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President's Report February 2022

Happy New Year to you all and I trust you are all well and looking forward to taking on anything comes along, good or bad. Omicron is established now and is likely to be around for the foreseeable future so we will have to live with some restrictions, but the emphasis has to be on staying positive. While we can't begin Sunday Running as hoped, we still intend to go ahead with the club auction at the February 1 General Meeting, and with all doors open, masks recommended, spaced seating, and auctioneer Mike Jevremovic returning I hope to see a good turnout.

A small but enthusiastic group turned out for the Xmas Fun Run in December, and a good time was had by all- thanks to Greville who once again manned the BBQ.

We were able to make some more progress on the abutment ends over Xmas/New Year, and thanks to Tony Lawrence the concreting is complete and the retaining work can now be carried out which will enable the fencing to be erected. Greville and his crew have also made a start on extending the Engine Shed to accommodate the leaf sucker.

Scale Marine Modellers are making good progress on their new clubrooms, despite covid interruptions, and expect to have moved out of the basement in the near future. Thanks to Greg Burrows and Peter Woodford at F&P the club has purchased a lathe which will be installed in the basement in the coming weeks. This will have a larger capacity than most of the home lathes, and will be of benefit to the club as a usable asset and a training aid which should increase the interest in Workshop Nights with members and potential new members.

As expected, the Basin Festival Day in late March has been cancelled, and an "Adventure Trail" is proposed for April instead. SMM showed great interest in collaborating with ASME on our own open day and exhibition to take place on the originally scheduled BFD, but Omicron now makes that unlikely.

It will be interesting to see how things develop over the next month, but in the meantime I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting on Tuesday- just remember you need to be fully vaxed and have a vax cert.

Cheers,

Mike Moore.

ASME is an active member of MEANZ, members should keep a lookout on the website too <http://www.pnmec.org.nz/meanz.php>, a good place to find other clubs when you are travelling. Just like us, our friends nationwide always welcome visitors.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR **(Subject to COVID Settings)**

- Tuesday February 1st, 7.30 pm** - General Meeting and Auction (Vaccine Passport Reqd)
Tuesday February 8th, 7.30 pm - Workshop Night, TBA
Tuesday February 15th, 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting, Clubrooms, TBA



Train Roster

ASME

DUTY ROSTER

	Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
	6-Feb-22	R Reichardt	A Shirley	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	M Luxton*	K Ryan
	13-Feb-22	P Woodford	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	A Stratton*	D Beecher
	20-Feb-22	A Bailey	M Hollis	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	D Wilson*	R Shearer
	27-Feb-22	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	M Vickers*	A Van Zon
	6-Mar-22	M Moore	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	D Beecher*	J Anderson
	13-Mar-22	R Reichardt	P Woodford	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	R Crook*	M Luxton
	20-Mar-22	M Plant	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>D Black</u>	R Shearer*	A Van Zon
11:00 am	26-Mar-22			Voluntary		Panmure Basin Festival Day - Cancelled	
1:30 pm	26-Mar-22			Voluntary		Panmure Basin Festival Day - Cancelled	
	27-Mar-22	G Beazley	K Ryan	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	M Vickers*	D Wilson

Note: The Panmure Basin Festival Day is Cancelled

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.

At the date of publishing New Zealand at COVID Red Traffic Light

All Public running is cancelled until further notice

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

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 work 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, please contact Greville.

Missing Magazines

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)

Mike Jack is organising scanning & printing of the missing magazines so that the (currently) incomplete volumes will soon be able to be bound and available to members.

Panmure Basin Festival/Fun Day 2022

The whole event is cancelled

Auckland Society of Model Engineers Incorporated

President's Annual Report

For the year ended 30 September 2021

2021, like the previous year, has been a trying year for everyone, and the club has been no exception. However, as the General Manager's financial report shows, despite losing many days of Sunday running due to Covid restrictions and the usual weather disruptions, the club finances are in good health, and we have also managed to make our annual donation of \$1000.00, this time to Scale Marine Modellers, to assist their work to establish their new clubrooms. The train rides continue to be popular with the public of Auckland, and this will provide a secure form of income as long as the covid restrictions prove to be workable and we can get sufficient staff to run regularly.

Monthly club meetings were also curtailed somewhat due to Covid, but the successful use of Zoom meetings for both general and committee meetings showed what is possible even in these trying times. The club Workshop Nights also continued to be popular prior to lockdown, and should become more so as the club develops a real workshop. The society's newsletter, The Micrometer, was published for the normal 11 times, and the editor, David Black, has done a great job soliciting items from the members.

Work projects have continued when allowed, and considerable repairs to the abutment ends and replacement of the steel plate of the underpass were undertaken with more to be done this Xmas/ New Year. Strengthening repairs to the Pedestrian Bridge were carried out using the beams fabricated by Timothy Robinson. Further work has been done on the Track and Trolley Project, and construction of the points is underway. The fibre upgrade, despite initial concerns, is proving to be an asset, and thanks go to David Black and Timothy Robinson for their efforts to ensure its completion was carried out as smoothly and economically as possible.

A MEANZ audit was successfully carried out and the railway's ADR was subsequently renewed by Worksafe for 2 years.

I would like to send my best wishes to those members who have endured health issues this year, and to the family of the late Peter Tomkies, a member who is already greatly missed.

My thanks to the members of the committee for their hard work and support, and to those who have time and again turned out and done their bit to make this a great club to be a part of.

Mike Moore

President.

Draft Minutes the ASME of Annual General Meeting

07/12/2021

Called to order at: 7:35

Chaired; Mike Moore

Present; 16 members.

Apologies; nil

Visitors; nil

Minutes; The minutes of the AGM of the 1st December 2020 were read by the secretary and accepted as a true and accurate record, moved by Timothy Robinson seconded by John Lankow and passed

Matters arising; nil

President's Report; Mike read out his report and requested that it be accepted moved by Bob Aickin seconded by Bruce Matchett and was carried

General Manager's Report. Greville read out the annual report on the financial health of the club and moved the report be accepted by the membership seconded by Dave Housley the motion was carried.

Greville then moved that subs remain at the current level and was seconded by Mike Moore. The motion was carried

Greville also gave a special vote of thanks to the Treasurer Grant Anderson for his aid in compiling the figures to produce the General manager's report

Mike Moore gave a vote of thanks to Greville for forty years of compiling these reports

Notices Of Motion; Nil.

Election Of Officers; The following nominations were received;

President: Mike Moore

Vice President: Greville Wills

Secretary: Dave Housley

Treasurer: Grant Anderson

Editor: David Black

Librarian: Mark Luxton.

Committee: Bruce Matchett, Timothy Robinson, John Lankow, Bob Aickin and Allan Stratton. Allan Stratton was not in attendance and will be co-opted at the next committee meeting

Mike Moore moved that nominations be accepted as read seconded by Dave Housley and was carried

Other Business; Nil

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Next AGM 6th December 2022



Photos from President Mike

....showing the work carried out on the abutments over Xmas/ New year by Timothy, Allan Bailey, Mike and Tony with Aaron.

