

The MICROMETER

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KARAKA VINTAGE DAY BACK ON

President's Report February 2023

Good day everyone

I hope that this report has been received by everyone and that they are safe and sound at home, protected from this storm which is battering Auckland right now. The railway has survived the Friday storm and deluge without any major damage.

We've started off this year on a good track to get the points laid in place with the acquisition of welder and, in order to address concerns by many members about our falling member numbers, I have been in talks with AUT's and MIT's engineering department to try and recruit some young engineers of all fields to join our society. These talks are progressing well and I expect we will have some eager young members joining us hopefully around midway through the year.

Additionally, I have been looking into potential marketing opportunities for ASME – including an online presence (Potentially Facebook?) as well as some photography and videography work. If anyone has any ideas for this, I would most certainly welcome them.

The Sunday runnings over the past few weeks have brought in some excellent funds, keeping us in a good financial position. I am also looking forward to seeing how well the upcoming auction goes, there are many excellent items on the list for people to take a look at – I myself might get something!

I hope everyone takes advantage of the double long weekend we are having to enjoy time with their families. The next meeting is scheduled for later this month, and I look forward to seeing everyone there so we can discuss the potential memberships as well as marketing options.

Best wishes.

Philip Dowdeswell

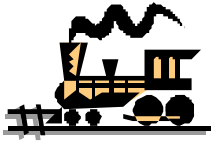
ASME is an active member of MEANZ

Members should keep a lookout on the website too, www.meanz.org.nz. It is a good place to find other clubs.

When you are travelling, just like us, our friends nationwide always welcome visitors.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Tuesday, February 7th 7.30 pm** - General Meeting and Auction, (Clubhouse)
Tuesday, February 14th 7.30 pm - Workshop Night, (Clubhouse)
Tuesday, February 21st 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting,



Train Roster

ASME

DUTY ROSTER

	Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
	5-Feb-23	J Lankow	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	D Wilson*	D Beecher
	12-Feb-23	M Moore	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	R Crook*	K Ryan
	19-Feb-23	I Ashley	A Bailey	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	R Souter*	R Shearer
11:00 am	26-Feb-23		B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	A van Zon*	C Whitiskie
1:30 pm	26-Feb-23	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	D Wilson*	M Vickers
	5-Mar-23	M Moore	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	R Crook*	D Beecher
	12-Mar-23	I Ashley	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>D Black</u>	M Luxton*	H Dando
	19-Mar-23	M Plant	C Whitisie	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	K Ryan*	R Shearer
	26-Mar-23	A Bailey	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	R Souter*	A van Zon
	2-Apr-23	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	M Vickers*	D Wilson

Note: The Panmure Basin Festival Day - two crews different start times

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.

Panmure Basin Festival

*ASME will be running for the Festival
all day on Sunday February 26th*



Club Notices

The December AGM at the Clubrooms was well enough attended to achieve a quorum and elect new officers and committee. Philip Dowdeswell is our new President

Our railway continues to be extremely popular, but our membership is dwindling. Most members are retired and many of us at least entering the departure lounge.

Comparison with other similar groups with more young members reveals an important point of difference. ASME has no presence in social media.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

At the next General Meeting on Tuesday 7th February ASME will hold an auction of the late Fred Vella's workshop items. There is a huge quantity sorted and stored under three tables in the Clubhouse and it needs to be moved on, so we need as many members as possible along to the February. Some of the items on offer are never likely to be repeated.

KARAKA VINTAGE DAY BACK ON

On the 13th December 2022 ASME was sent an email to advise that this event had been cancelled.

However, the organising committee have subsequently met with the sponsor (Fortland) who have expressed their disappointment that this action had been taken, and have indicated their willingness to continue to support the event as originally planned. To that end they are prepared to provide the necessary funding and resources to run the event, and thus it has been decided that Karaka Vintage Day, now to be known as the "Fortland Karaka Vintage Day", will proceed as originally scheduled on the 19th March 2023.

Accordingly, I am pleased to reinvite you and/or your organisation to join us on the day to make this event another memorable Vintage Day in Karaka.

Should you need to contact me please do not hesitate to phone me on 027 487 3090.

Kind Regards

P.P. Karaka Vintage Day 2023 Organising Committee

Paul Rhodes

ASME AGM minutes of 06/12/2022

Called to order: 8:25pm

Chaired by: Mike Moore

Members present: 15 members

Apologies: David Black and Mike Jack

Visitors: Nil

Minutes AGM; The minutes of the AGM for 2021 were read out by the secretary and moved they be accepted seconded by Bob Aickin and passed.

Matters arising from the minutes. Nil

General Managers Report was presented by Greville and move the report be accepted, seconded by Dave Housley and was passed. Greville thanked Grant Anderson for his time and effort with day to day accounts and compiling of the financial report. Greville also advised that no changes to the subs were to be had for the future year and therefore called a motion of such ,seconded by Roger Shearer and was passed.

President's Report: Mike Moore read out his report for the year and requested that it be accepted seconded by Bob Aickin and was passed

Notice of motion: There had been no notices of motion presented

Election Of Officers; The following nominations were received;

President: Phillip Dowdswell nominated by Greville Wills second nomination Roger Shearer. The vote was a show of hands and accepted. All other position on the committee were accepted by the incumbent persons

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 previous President Mike Moore

Other Business: Nil

Meeting closed: 8:45