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Each year on Waitangi Day (6 February) Manukau Live Steamers runs a day for special needs children and their parents from 11 am to 3 pm. Train rides are free for these families, this photograph is from this years event.

Credits photographer Jack Still and Facebook

# ***President's Report***

***March 2021***

Hi,

I trust you are all well and that the Covid restrictions have been nothing more than a minor inconvenience, but this is a situation which could occur again so we can take nothing for granted. For us this has meant that we have lost one day of Sunday running but with good returns since the beginning of the year and with the Panmure Basin Festival Day coming on March 7 we have to be happy.

Also pleasing was the turnout for the first meeting for the year, which included an auction of the items donated by Ralph Moffatt, which had belonged to his father. This raised a good sum (and a few laughs) due to the efforts of auctioneer Tony Lawrence and Bruce Matchett, and the best news was that we managed to shift almost all of it so that the basement can be utilised again.

Thanks to great work by Bruce, the club has also agreed to buy a mulcher at an excellent price, which will not only eliminate the hassle of dealing with tree branches etc, but will also assist with producing mulch to build up the gardens and minimise weeding.

Recently the committee have also trialled a virtual meeting, giving us an option if we go into another lockdown, but also likely to be used on a regular basis to reduce travel, and the time spent, for members (apparently you can teach old dogs new tricks- well, some of us anyway, I might need a new computer).

See you soon at the track or at the next meeting,

Cheers,

Mike Moore

President, ASME

***Please refer to club notices (Ed)***

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## **MARCH CALENDAR**

- Tuesday March 2nd, 7.30 pm** - General Meeting, **cancelled due to COVID)**  
**Tuesday March 9th 7.30 pm** - Workshop Night, ASME clubrooms **TBA**  
**Tuesday March 16th, 7.30 pm** - Committee meeting, ASME clubrooms or Zoom **TBA**



# Train Roster

## ASME

## DUTY ROSTER

	Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
11:00 am	<b>7-Mar-21</b>	I Ashley	G Beazley	Voluntary	<b><u>S Meikle</u></b>	<b>M Luxton*</b>	B Matchett
1:00 pm	<b>7-Mar-21</b>	M Granger	M Hollis	Voluntary	<b><u>T Lawrence</u></b>	<b>K Ryan*</b>	D Beecher
	<b>14-Mar-21</b>	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<b><u>T Robinson</u></b>	<b>R Souther*</b>	R Shearer
	<b>21-Mar-21</b>	M Moore	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<b><u>G Anderson</u></b>	<b>A Stratton*</b>	R Stratton
	<b>28-Mar-21</b>	A Shirley	I Ashley	Voluntary	<b><u>D Russell</u></b>	<b>M Vickers*</b>	A van Zon
	<b>4-Apr-21</b>	A Bailey	M Granger	Voluntary	<b><u>G Wills</u></b>	<b>D Wilson*</b>	D Beecher
	<b>11-Apr-21</b>	M Hollis	M Plant	Voluntary	<b><u>B Aickin</u></b>	<b>R Crook*</b>	R Shearer
	<b>18-Apr-21</b>	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<b><u>P Dowdeswell</u></b>	<b>M Luxton*</b>	B Matchett
	<b>25-Apr-21</b>	M Moore	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<b><u>T Lawrence</u></b>	<b>K Ryan*</b>	M Vickers

**Note: There is a double roster for the Panmure Basin Festival Day on the 7th March**

**11:00am to 2:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm.**

**(This gives an over-lap of 1 hour so members can have a lunch break)**

**Bold and Underlined** Name = **Train Controller**, i.e. the person in overall control of all operations for the day

**Bold with Asterisk\*** Name = **Stationmaster**, i.e. the person responsible for activities in the station area and for the day's takings.

**ALL ROSTERS SUBJECT TO COVID-19 Returning to Level 1**

### Please Note:

If for some reason you are unable to attend on your rostered date, you are respectfully reminded that it is **your** responsibility to find a replacement member to fill the gap – please don't let the rest of the team for the day be left short-handed. **Note: the Train Controllers for both affected days must be informed of the swap in advance. It is the responsibility of the person who initiated the swap to do this.** Also advise Bob Aickin who is keeping track of the number of duties each of us perform during the year.

The details of the swap should be noted in the Run Book.

Also, please ensure the member you arrange a swap with is one who is rostered to undertake the same role to ensure we always have members with the appropriate training and experience on the day.

# Club Notices

## **Panmure Baisin Fun Day**

This annual event is coming up on the first weekend in March—Subject to any fire restriction which may come into force—we would like as many helpers as possible. This event may be subject to COVID restrictions lifting and ASME will not run unless status has returned to Level 1.

### **Help Wanted**

Greville has been busy converting A&G Price 5" gauge trolleys to run on our 7-1/4" gauge track and has now finished the second one. But there are still 2 more to do, and he would like some assistance with these.

The job is quite involved, but Greville has produced all the parts required in the form of a kit, along with a comprehensive set of instructions, to make the job as easy as possible. If any member can help with this work,

### **Missing Magazines**

**Please do see if you can provide a copy – only then we can get the full volumes bound.**

Model Engineer – Vol 216 No 4529, 4530; Vol 218 4562; Vol 222 4609; Vol 224 No 4636.

Model Engineer Workshop – No 240 April 2016

Live Steam – Vol 51 No 1, 2, 3 (2017)

## **Subscriptions**

Subs are generally coming in well, just a few to go, some from long standing members. The Treasurer has asked for members not yet paid for the 2020/21 year to please attend to the matter promptly - notices were sent out to all members by email on 18 December 2020.

## **Missing Patterns**

The committee is trying to track down the patterns for the Beejax loco. Beejax were actually designed by ASME member Geth Creagh - originally owned by him but subsequently passed to the late Alan Emmerson.

**It's a question of who's got them now?**

Club activities continue to be disrupted by COVID-19. The February General Meeting just got in and was largely an auction. Following that there was a loss of Sunday. As of Sunday 28th February Auckland is again in COVID-10 Level 3 which means there was no running on that day, and if in 7 days time the change is to Level 2 as per ASME policy there will still be no running. Mike will send out a notice in the first week of March when we know about running on March 7th which includes the Panmure Basin Fun Day.

# Bits and Pieces



In February Greville brought in the cab for his Beejax loco and a Rosebud Grate