

November 2013 Edition

# **CLUB CONTACTS:**

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### Loco Foreman's Report

Thanks to Robin, George and Ian for their work on incoming points and general track maintenance. Recent incidents remind all of the critical importance of our Safety and Rules Regulations. must Documentation be completed before a running day Track commences. The Inspectors train must be checked off. The Track Inspection sheet out filled must be and countersigned by 2 Track Inspectors and the L.F. All incidents must be reported and details recorded. It was agreed that the sidings on the GLT not be used for main line running.

Congratulations to George and Noel on the display at the Big Little Train Show. The display was considered to be the best yet, particularly George's Merrygo-round.

## From the President's Desk

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#### My new Email address: annjon@kinect.co.nz

November here already and Show weekend on the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. A big weekend for us and I still require people to come forward to help. Please if you can give some time on the weekend come down or let me know. The duties are: Driving, Station, Points, Car parking or keeping the clubroom clean. I am staying onsite over the weekend. On Saturday evening, weather permitting, we intend to have a night run 7.30-9.30. There will be a model display tent, so please bring your pride and joy to show. So let's all enjoy the weekend and hope the weather is good. Please remember to bring a packet of biscuits for morning or afternoon tea. Things around the club - all the tracks are laid in the trolley shed and around 28 trolleys can be stored! Great job done by the team. The engine shed is getting a good cleanup and is ready for locos only. Painting around the outside is in progress, the doors are going to get a paint too. There is a bit more work to be done on the wind break. The storage shed will be fitted out with lights and all this work is a credit to the Wednesday and Saturday work teams. The Light Party held in the domain was a great success and was a good test for us in handling large numbers of people. Our display at the little Big train show was one of the best for many years, thanks to George and his willing helpers. George ran his merry-goround which was very popular! Our boat club has been busy with running new toys. A number of members have acquired some very fast small boats and are having a lot of fun! We are building a run off 13 new trolleys to cope with increase in numbers on Sunday run days. Thanks to Richard and Robin for giving up their Saturdays. The committee dinner was a success and a good time was had by all. It is our 80th Birthday this year and on the first general meeting in December we'll celebrate the occasion.



#### From the October Committee Meeting:

**MEANZ:** The Verifiers Report (Duplex Boilers) has been received. Approval to operate these boilers is denied. It may be possible to revisit the issue at a later date. Kate Wilkinson's letter (re Registration) has been forwarded to the Minister, Simon Bridges.

**Halswell GLT:** The builder has completed his portion of the train shed project. There is a small retaining wall to erect. The 'banana' is complete and functioning, thanks to Dave Campbell. John Howie has been working with Richard and Robin preparing woodwork for the new trolleys.

Membership: Welcome to Andrew Gorman.

**General Business:** A recent visit by a disabled group presented some issues. The email list requesting volunteers requires a response by individual members to assure there are sufficient 'crew' on hand. It was agreed that providing mid-week train running operations for such groups is a core function for CSMEE and we will make every effort to comply with requests.

**Canmod**: The marquee will be set up on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (Down on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>). A power point is needed on the west end of the clubrooms. Registrations will be taken in the Clubrooms. A roster is needed for morning and afternoon teas. A water tank will be set up in the traction engine area. Graeme will provide his 'Gator' as a Fire Vehicle. John has arranged with Colin Dash to have NZR loco drawings securely stored at Ferrymead.



## Commodore's Corner

The "Duck Signs" may need to be replanted in the centre of the pond.

Duck numbers are down. The Liquid Fence will be applied soon. Pond weed is not currently proving to be a nuisance.

There has been good attendance at recent sailing days.

Dean has a number of small speed boats available for purchase.



#### **Awards Night Entry**

#### **REMINDER: SUBS**

Subs	Full Price
Town	\$100.00
Associate	\$ 70.00
Retired	\$ 100.00
Junior	\$ 25.00
Family	\$105.00

Subs can be paid Online: Westpac 031703 0032951 00 Cheque: CSMEE PO Box 37307 Christchurch 8245. Year Ending 31/3/2014





15-17 November: Show weekend
27 November: School for the Deaf Visit (11am)
29 November: Templeton Primary School morning event.
1 December: Plumbing World Christmas Party (11am-2pm)
3 December: CSMEE 80th Birthday
10 December: PORSE group party

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**Recent Light Party** 



Any suggestions, comments or items for inclusion in the bulletin can be sent directly to thatwhillislot6@kinect.co.nz