



## CLUB CONTACTS:

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Glen Martin

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## From the President's Desk

The weather is remaining fine with our Sunday rundays still attracting large numbers. Our Easter weekend was a big success! We ran our usual 1 to 4 on Sunday and then decided to have a night run. The huge number of people that turned up took us all by surprise! It put a lot of pressure on our staff but we coped and everyone had a great time. If you have been out to the domain lately you will have noticed that the new carpark at the back of the clubroom is nearly finished and this is going to hold about 70 cars. The parking is mainly for the playground and the entrance is off William Britain Ave. In the meantime our public will be using the usual way in off Halswell Rd. There are new carparks planned for, by the tennis courts in the future. You will be pleased to hear that the fire ban is lifted and in the last couple of Sundays steamers have outnumbered others! Well done and let's hope that continues. It's also great to see the raised track being used. A good display of boats on the pond last Sunday and the water level is back to normal. Dean is still working on the grass issue. We have decided to proceed with double stacking in the trolley shed. Three new lines with two on the left and a single on the right, each trolley will be run up a short ramp then winched up to level and then pushed in down the line. We have kept it simple with no heavy lifting required; the top row will only be used when there are no more trolleys left on the ground floor as this will take the pressure off the engine shed. The next job will be the raised track storage. The F 7 seven loco is in for a complete overhaul for at least the next month or so.

The Wednesday team is working well with lots happening. And if you have any time to spare on Wednesday come on and join the team between 9am to 2pm with lunch provided.

We are very pleased to welcome Glen Martin as our new club Patron. Glen is the CEO of Jetpack NZ. Thanks to Westpac Halswell who presented us with a community cheque of \$250.00. If you are thinking of going to Tauranga Modellers in January 2016 check on their web site.

We are looking for members to work on the committee or take on a volunteer position. With the AGM in May you can put your name forward as this way you can be involved in the running of your club (many hands make light work)! Anna Whillis, our Bulletin editor is standing down this year and we are looking for someone to take up this position. Thanks Anna you have done a great job! Our Bulletin is a great way to communicate to all club-members. My thanks to everyone in the club, who have put their efforts in to help make our club a great success. It is a place that gives so many people such a lot of pleasure.

## This Year's Important

**Dates:**May 5:

AGM

October 3-4

Big Little Train Show

October 6

Awards Night

October 31

Light Party

November 11-13

Show Weekend

December 1

End of Year BBQ

## From the Last Committee Meeting:

**MEANZ:** Rob with Richard Lockett (MEANZ President) has met with Worksafe NZ members in Wellington. The meeting was positive and a promise was made that Registration turnarounds would take 2-4 weeks. Our next application is due in April.

**Halswell GLT:** The tracks around the turntable are being reorganised.

**Membership:** Welcome to Robert Claridge and Keith Schroder.

**Librarian:** 2015 Mags on view. 6 new DVD's donated by Rob. 6 new books (ex booksale) purchased. New shelving expected soon.

**General Business:** FUTURE PLANS: Tracks would be available for drivers to operate without the constraints imposed by revenue operating trains. New steam loco drivers would have a space to learn at leisure. A section of the extended track could be designated "members only" track. A full "scale train" could operate. ( loco and associated rolling stock). An informal poll taken of committee members indicated a majority in favour of extension. A presentation will be made at next month's AGM. TROLLEY STORAGE: Discussion included the options for methods of lifting the hinged section of track and the number of tracks to be included. A number of alternative racking arrangements were discussed but a version of Graeme's original suggestion gained favour. Some experimentation is needed but the project is seen to have a degree of urgency. SHELTER for INCOMING POINTS OPERATOR. Requested consideration be given to providing some weather protection.

**CLUB LOCO:** Russell has returned the Club Juliet to the model stand. It remains his ambition to construct a new boiler and ready the loco for another 60 years service!



# The Dock Side



Roses pruned and tidied



Rob Cretney's New Loco



Recent Night Run



Fireban has finally been lifted!



## 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  
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**Cheque:**  
 CSMEE  
 PO Box 37307  
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 Year Ending 31/3/2014

## Meetings and Run Days:

First Sunday of the Month:

Gauge 1 45mm focussed

First Tuesday of the Month:

General Meeting

Second Sunday of the Month:

Boats focussed

Second Tuesday of the Month:

Boat Meeting

Third Sunday of the Month:

Raised track focussed

Third Tuesday of the Month:

Chat Night

Fourth Sunday of the Month:

Traction Engine focussed