



## CLUB CONTACTS:

### Club Patron:

Mr Keith Whiteley

### President:

John Howie – 3287459

### Vice President:

John Hamilton – 3382497

### Secretary:

Russell Gifford – 3773432

### Treasurer:

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### Loco Foreman:

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### Commodore:

Dean Farrow - 3396319

## Loco Foreman's (and Part-Time Tour Bus Driver) Report: MELBOURNE TRIP PART ONE

We arrived into Melbourne on Thursday 20th October. Our tour leaders Alex and Joy, for whom much praise and thanks is given, found the rental van and set off to Diamond Valley Railway, about a 45 minute journey.

After "signing in" for insurance sake, we were all immediately struck with the vast and complicated nature of the track work and facilities. They use 14lb rail for almost all their track and all of their locos are "ride-in" type with "gondola" or high sided carriages with a narrow central seat. Interestingly we all felt somewhat "trapped" in the carriages.

We met a few of the executive of Diamond Valley who welcomed us to their celebrations. There was no formal registration for any attendees or badge to determine who were visitors. We wandered freely across the bi-directional track in the steaming and marshalling yards as well as crossing a double main line to get to the club rooms and visit the large engine/wagon sheds.

We noted that any unloading into the steaming bays or storage tracks was by using the turntable which was mounted on a single pillar hydraulic garage hoist. This proved to be very difficult to line up a backing trailer onto for obvious reasons.

*To be continued in November Edition*

## From the President's desk:

Congratulations to those members who entered into the spirit of **Awards Night**, it was a fun night. Let's hope next year we can have a few more models on the tables. I guess the Earthquakes have disrupted model making this year with so many houses and sheds needing work done to them. If your shed, workshop or your machines have been damaged, please ask around the club members, they may be able help you out. Our website has the list of Award winners for 2011. Some members went out on 15 October to the **Live Steamers Open Day**, the weather fined up and it was well worth the visit. We were treated like royalty and all had a great run around their track. I took out the club's 08 loco and they supplied us with a number of their locos to drive. A very impressive setup with the larger 7.5 locos which you sat inside. This takes a bit of getting used to! Thanks to Andrew, Ken and their helpers for giving up their time to help us have a great day. In regards to **Boating**, after the massive rainfall, the pond had the biggest high tide I have seen. A great day for deep keel boats! Also, last Sunday I noticed very few ducks; maybe, with a bit of luck, they all went down the drain! Due to the weather during the last two working bees we have work inside **The Clubrooms**. Thanks to those who helped in getting all of the lighting and heaters up. Thanks to Andrew and his crew, we now have all the power on, including plugs and points. We will have one toilet working and water on to the sink in the toilet area by Show weekend.

**Well done everyone and keep on training!**



Working Bee



## For Sale:

NZR Ab loco and tender wheels 7.5 and cylinders plus approx 60 drawings mostly ex-NZR. Contact: Win Holdaway winlyn@clear.net.nz

## From the October Committee Meeting:

**Matters Arising:** Permanent parking and ticket office signage to be arranged.

**MEANZ:** Final approval of The Letter of Interpretation is expected within weeks.

**Halswell GLT:** Fluorescent lights are up, plugs and down lights to be connected, heaters to be hung, toilet to be functioning for Show Weekend. Graeme making good progress with veranda, more soil needed for landscaping.

**Membership:** Brian Harrison was accepted as a full member.

**Publicity:** Canmod2 brochures prepared by John Beauchamp were taken to the Diamond Valley event.

**Archivist & Constitution Bylaws Sub-Committee:** Kelvin expects to have the application for funds from the Canterbury Community Trust completed by the Nov. deadline.

**General Business:** John Hamilton thanked for his ongoing commitment to role of Project Manager of the Building Committee. The Building Committee will cease to function but John Hamilton will continue as Project Manager. It was agreed that there was a need for an overall plan which addressed both landscaping and technical aspects of track layout, signalling design etc. During Show Weekend a small model display will be exhibited. Marjory Orwin will manage the catering for Show Weekend. Please support Marjory with offers of a "plate". A "night run" on Saturday 12 November evening to be included in the Show Weekend programme. Jock suggested that billeting of visitors to Canmod2 be considered by members with the potential for very positive outcomes for all parties. A vote of thanks was made to George Johnson, and his assistants, for the impressive display they mounted at Pioneer Stadium.



# DOCK SIDE



## Commodore's Corner

**Hororata Highland Games** are off for us as boaties. The pond will NOT be available for sailing and there is no other space for us. ☹️ I attended the **Canterbury Marine Festival** on Saturday. The weather was clear and sunny. A light NE wind made for very pleasant sailing. Ian Sandford was the only other boatie to show up. Play Concepts were there and also ran some boats.



High Tide at Halswell Domain!



## 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

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### Cheque:

CSMEE PO Box 33294

Barrington 8244.

Year Ending 31/3/2012



### Show Weekend:

If you can help please contact John Howie. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We need you!

### Upcoming Events

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Show

Weekend Run 10am-4pm

**12<sup>th</sup> November** – Show

Weekend Run 10am-4pm

plus Night Run 7-9pm

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Show

Weekend Run 10am-4pm

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – Natter

Night with American Car

Club 7.30pm start.

**6th December** -

*Christmas 2011 General*

*Meeting at Halswell*

*Domain New Clubrooms*

*at 6.30pm. BBQ, all*

*welcome.*

**18th December** - *Last*

*running day 2011*

**20th December** -

*Committee Meeting*

*7.30pm*

**1st January** - *2012 Club*

*Members and families*

*BYO picnic lunch 11am to*

*3pm*

**15th January** - *Back to*

*normal Sunday running.*

*1pm - 4pm*

**17th January** - *2012*

*General Meeting Andrews*

*Cres 7.30pm*

**24th January 2012**

*Committee Meeting*

*7.30pm*

### Can you help?

#### *Trolley couplings*

To check the number of coupling bolts, drill them for R clips then attach the bolts to the bars with a light chain.

#### *Anti Tipping Rail on the Raised Track*

A group of 2 or 3 members to fit an anti-tipping rail to the section through the trees.

Contact John Hamilton to discuss.

### Community Fundraiser

The club has fundraiser tickets that other groups can sell to raise funds for their organizations. If you know of a group that looking to raise funds let them know we can help. They should contact John Hamilton to discuss and arrange.

### Facebook:

Check out the CSMEE Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/halswelltrains](http://www.facebook.com/halswelltrains)



### 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



Canterbury Marine Festival

