



From the President's Desk

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With the AGM all over for another year I would like to thank everyone who stood up to plate. We had two changes in the committee. Welcome to Alex Cowdell and Barry Doublesin. Mike James is the new Treasurer and our thanks go to Alistair, who stepped down this year. There are one or two changes in our volunteer positions. We had a good turnout on Queens Birthday weekend as the weather was good. Let's hope it keeps up over the winter. The Wednesday team are back with plenty of winter maintenance work. At the moment the track gang are working over on the Siberia straight with ballast.

The engine shed is coming along and by the time all our new trolleys are finished and on the track our trolley shed will be full! There are plans to close off the side door to the engine shed meaning the back door will be used to bring in materials. The raised track rack can then be extended to come along to the window. With the shed being able to accommodate more locos we intend to install more plugs for battery chargers. The engine shed is looking better every week thanks to those workers who are keeping it so tidy. We are still mowing the grass around the edges of the tracks. The trees need sorting and some could do with a trim. If you would like to help on a Wednesday, please come on over as there is always something to do. It's a great way to get to know other club members.

Last week I had a complaint from a member of the public that they had heard some colourful language coming from one of our younger members. Please remember that we are running in a public place and you don't know who is listening or taking photos!

We have reinstalled the "don't feed the ducks" sign. Let's hope people will read it. Welcome to Rob Cretney, a new member.

Now that winter has set in please do not drive on the league fields coming up to the club room! Use the track and we will be upgrading that road. We are going to introduce a theme day for each Sunday starting with the first Sunday as **Raised track**, the second **Boats** and the third **Traction engine** and forth **G scale**.

Please remember if you are the last one to leave the complex, to look around and make sure that all padlocks, door locks and alarms are set **before you leave!**



Loco Foreman's Report

Thanks to Dave Campbell, Patrick Whillis and Mike Harrison for their assistance.

Derailments continue to be an issue. Various approaches to tuning the bogies are being investigated along with close attention to the geometry of the track.

Wednesday teams will focus on track maintenance for some weeks.

Also clarified was the need for all locos and wagons (private and club) to have a WOF. Neale has assembled 250 photos of Canmod on a DVD. Neale can arrange for copies to be made.

Recent Run Day





The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner

Thanks to Andrew Gorman for accepting the role of Assistant Commodore.

We will progress the planting of Avanex grass in the hope that it will reduce the duck population. Avanex grass has achieved good results in other Christchurch sites.

The Don't Feed the Ducks signs will be re-installed

From the Last Committee Meeting:

MEANZ: CSMEEE is now Registered with Worksafe New Zealand, we have a Permit from CCC.

Halswell GLT: Trolley progress is ongoing. The train shed is almost finished. Fire Extinguishers have arrived. The crews divide into two groups: the 'steel gang' (move on to the new traverser) and 'grounds crew' (attend to track issues).

Membership: Welcome to Rob Cretney.

Website: Features an update on John Begg's ocean progress.

Librarian: The first issue of "Digital Machinist" is at hand

Safety: Discussion on the "completeness" of warning signs.

Archivist: Paul Durie has indicated interest in this role.

General Business: Suggested that in the landscaping plan the roses be replaced by hedges. No decision reached but decided to purchase a petrol hedge trimmer. Discussion on Engine Shed Door included the potential damage to locomotives caused by passage of wheelbarrows etc. through the present doorway. The suggestion of moving the door westwards was replaced by a proposal to integrate the new door within the steel door at the west end. An application will be forwarded to the "Pub Charity" organisation seeking funding for a Defibrillator. Peter Grounds has agreed to commence the task of assembling a list of all CSMEEE assets. Suggestion of a mobile stand featuring small stationery engines powered by a quiet, compressor. This could stay within the club house and be wheeled out on Sundays. This could be used for school visits etc. If a boiler could be commissioned the educative value would be further enhanced. Prospect considered of re-establishing the "Annual Exhibition" possibly in the early months of 2015.



Recent Activity on the Pond



Wednesday Work Day



Recent Run Day

Templeton School Visit

Any suggestions, comments or items for inclusion in the bulletin can be sent directly to thatwhillslot6@kinect.co.nz