

## SOME PIX FROM THE 2019 ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND MEET

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Our Anniversary Weekend event was quite a success, but not quite up to previous numbers. And the weather was fine and hot (too hot), but the public still came to ride our trains.

**Top Left:** A view when things were a little quiet. The newly laid concrete didn't help with the glare, etc.

**Bottom Left:** When it's all over there is time for an ale and mystery bag under the shade of a handy tree.

**Bottom Right:** A new sign on the side of the station ... and still they (the public) cannot read.



## CLUB NOTICES

3rd Sunday Running — March 17th 2019.

Mid-week Workdays — Mostly Every Wednesday.

Extra Running Days This Month:

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THESE WORK IN WITH  
MUSEUM "LIVE" DAYS AND OTHER  
EVENTS



## QUIZ — Where is it?

For answer see Page 3.



## WEDNESDAY WORKDAYS: By The Editor



Still good (but hot) weather for maintenance, etc.

Numbers have been painted on the end of a sleeper near each set of points for the means of identifying the point should it not behave itself. These numbers will be listed somewhere yet to be decided in the office.

Now that the school holidays have finished we can get down some overdue work on the trackwork. Up until now Wednesdays have been taken up with running for the public. The publicity we achieved was good and the comment from a lot of the locals "we didn't even know you guys were here" makes one wonder if they had eyes".

Planning for the covering of the platform at the Western end is progressing slowly and a representative from one of the awning makers in Whangarei paid us a visit the other day ... hopefully this will provide us with an acceptable price to make it happen.

### BOB SMITH

A long-standing member of the club, Bob passed away on 19th of February.

He was never afraid to tackle jobs that others did not want to do.

He also experimented with electronics and electric cars and the like and on more than one occasion arrived at the club in his modified battery powered white Honda Civic.

The large flax bush near the entrance to the steam-up bay was given a rather severe haircut as it was beginning to restrict access to the area.

All the points have been numbered to facilitate the easy location of said point if it became faulty.



Pic showing one of the numbered points

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## ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2:

### Woburn Branch line

The line pictured goes to Woburn and Seaview (oil terminal) and runs alongside the boundary of Kiwirail's Hutt Workshops which is their main (and now only) workshop where all heavy maintenance and rebuilding is undertaken.

In its heyday NZR had two main workshops, one in the North Island and the other at Hillside in Dunedin. It also had other smaller ones at Addington, Newmarket, Otahuhu, East Town, Napier, Whangarei. There were probably more but my age affected brain has difficulty recalling them.

There is rumour that part of the Hillside complex in Dunedin is to be re-opened. The biggest percentage of them have now disappeared since the advent of the diesel-electric and pure electric locomotives.

The workshops were famous for the design and building of the renown "K" class of heavy steam locomotives and also the design and building of the six "Standard" railcars (four of these remain and one is in main line operating condition). A couple more are in the main line restoration pipe-line.

## **EXTRA CREW FOR TWO CHARTERS**

**Dates are:-**

**Tuesday, March 19th, 11 am — 1 pm.**

**Wednesday, April 3rd, 1 pm.**

**(2 engines required)**

## **ERRATUM**

I have just received from the Hamilton Model Engineers an alteration to their convention date.

Hamilton Model Engineers would like to sincerely apologise for a technical error on our behalf.

The dates for the 2020 Steam n' Steel **ARE NOT** the 3rd to 6th of January 2020 as has been advertised. This was an error on our part.

**THE CORRECT DATES ARE:**

**Thursday, January 9th to Monday January 13th 2020.**

PLEASE CONTACT [2020@hme.co.nz](mailto:2020@hme.co.nz) or the Facebook page ASAP if this in any way affects you with regards to accommodation, transport or airfares.

## **Other Club's Events:**

**NEW DATE FOR THAMES: Open Weekend: March 2 and 3**

**Hamilton Model Engineers: Open Weekend: March 16 and 17**

**Manawatu Steam Fair: Open Weekend: March 16 and 17**

**Keirunga Park, Open Weekend, Easter**

**Manukau Live Steamers, Open Weekend, Queens Birthday**



# *A Mixed Bag of Pictures of Anniversary Weekend*



Anniversary Weekend this year was a great success, although numbers were down a bit previous events because a lot of people decided it was beach weather. Instead, Northland was in the grip of a drought.

It rained quite heavily on the Monday before Christmas Day and we have had very little ever since.

There was a good contingent of people from Auckland who graced us with their attendance and they brought with them their locos and ride trollies. It's a pity that we don't see more groups from further afield.

By all reports the catering was up to scratch.

**CAPTIONS:** Top left: The food must be OK because there was not much in the way of chatter.



**Middle left:** Things are getting busy. To relieve the load on the steamers o444 was pushed into service for a short period of time. Also in the view are Grant Anderson's WK and Dave Giles' Shay. All up there were four steamers.

**Below left:** Our newest and youngest member is about to take a full load of happy punters for a thrilling ride (according to Lloyd there are spiders in the tunnel).

**Below right:** Another view of the queue of people waiting to ride.







## FURTHER CAPTIONS, Etc:

**Top Left and Bottom Right:** Showing some of the many riders that were catered for over the weekend.

**Middle Left:** The Portugal “tram” discharging its passengers at the “Big Railway” station. The Peckett is in the background.

**Top Right:** A general view of the village green. This is where all the food outlets, crafts and stationary rides for the children were situated.





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