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From the President's Desk

What a month it has been, with Canmod 2014 topping our big event for the year. My sincere thanks to Graeme and the organizing Committee, members and friends that helped make Canmod such a success. The weather came right at the last minute and lasted until the following Tuesday, when we were invited to MacLean's Island. A light shower came through but did not spoil the fun! Thank you to their members for putting on a great lunch and of course their supply of locos. The feedback from the overseas and local visitors alike was that a great time was had by all! A special thanks to those people who came with their locos from all around the country. It takes a lot of energy and preparation to travel with all the gear.

Thanks to Alex at Canterbury Bulk Freight for getting equipment down from the North Island. It was great to have the campers onsite. Not forgetting our own members who worked so hard to keep things ticking along. Thanks to Rob and his team in the engine shed and steaming bay. Thanks to Pete Smith from England who helped out working tirelessly on the traverser for most of the time. Thanks to the station staff: Alex, John and Sonya with many

helpers were kept busy with four lines coming in and out, organizing the public and making sure that things ran smoothly. Thanks to John and the team for the ticket selling. Thanks to Mary and Anneke who, thanks to a very capable kitchen staff, provided all the lunches for five days. Thank you also to Wendy, Neil and Jess, who were in charge at reception and dealing with all the inquiries! Thanks to George, Laurie and Eddie for running the Traction engines and providing a magnificent show. Thanks to our train drivers, who worked hard keeping up with the passenger numbers. Lots of extra helpers worked at doing the point work and keeping the coal, water and oil supplied, or working in the big marquee on the display stand. Thanks to George and Jock in setting up the boot sale and model display and manning it. The helpers setting out the tables and chairs for the meals, the rubbish collectors and a whole lot more jobs that were done willingly, thank you! And what about the boaties who put on a magnificent display and kept the public entertained all week, thank you. To our juniors, who worked tirelessly and gave their time freely, thanks! The raised track worked very well and we were able to load trains onto the main line quickly and efficiently! A lot of good comments were heard on how the new system was a huge improvement, thanks to Dave and the team that made it happen. Canmod was a wonderful experience and I hope everyone has lots of photos and happy memories! I don't mind admitting that it took me a few days to get over it! Around the club since Canmod not a lot has been going on. We gave the members three weeks off rostered duties, to give them a break, but some members continued running on a voluntary basis. As from the 26th January we are back on roster. We have started the Wednesday work again as there is always something to do.

From the December Committee Meeting:

Library: 5 new videos in the library. All 2013 current magazines are available for viewing.

Halswell GLT: Approx 15 members attend the Wednesday working bees. High pressure water for the points that need them has been reinstated.

There are now two extra long steaming bay tracks. Two compressors have been moved to the trolley shed. The pressure on one is too high, the other is OK. Dave Markham is painting the station. The gantry crane will be completed after CANMOD.

Membership: Welcome back to Roger Clark.

Publicity: The Mail community newspaper may run an article on CANMOD. Further adverts will be placed in the "What's On" and "Go-Guide" publications.

General Business: New yellow and black entrance sign will be completed. The Safety Subcommittee is disbanded. Safety issues are to be dealt with by the main Committee so issues can be dealt with in a more timely fashion.



CANMOD Group Photo



The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner

There has been no further progress with the re-installation of the pond notices. CANMOD saw a great turnout of boats. It was a very successful event with a huge number of visitors and some fantastic model.

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Boats on the Pond at Canmod



The Large Marquee for Canmod



Traction Engines Outside the Old Vicarage Halswell



Morning Briefing



George and Kathy

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