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MEANZ Update

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First of all a warm welcome to our newest member club the Albany Model Engineering Society Inc based up on Auckland's northern shores. It is my view that Auckland with its population can support the formation of another club or clubs without diluting the strength of the existing long established clubs.

From reading various club newsletters those of you who attended the Tauranga Convention enjoyed themselves and on behalf of the MEANZ member clubs a big thank you to the TMMES for hosting the 2016 convention and to the Nelson and Hamilton clubs for putting their hands up to host the 2018 and 2020 conventions. 2020 already, that's only four years away, time flies when you're having fun as they say.

It was pleasing to see a good turnout of member clubs represented at the BGM, with 26 clubs being represented and as you will note from the minutes after discussion the remits put forward gained little traction with the majority of member clubs and were not voted in.

It is hoped that the talk and following discussion on the use of Duplex 2205 steel in our miniature boilers by Stuart Wright from Worksafe NZ have clarified the issues which have derailed the adoption AMBSC Code Part 4 for our use. There has been some progress made in getting a boiler built using Duplex 2205 steel certified but the MEANZ executive are not a party to this process so we are unable to comment further at this stage.

Richard Lockett
President
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The New MEANZ Executive.

**President Richard Lockett of the Palmerston North
Model Engineering Club**

So how did I end up in this position? As I've liked from an early age to build things I did metalwork

through high school and went on to an engineering apprenticeship as a teenager. While having a spell living in England, in the early 1980's I used to visit the Model Engineering Exhibition at Wembley Stadium each year. Before I returned to NZ castings were purchased for the 1 1/4" scale Allchin Traction Engine. On joining the Palmerston North Model Engineering Club I found out that there is a process to follow to construct and certify model boilers and eventually you end up on the club's boiler team. Next is a spell on the club's committee, then a spell as treasurer, and I am currently the club's President and the Manager of the club's railway operation, the Murrumbidgee Reserve Railway.

At this time, the late 1980's, the PNMEC were extending their ground level railway track so I became involved in this side of the hobby, shifting dirt, pouring concrete, fabricating steel bridges, planting trees, building track and I'm still doing it.

PNMEC has always had a healthy interest with issues at a national level and were always present at any meetings pre MEANZ. I was present at the meeting in Taupo where MEANZ was formally set up and have been at most, if not all, of the meetings since. I suppose ending up on the executive team was going to happen at some stage.

I did finish building the Traction Engine and some of you may have seen it running, and then purchased a 7 1/4

"G Kerr Stuart Wren class locomotive called "ROBYN" and operated it while I built a 7

1/2

"G NZR tank loco W192. I am currently building a 7

1/2

"G NZR 'U' class loco

U193. Both of these locos were products of the Addington Railway Workshops

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North Island Rep.

Bill Krippner of Manukau Live Steamers.

Based in Auckland I have membership to both North Island and South Island clubs. My "home club" is Manukau Live Steamers, being past president and vice president and current committee member. I am married with 2 boys. I have been involved in the hobby for 26 years. I started with a Phantom built like Thomas the Tank engine then continued on to build other NZR locos and rolling stock. I have travelled and run locos at most of the North Island clubs and 6 South Island Clubs. I have a passion for NZR prototype, particularly steam while always encouraging the building of any model be it rail, boats, traction engines, tooling and all aspect of our hobby. I am employed by AECOM NZ as a professional engineer.

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South Island Rep.

Rob Wilson of Canterbury Society of Model & Experimental Engineers.

Aged 66 years, married 44 years, 2 kids and 2 grandkids. Currently working as the Engineering Manager for Timtech Chemicals Ltd, providers of timber treatment chemicals. Interested in trains of all sizes and scales from an early age. Have also had over the years many Exhibition quality G gauge layouts I am loco Foreman at SMEE and enjoy producing all documentation used at our railway, Running Rules, check sheets etc. In my spare time I coach and referee local ice hockey in CHCH having represented NZ overseas in the late 80's both as a player and as a referee. Enjoy constructing and running the unusual with my Galloping Goose #2 being the latest example.

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Secretary

My name is Heather Wilson and I have been involved with Model Engineering Clubs together with my husband Noel for many years. I was fascinated with the operation of steam locos from

an early age and learned how to drive these. I regularly drive Steam, IC and electric at our club the Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society that is situated at Wal's Funland in Mosgiel. My paid employment is the Manager of the Otago/Southland Myalgic Encephalopathy society. I am president of ANZMES, Vice President of the Otago Rock and mineral club, a committee member of the Dunedin Community House executive. I have a solid background in the running of Clubs and Incorporated Societies and knowledge of Rules and paper work that Model Engineering clubs must run under as have been a club secretary for many years. I am a keen photographer and run Facebook pages for several organisations.



Don Moffats "C" at Tauranga. Secretary

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NATIONAL MODEL ENGINEERING CONVENTION TAURANGA JANUARY 2016 .

The 2016 convention was held at the Tauranga Model Marine and Engineering club between **Thursday 7 Jan to Monday 11 January.** Thanks must go to TMMEC for running this convention and we look forward to the next in 2018 in Nelson and 2020 in Hamilton. The following is a list of awards, winners and sponsors presented at the TMMEC National Convention Dinner held at the Tauranga Rowing Club on Saturday night 9th January 2016.

1) First to register Award

Presented to John Shugg of Perth Australia by Murray De Lues TMMEC webmaster, sponsored by Trevor Chapman life member of TMMEC.

2) Gumboot Award

Presented to TMMEC by Barry Glover of Australia.

3) Most popular 3 1/2" /5" gauge and most popular 7 1/4" gauge locomotives. Judged by registered convention attendees. Sponsored by Altex Paints Tauranga.

Most popular 3 1/2" /5" gauge locomotives.
3 1/2" gauge "Rob Roy" - Michael Gibbs



Most popular 7 1/4" gauge locomotive "Southern Belle" - Mike Treloar

Presented by Bruce Harvey Vice President TMMEC.

4) Les Moore Challenge

Presented to Palmerston North by Shane Marshall \$1000 sponsored by TMMEC

Runner up TMMEC, \$500 donated to Nelson Society Model Engineers.



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6) Colin Burleigh. Best Non Steam Locomotive Award

Presented to Rob Wilson of Canterbury for Galloping Goose presented by Mike Treloar Convention Secretary, sponsored by TCC Concrete Cutting and Core Drilling.

6) Ingenious Engineering Solutions. Best Electric Locomotive Award

Presented to Grant Alexander for Number 8, by Shane Marshall Convention Co-ordinator sponsored by Ingenious Engineering Solutions.

7) Edmonds Marshall Lawyers. Best Diesel Locomotive Award

Presented to Russell Prout for Locomotive "Oakland" by John Stent TMMEC Track Manager sponsored by Edmonds Marshall Lawyers Matamata.

8) Australian Model Engineering Award. Best First Effort in Model Engineering

Presented to Allan Foster of Auckland for free lance V8 engine. Presented by David Proctor sponsored by the Australian Model Engineer Magazine.

9) Gough Cup. Best Road Vehicle

Presented to Win Holdaway of Blenheim for 4" Showman's Engine by Peter George, sponsored by Sentinel Inspection Services Ltd New Plymouth.



10) Altex. Best Paint Award

Presented to Win Holdaway of Blenheim for 4" Showmans Traction Engine, by MEANZ President Richard Lockett sponsored by Altex Carboline paint manufactures of Tauranga.

11) Icon Engineering .Best Phantom Award

Presented to Mike Treloar Tauranga for "Southern Belle" by David Giles sponsored by Icon Engineering.

12) Canterbury Award for the best model of the show.

Bruce Geange won this award but because he wasn't present Rob Wilson presented the award to Robert Edwards the President of the PN Model Engineering Club on his behalf.



There were 15 light hearted Crunchie awards that we will not go into as to who won what and why. The Shunting competition was not held, wet weather Friday caused a time restriction of activities.

Subscriptions.

Invoices for club subscriptions have been sent out by snail mail to clubs. The amount was voted on at the BGM and is now \$60. Please put the full name on the cheque of the bank will not accept the cheques. This is " Model Engineering Association of NZ" Thank you.

A form for updating club details has been sent to clubs and this helps keep the data base current.

Coal/Char situation

There are no further updates on this bar some are finding Giles Creek Coal from the South Island West Coast very good. Others are using anthracite Welsh Coal that is obtainable from Hayden Brown Ph 03 6831218 Cell 021346306

Heather Wilson

MEANZ Sec/Treas Feb, 2016.

General Comments