so if you fancy a trip over to help support them that would be great.

#### Kairanga Park (Hawkes Bay) Labour Weekend.

There will be a group of us heading over to Havelock North on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October for the open weekend. If you want to come along give us a yodel ☺.

#### Halloween Night Run – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

This event is probably the most popular that we hold with the public, generally around 1000 rides in 3 hours of running. If you can lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated ☺. This year we are running trains 5:30pm – 9pm and there will be the set up beforehand and the shutdown afterwards. Quite a lot of set up with the track to be decorated, etc. We are looking at setting up mid-afternoon with a tea by the lovely Roy and Barb at 4pm followed by a safety briefing and then the run itself. Tracey W has already volunteered to sell tickets – Thank you Tracey! It is a great night, lots of fun and a great chance to dress up if you want to. Bruce Hodgkinson did a great job scaring the kids as they came out of tunnel one with his costume last year! If you are able to help please do, it really would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU ☺

**10 Pin Bowling Night** - No date set for this yet as I would like to gauge interest from club members.

We would like to have a trip to do some 10-pin bowling, after talking to the guys down at the bowling alley a Thursday evening in November would be good to aim for, a 7:00pm start so it is not too late for the kids to join in. Partners/family/friends welcome to come along. If anyone is interested in a club ten pin bowling trip please could you drop me an email by the 30<sup>th</sup> September so that I can see if we would have the numbers to make it happen. Thanks.

[Joanne\\_knights@outlook.com](mailto:Joanne_knights@outlook.com)

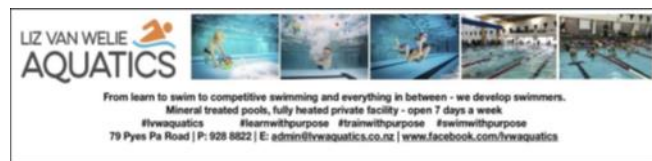
If anyone has any ideas for places they would like to go or activities we could do as a club let me know and I will see if I can make them happen.

Thanks,  
Joanne.

### SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

### SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

I have seen a comparison of various penetrating oil combinations, and by test the one that worked the best was a 50/50 mix of ATF and Acetone.



### Interesting Stuff

If you are a lover of Shay locos, check this out:

<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricSteamGiants/videos/3547773908775019>

A traction engine doing what it does best:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=996929444854080>



Overenthusiasm!

### Tuesday Evening Meetings – September

No report. Unfortunately, I had a brain freeze and clear forgot the meeting, so I hang my head in shame this time.

### OPERATORS ROSTER 2023

24th September 2023	Peter Jones
1st October 2023	Warren Karlsson
8th October 2023	Joanne Knights
15th October 2023	Bruce McKerras
22nd October 2023	Russell Prout
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Halloween)	

29th October 2023	Stewart Walker
5th November 2023	Bruce Bocock
11th November 2023	Bryan Fitzpatrick
12th November 2023	Jason Flannery
19th November 2023	Bruce Harvey
26th November 2023	Peter Jones
3rd December 2023	Warren Karlsson
10th December 2023	Joanne Knights
17th December 2023	Bruce McKerras
24th December 2023	Russell Prout

## Ticket Sellers

We are looking for volunteer Ticket Sellers. Share the fun in liaising with the public. If only every second month, or to jump in on a Sunday 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.pnmecc.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.csmeec.org.nz](http://www.csmeec.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.





# TMMEC 2023 CALENDAR - v1.1

as of 27/05/2023

M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T W T F S S M T

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
JAN																																
FEB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
MAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
APR																																
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
JUNE																																
JULY																																
AUG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
SEP																																
OCT																																
NOV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
DEC																																

- 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
- 
- 5-9 JAN CANMOD CONVENTION - CHRISTCHURCH
  - CHR CHRISTMAS PARTY - 4 FEB
  - 18-19 MARCH HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND
  - 3-5 JUNE MANUKAU OPEN WEEKEND
  - TBC EBOP OPEN WEEKEND
  - 28 OCT HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN
  - 14 JULY MATARIKI NIGHT RUN