

S.I. MEANZ Report for BGM Hamilton 2020.

During the last two years since the Nelson National Convention, I have completed MEANZ Safety Audits at Ashburton and Timaru.

I have had the pleasure to work with the organising members of the “Mudfish Bush Railway” located at the Westland Industrial Heritage Park at Hokitika Airport and now have the honour of nominating them for inclusion into the MEANZ fraternity.

I have assisted with questions raised by members from Nelson, Otago, and Southland.

I visited Gore with six other members of my home club to assist the club there with necessary repairs and replacement to their track including: new bridge decking of their long bridge, replacement of rails at the station and re-levelling of approximately 50m of track that had subsided. A very worthwhile project from which we returned several kilos heavier after the wonderful lunches and smokos supplied by the grateful club members.

I was also able to facilitate the local council permit to operate for the Southland Model Engineers Exhibition weekend.

I have discussed with my fellow executive members, during regular teleconference meetings, many diverse subjects over the last two years as well keeping in mind the holistic approach to the task by always considering “what is best for our hobby”.

I also completed the questionnaire for WorksafeNZ in regard to the possible upcoming possible changes to the Amusement Device Regulations.

We have had several challenges but I firmly believe we have performed our function to the betterment of the Model Engineering fraternity.

I wish to remain an Executive member of MEANZ until the next National Convention hopefully to be held at my home club of CSMEE in Christchurch.

My hope is that this will allow more S.I. member club representatives to attend and vote in a replacement for me.

I wish to finish by sincerely thanking the other members of the Executive: Richard, for his wise council, Bill for his innovative thinking from a professional background, and Heather for her never-failing ability to deal with the intricacies of WorksafeNZ and her excellent secretarial skills.

Best regards for the future to all members of MEANZ.

Rob Wilson

South Island Representative.

