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## **MEANZ UPDATE December, 2022.**

### **From the President's Desk.**

Just a note to all the members, executives, volunteers and associates from every MEANZ affiliated club throughout New Zealand, wishing you all the very best in this festive season.

This is typically a very busy time for all clubs, big and small, and as such we all must endeavour to maintain the high standards of safety during our operations, that stand us in good stead with Worksafe and MBIE.

Amongst the mayhem of the holiday season, we must all remember the reason that we all turn upon a Run Day which is first and foremost, to enjoy the fruits of our labours in the workshop and to have fun. I look forward to meeting with and talking to as many of our collective group as are able to attend the 2023 Convention "CANMOD" being held this January Christchurch.

Sadly, the new Regulations are still in the process of production by MBIE, however Worksafe have foreshadowed an item that they will be requiring in the new regulations. This is a working speedometer on all locos or drivers ride cars. Initial discussion is that this is reasonable easy to achieve in the bigger scales however may be less so in the smaller gauges. There are however several methods for accurate speed indication. Bike speedos that require a magnet fixed to the inside of a loco or ride car wheel are cheap and once calibrated give excellent speed indication.

There are also free GPS based speed indicators available free off the Internet for use in mobile phones. These are excellent for railways that are "in the open" but suffer from interference when in wooded areas.

So, once again, may I on behalf of your Executive, wish everyone the very best for the remainder of 2022 and look forward with enthusiasm to 2023.

Best regards.

Rob Wilson

MEANZ President



## Convention 2022.

CANMOD is being held at the Canterbury CSMEE, here in Christchurch. Located in the Halswell Domain, we have both Raised and Ground Level tracks. The track will be open from 9am each day, and will most likely close around 9pm, depending on a variety of factors. In terms of Licencing, please bring your club licence for inspection, and after a familiarisation run or few with one of our team, you should be able to haul public passengers.

If you do not have a licence, you are able to drive under supervision, with no passengers. But don't worry, there will be plenty of jobs we can find to keep you busy if you like!

If you are bringing equipment to run, please remember your current WOF/Boiler Cert etc.

CSMEE will be providing food at no charge to attendees during the day, with the only exception being the Convention Dinner. This will be held at the "Hoofbeats" venue, otherwise known as Riccarton Racecourse, on Saturday evening. This has sold out!

However, if you have not registered for dinner, we can add you to a 'Reserve' list if you wish.

**The MEANZ** Special meeting which were to discuss the draft regulations changes (Now due out 2nd week in December) will be held on Saturday the 7th at 9am on the Scout Hall premises which are about 400m from the steaming up bay, towards the entrance gate coming into the park to CSMEE.

As Rob says we have just had word that the draft regulations changes have been held up and now not being released before February 2023. Sean Heenan will now present a series of slides on how the Incorporated Society Act changes will affect clubs. Other general business will also be discussed.

A reminder that the Auditors meeting will be held in the Scout Hall premises on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023 at 9am. Dave Giles has already sent Auditors an agenda.

Manukau Live Steamers have informed MEANZ Executive that they are unable to host the 2025 Convention. MEANZ are asking for expressions of interest to any other club who would like to apply to host the MEANZ 2025 convention in the North Island to please get in contact.

If clubs have any other issue they wish to raise at the Special Meeting they should send it in for inclusion on the **agenda by the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022.**

CANMOD 2023 Schedule:

**Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Setup Day-Public Running 1-4pm

**Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Track open 9.am

Public Running 1 til 4pm

**Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

8-9am Car boot sale.

9am MEANZ Special meeting.

The official photograph will be after the special meeting.

Public running 10am to 4pm

Convention Dinner

**Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Public Running 10am to 4pm

**Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pack up Day.

Public Running 10am to 2pm.

Post-Convention run at the Christchurch Live Steamers/Mcleans Island, **on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th Jan 2023.** The gate will open at 8am each day. Track closes 7pm on Tuesday, and 4pm Wednesday.

On-site storage is available overnight. Please email [clstrains@gmail.com](mailto:clstrains@gmail.com) to confirm your equipment data/storage requests.

The dinner on Tuesday will be a BBQ, available for donations.

Lunch on both days is BYO.

This track is 7 1/4" gauge ONLY.

Also, as we all know, Fire Bans are very much a thing. Unfortunately, if we fall into a Fire-Ban period, Coal-fired Steam locos will NOT be permitted to run.

We look forward to seeing you all in January!

## **Changes to Amusement Device application.**

There have been changes to what is required for the application for the Amusement Device. Instead of having 10 photos there is one nice photo required of the railway. Worksafe are not going to list the locos and trolley list on your certificate but attach it separately with the certificate. There will be no longer a travellers list but a list of all loco and trollies in the country. The certificate has been modernised and will now be about 4 pages. We will still need your trolley and loco lists for the main data base and will let you know more as information comes to hand.



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