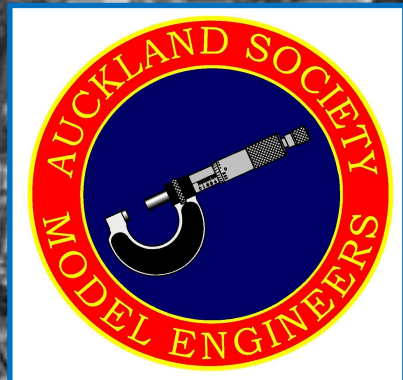


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Presidents Report

Welcome to 2026 and the new/old president. My thanks to the immediate past president, Philip Dowdeswell, for all he has done for the club in the last 3 years and I am sure he will continue to do a great job as editor of the Micrometer and as a member of the committee.

I'm not sure what the year will bring but the general consensus is that it has to be better than the last one. Not that it was all bad- the club is in good condition financially, with boosted taking from Sunday Running offsetting the expenditure on the Boat Pond repairs. The points are proving to be very successful, with thanks to Mikes Jack and Banks for that.

I would also like to send a shout out to the members and their families who have experienced medical issues of all sorts. I hope that you are all on the improve, or at least coming to terms with them.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome members who have joined in the last year. Most of you have already become active on the Sunday Running Roster, and please let me know when you are able to perform duties beyond the basic station/guard. As you know, I am responsible for drawing up the roster and am particularly looking for drivers and station masters.

Coming up next month we have the Basin Fun Day on the 8th of February, which is always a busy day. I have rostered 2 crews on from 10am, but anyone available to volunteer some time would be welcome, and it would also be great to see a good turnout of steamers.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the next meeting,

Cheers, Mike Moore.

This Month's Calendar

Tuesday, February 3rd	07:30pm	General Meeting
Tuesday, February 10th	07:30pm	Workshop Night
Tuesday, February 17th	07:30pm	Committee Meeting (Clubhouse)

TRAIN ROSTER



Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station Master	Station / Guard	Station / Guard Extra
1-Feb-26	D Housley	A van Zon	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	M Vickers	J Crellin	T McDonald
8-Feb-26	R Crook	S Watson	Voluntary	<u>R Shearer</u>	M Luxton*	T Schaw	M Schaw
15-Feb-26	C Whitiskie	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	K Ryan	D Booker	
22-Feb-26	R Reichardt	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Souter	S Heath	
1-Mar-26	P Dowdeswell	A van Zon	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	D Housley	B Maroc	
8-Mar-26							
10am - 1pm	R Crook	D Booker	Voluntary	<u>R Shearer</u>	M Luxton*	K, L&J Richardson	
8-Mar-26							
1pm - 4pm	B Leung	M Vickers	Voluntary	<u>M Moore</u>	K Ryan	T MacDonald	
15-Mar-26	S Heath	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Souter	T&M Schaw	D Wijekoon
22-Mar-26	I Ashley	C Whitiskie	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	D Housley	B Maroc	M Watts

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.

CLUB NOTICES

Model Engineering Journals

ASME has an extensive range of Model Engineering Journals (ME and MEW) in the library, managed by Mark Luxton. The collection goes back to the first editions. However as new copies arrive binding takes a while, so the latest may not be available for a while.

If you would like to read the latest edition, they are free to borrow electronically from Auckland Public Libraries. The easiest way to borrow them is using the LIBBY app. If you are a member of the Auckland Library System (anywhere in the SuperCity), this gives free access to an ME and MEW e-sub. If you encounter difficulties take your device (an iPad is ideal) into any Auckland Library Branch.

Please let the editor know if you have been using this service successfully, or have encountered any difficulties.

Don Huggins Laithe for Sale

Don Huggins is selling his Myford m10 Lathe. It is currently in good condition and is ideal for learners to start on. It is being sold for \$600 and comes with all of the info regarding m10 lathes.

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Thames Museum

Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga

Corner Pollen & Cochrane streets
Open Monday-Saturday 10am – 1pm
Adults \$5 – children FREE

On display now and until 18th April 2026

The Kingston Flyer

Modelled by Thames Craftsman Colin Robinson
and on loan to the museum thanks to his family.

The **A^B class 4-6-2 locomotive** was manufactured in New Zealand by NZR's Addington Workshops in Christchurch and Thames' A&G Price Ltd.

The **Kingston Flyer, number 795**, was manufactured in Christchurch while **A^B numbers 698 to 717** were manufactured in Thames.



Detail Kingston Flyer

Also on display at the museum and also crafted by Colin Robinson, the **Grahamstown to Tararu Steam Tram**, in operation 1871-1874.

Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga has a wide variety of **locally crafted models** including Ian Thomas's Historic Kōpū Bridge; Ted Egan's gallery of pioneer homes, pubs etc; and Doug Pick's model based on of Te Totara Pā.

Find out more:  [thamesmuseumnz](https://www.facebook.com/thamesmuseumnz)



Detail Steam Tram