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MEANZ Update

November, 2021.

NOTICE

Canmod 2022 postponed till 2023.

Presidents report.

MEANZ BGM

With the cancellation of the Canmod 22 convention, this leaves us with the issue of the MEANZ Biennial General Meeting.

It is proposed that this meeting will be held using the virtual Zoom meeting system with the date of January 22rd 2022 at 10 am.

To participate at this meeting your club will need access to a computer with the Zoom software and a camera ideally set up for the show of hands re voting would be good, installed ready to go. I'm sure that somewhere within your club someone will have this set up! **One computer per club** to keep the meeting manageable, but you can have as many of your membership watching in the background as you wish as long as they are quite! Where you physically hold your part of the virtual meeting is up to you, what will work for your club! Club rooms, member's garage etc. Your club MEANZ representative for the meeting will need to be seated in front of the computer and for voting purposes will, as per previous BGM's be holding a

white card with the club's name (**one word**) on it in large letters so as to be easily seen by our secretary Heather Wilson i.e. Thames, Canterbury, Southland etc.

Invitations to the virtual BGM will be sent to the same email address as to which this update has been sent, if this needs to be changed for your club please notify the MEANZ secretary Heather Wilson.

There will be a prize for the best model engineering background to your screen! There will also be a prize for the worst model engineering background on your screen.

If you can see any potential problems with this meeting proposal, please contact one of the MEANZ executive.

Covid 19 and club running.

Our member clubs, as regards to passenger hauling on their Miniature Railway activities are only comfortable doing so under the Covid Level One restrictions i.e. no restrictions, but with Covid 19 present in the community we as a country will not be returning to Covid Level One!

The country's plan is that once we have achieved a vaccination rate of 90% the current level 1 to 4 system is to be replaced by another (traffic lights) with no more lockdowns on a national level, border restrictions being relaxed

in the New Year and Covid in the community to be managed in some way!

So what does this mean for the operation of our Miniature Railway's with Covid 19 present in our communities. Where do we fit into the frame work? Some of you are already discussing this question.

- We are not an essential service.
- We are a customer facing activity.
- We are an outdoor activity.
- We mostly operate on public reserve land.
- We don't have control as to who our customers are.
- We don't have control over the number of people who may show up during our activities.

This would put our passenger hauling Railway operations somewhere between a corner dairy and a summer music festival.

If you as a club wish to operate your Miniature Railway for public passenger hauling, in addition to the normal risks that you manage associated with the railway, you will have to manage the risks associated with Covid 19.

This may mean,

- Mask wearing for your club members.
- Mask wearing for your customers.
- QR Code scanning.
- Maintaining social distancing, possibly up to 2 metres.
- Ensuring your customers are double vaccinated.

- Ensuring that your club members involved are double vaccinated.

These measures will require additional resources in addition to your normal railway operations i.e. a new normal.

Depending on case numbers of Covid in your local communities, some additional restrictions may be in place from time to time!

As a club you will need to decide whether you wish to operate your Miniature Railway under this new normal or not! How long the country/world is in this situation for who knows.

I don't think that any of you would wish to become a go to Sunday afternoon activity for the unvaccinated!

Plant and Structure Review.

As outlined previously this review covers the Amusement Device Regulations (ADR) and the Pressure Equipment, Cranes and Passenger Ropeway Regulations (PECPR) which as regards to our hobby covers your clubs Miniature Railway (ADR) and your members or club owned Boilers (PECPR).

Since our last update the findings of the review with possible outcomes have received ministerial sign off. The next stage of the review is the drafting of the new regulations and then another submission process re the draft regulations. As mentioned in the previous update, external auditing by IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand) of the MEANZ processes re ADR registration of our Miniature Railway operations has been an outcome of this review.

The executive have started a conversation with IANZ hoping to get to sit around a table at some stage to explore the possible future relationship. But with IANZ being Auckland based not much has happened re a physical meeting as yet. MEANZ has provided documentation outlining the relationship between MEANZ and its member clubs and our Safety Audit document for IANZ to get an impression of what it is exactly that we do.

The timetable for the drafting of the new regulations and the submission process is for looking well into next year.

If you would like to view the full Plant and Structure Review Document please follow the link to- <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/health-and-safety/health-and-safety-reform/implementing-the-health-and-safety-at-work-act-2015-better-regulation-plant-structures-and-working-at-heights/>.

Richard Lockett.
President MEANZ

MEANZ BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

This is formal notice that the Biennial General Meeting of the Model Engineering Association of New Zealand will be held on **Saturday the 22nd of January, 2022 at 10am. (note change of date.)**

This will be by a zoom meeting and the link will be sent in the next update.

If clubs have any remits or items for general business or nominations for executive positions please send these to the secretary before the

15th of December, 2021 through your club MEANZ rep or secretary. All executive positions go up for voting on at each BGM.

Nominations need to be proposed and seconded through clubs not individuals. The agenda for the BGM will be sent out in December to Clubs and any remits and general business received will be listed.

BGM Voting.

Each club gets one vote at the BGM. The secretary has a list of Club MEANZ representatives who vote on behalf of the clubs. If a club wishes another member of their club than their named MEANZ representative to represent them at the BGM then you need to let Heather know at meanz.secretary@gmail.com or by snail mail to H Wilson, 154 Scott Street, Waverley, Dunedin, 9013 .

Club Personal Changes.

If there have been club changes for President, Secretary or MEANZ representatives please let MEANZ secretary know the new person's name, email address and phone number. If you don't let MEANZ know of changes then emails will continue to go to your clubs past secretary, MEANZ rep etc. Thank you.

Health and Safety Pandemic Plan Covid-19 safety plan creation

WorkSafe expects each organisation to consider the risks associated with operating during the pandemic. You can find guidance here: [worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-](https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-)

[covid/operating-safely-what-you-need-to-think-about/](https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/covid/operating-safely-what-you-need-to-think-about/)

They have a PDF template COVID-19 safety plan at [worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27992-covid-19-safety-plan-template-pdf-version/latest](https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27992-covid-19-safety-plan-template-pdf-version/latest)

NZORD meeting held in August.

Vote to set membership fees of \$100 per company for coming year was passed.

Bob White sent his apologies and we are still waiting for the Minister's announcements on new regulations.

As soon as they receive them Bob will be in touch with NZOAD and we will pass on the information.

Maurice Flood acknowledged 2020 was a challenging year for all in many ways. MF advised that in the certification space, WorkSafe NZ keeping within the 20 working days processing times and a permanent additional resource has been provided on the proviso that a complete application is received e.g. all necessary paperwork and fees paid. There has been a number of applications received in a 'piecemeal' way, this just delays the process.

Joel Nixon has been appointed to the Amusement Device team and is working alongside Maurice to try and avoid backlogs occurring in this space.

Complete applications are processed in a first in first out basis. Provision of the Standard Operating Procedures as part of the application are requested for any new registrations.

WorkSafe NZ has made concerted efforts to be more visible to operators including more inspectors on the

ground so be aware you could get visited at any time.

2022 Calendar for Model Engineering.

Valve Gear Productions are proud to present the 2022 New Zealand Model Engineering Calendar, now available to order!* Only \$10 each plus postage.

After a great response to the calendar and enough demand to warrant a second print run, Sean & I thought we'd make another. It still features 13 High-Quality photos, it still has a map of all the clubs in NZ, it still has most of the event dates from around the country, and it's STILL \$10!

The 2022 Calendar can be ordered at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212788451069868>

Payment details are provided in the orders confirmation email. Calendars are currently being printed, so please expect a 2 week lead time before orders begin to ship. Want to order a large quantity of over 40 units? Get in touch with us! They're a great buy for any club or store. Further questions? Get in contact with us. Sean and Corban

Heather Wilson

MEANZ Sec/Treas November, 2021