



## CLUB CONTACTS:

### Club Patron:

Mr Keith Whiteley

### President:

John Howie – 3287459

### Vice President:

John Hamilton – 3382497

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### Treasurer:

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### Loco Foreman:

Rob Wilson – 9604305

### Commodore:

Dean Farrow - 3396319

## Loco Foreman's Report:

I attended the "Steam Up North" Convention held in Whangarei during January. It had a pleasing number of locos displayed amongst a variety of hobby and historic interest groups. Also, thanks to Jock Miller for his assistance with a range of projects.

## From the December Committee Meeting:

**MEANZ:** The MEANZ AGM will be held at Whangarei in January 2012 and Rob and Graeme will attend. Jock has visited all clubs south of Christchurch to gauge club responses to the new legislation and to get updates on Audit Statuses. New remits have to be discussed: 1. Minimum age of drivers, CSMEE accepted age is 14. 2. Termination of Loco Driver's Licence, the usual accepted guide is a current Vehicle Driver's Licence. 3. Lists of all club rolling stock is required. Graeme will take a refreshed presentation for Canmod to Whangarei. Thanks to Jock for his long period of commitment to MEANZ.

**HALSWELL GLT:** Repairs to the Raised Track going well. Graeme expects to have veranda steelwork ready by the New Year. John Hamilton has prepared two drawings for the kitchen arrangements. Final plan to be decided next year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to Alan Seare and Tony Winter.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** The current water power points system leads to high winter maintenance and the complexity of its operation has led to problems. Safety Committee to consider a revised points system. The last of the point levers for the carriage sidings have been installed. Levelling work needed through the "trees" area. The new signal switches are working well. Possibility of a rotating beacon near the level crossing although installation will await availability of a digger for cable laying. Peter Grounds thanked all involved with the midweek parties and requested feedback on the workload. WOF stickers for each item of rolling stock were discussed as a further routine to ensure safety.

## From the President's desk:

February already – winter will here before we know it!

We are now back to normal Sunday running. The New Year's Day event was attended by around 50 members and friends and the weather was great. The boys played trains and girls sat and watched, no one was knitting and we made a few \$ on the side with rides for the public. I think our new clubrooms are already making a big difference.

The pond is now clear of weed and there is good water level, so come down and have a sail. We are planning to put bigger buoys' on the water to sail around.

Thanks to Dave's team of workers on the raised track tipping rail job. They have made good progress - completing the section through the trees. We have decided to continue Wednesday work days with the next this Wednesday from 9am to 1 pm? A special mention must go to Peter Smith, who is on holiday from England and spending summer in NZ. He also gives up his time to attend Wednesday work day. Thanks Pete. Saturday work days will still continue as this may suit some people better, it's best to ring John Hamilton first.

The new kitchen at the clubroom's final plan is about to be drawn up. There are two options which are available on our website. If you want to put your ideas forward please contact John Hamilton or John Howie for consideration.

**Keep on Training!**

## February 2012 Edition

The Wednesday Work Team



Andrews Crescent Tidy-Up



## From the January Committee Meeting:

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Invitation from Havelock North Live Steamers for Easter Event

**MEANZ:** The newly elected Executive is: *National President:* Richard Lockart, Fielding. *National Secretary:* Dennis Collins, Cambridge. *North Island Representative:* Dennis Searle, Hamilton. *South Island Representative:* Rob Wilson, Christchurch. The Canterbury Award was won by John Heals, Rotorua, for a model of an Indian Railways Locomotive. The 2205 Boiler Code was approved, subject to OSH acceptance.

**HALSWELL GLT:** Thanks to Dave Campbell and the "Wednesday Team" for their work on the anti-tipping rail on the raised track. The veranda structure will be erected in coming weeks. A work team will be needed for work in the "trees area."

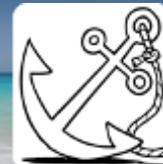
**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to Jacob Jones, William Stringer and Stewart Ward.

**WEBSITE:** John Begg reported 9000 "hits" on the Club Website and is seeking information on the Halswell facility (track lengths etc).

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Thanks to those who helped with the Andrews Crescent cleanup and Phil for his ongoing work. Possibility of scrap metal clearout from both Halswell and Andrews Crescent sites. Mike Harrison sought interest from members who might be willing to complete a model aircraft engine held by the Airforce Museum.



# DOCK SIDE



## Commodore's Corner

The weed treatment procedure has been carried out and the pond is now weed-free.

A "back flow" through the weir occurred during a recent storm and the outlet weir has been modified. Back filling of the pond edges needs to be addressed.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is a "steam theme" boating evening.

The Christchurch Antique Bottle and Collectables Club is holding a display on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We have been asked to provide some boats. It will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Titanic sinking.



Members of the Month

## Members of the Month:

This goes to our Juniors: Jayden and Patrick! Thanks to both of you for turning up for the midweek party on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: The Japanese Playgroup. If the boys had not arrived on time and got things going, the unthinkable would have happened - no-one would have turned up! Not a good look! It took the reinforcements, namely yours truly and Anna, the Bulletin editor, but the boys had things pretty much under control. All credit to them! We ran about 45 minutes over the allotted time; all was well in the end and party went away happy. Let's hope this doesn't happen again!!

Well done boys. – John Howie

## Train Mountain

Train Mountain is located in Southern Oregon, USA and is the largest miniature railroad in the world with over 25 miles of total trackage. They will be holding their triennial from the 25<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July this year.

Anyone interested in visiting should contact Alex Cowdell  
info@canterburybulk.co.nz



Pond After Weed Treatment



Who Are They Talking About?

## Keith Robson's New Addition



## Can You Help?

As a boy, I flew model aircraft and still have my first diesel motor from the 1950's, a 1.5cc JB Atom. However, it has seized up during years of neglect. A friend has recently freed the piston from its liner, but at the cost of a broken connecting rod. Also, the gudgeon pin is still attached to the piston via a force-fit or heat-shrink retainer. I would really like to get the little motor running again for nostalgic reasons, but I lack the expertise and equipment needed. If anyone could offer any help, it would be much appreciated.

- John Dew johngdew@hotmail.com

## For Sale: 7 1/4" Locomotive, Sweet William, 0-4-2

Complete Steam locomotive chassis, running on compressed air. Built professionally by Scott Amies (3642987 ext 7237) at the University of Canterbury Workshops who will answer any technical questions. 4140 Steel Alloy wheels. Chassis overall dimensions: 1295mm by 480mm, main driving wheels 165mm in diameter. Boiler drawings are available if required (copy). Chassis can be viewed in Christchurch by arrangement.

Contact: Howard 3322535



New Year's Day Picnic

## REMINDER:

It is critically important that reliably-completed documentation is prepared on each public running day

## Meeting Nights

Meetings are on Tuesdays, 7.30pm, at the clubrooms in Andrews Crescent.

1st Tuesday: General Meeting, guest speaker

2nd Tuesday: Boat meeting

3rd Tuesday: Nod and Natter night

4th Tuesday: Committee Meeting

Most Saturdays are working party days at Halswell.

Ring John Hamilton 338 2497



Rob's New Toy - the Galloping Goose

## Upcoming Events

4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Otago Model Engineering Society  
2012 Festival Week  
www.omes.org.nz  
for more details

14<sup>th</sup> February -  
"Steam Theme" Boat Evening  
15<sup>th</sup> April –  
Christchurch Antique Bottle and Collectables Display