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**ASME Lathe Arrives at Waipuna**

# ***President's Report March 2022***

Welcome to another month and I think we can start to see an end to the uncertainty and restrictions. By winter it should all be much clearer, although I am hoping we will be able to start Sunday Running before then. The new club lathe has made it safely to the basement [thanks go to Timothy Robinson, Greg Burrows, and Peter Woodford in particular-see also photos in this edition] and will be positioned in the new workshop area when SMM move into their new clubrooms, work on which is progressing well despite having more to do than anticipated.

The biennial MEANZ meeting was a Zoom event this time, and Greville, Timothy and Grant [our MEANZ representative] set up the meeting in the clubrooms and invited any members who wished to sit in on it to do so. A few members did, and the trial was considered a success. Perhaps this technology, with a bit of tweeking, could be adapted to allow members who are unable to attend in person to attend virtually.

The delayed 2021 club auction which was held on February 1<sup>st</sup> saw a good turnout despite the limited advance notice, and it was great to see the return of auctioneer Mike Jevremovic, who always livens up proceedings. We intend to hold the 2022 club auction in October as normal, so you can start putting items aside for that now.

The dishwasher in the kitchen died a few weeks ago, and thanks to Grant Anderson a new one has been purchased and will be up and running shortly. Greville has converted the first of the A&G Price bogies for use on the leafsucker trolley [see photos later in the newsletter]. Grant, Greville, Allan Bailley, Bruce Matchett, and a few other regulars have done a sterling job of maintaining the track and environs ready for a resumption as soon as we are able. This also includes establishing a plan to manage any risks in accordance with the covid restrictions in place at the time, and this will be forwarded to Train Controllers in advance of recommencement. In the meantime the track is available to members who wish to make use of it.

A recent query from an acquaintance regarding club badges led to a discussion at the committee meeting, at which Grant pointed out that although badges had been popular in the past, they are no longer very fashionable. The aim is to generate interest from the public in ASME and our hobby, so I would like to invite comments from the membership in other ways we could achieve this- perhaps caps and/or t-shirts?

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Cheers,

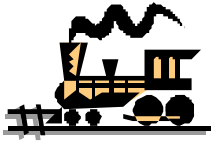
Mike Moore.

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

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## **MARCH CALENDAR** **(Subject to COVID Settings)**

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|---|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Tuesday March 1st, 7.30 pm</u></b>  | - General Meeting (Clubhouse) |
| <b><u>Tuesday March 8th, 7.30 pm</u></b>  | - Workshop Night, (Clubhouse) |
| <b><u>Tuesday March 15th, 7.30 pm</u></b> | - Committee Meeting, (Zoom)   |



# Train Roster

ASME				DUTY ROSTER		
Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
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
26-Mar-22			Voluntary	Panmure Basin Festival Day - Cancelled		
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27-Mar-22	G Beazley	K Ryan	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	M Vickers*	D Wilson
3-Apr-22	M Hollis	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>P Dow-deswell</u>	D Beecher*	J Anderson
10-Apr-22	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	R Crook*	B Matchett
17-Apr-22	R Reichardt	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	M Luxton*	R Shearer
24-Apr-22	A Bailey	G Beazley	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	M Vickers*	A Van Zon

**Note: 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 Asterisked\*** 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 is 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.

From Greville

The first of two A&G Price bogies being converted to 7 & 1/4 inch bogies. Note the old braking mech in 5" lying in the 7 & 1/4 inch track.



In the light of Pete Woodford now retiring to Thames, the committee is supportive of keeping the workshop night going. Tim will still be attending and also will I and hopefully Mike Jack

The **second Tuesday of the month will still be workshop night** I also would like to extend thanks to both Greg and Pete for their contributions. We will obviously have to abide by the controls regarding Covid. With the smaller figures attending the gathering we are well in for abiding to the with vaccination passes and whether people feel comfy wearing masks

Regards Dave Housley

