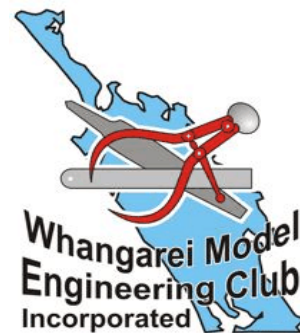


# Northern Views

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Clubrooms/Running Track at Heritage Park, SH14, Maunu, Whangarei.

Website: [wmec.org.nz](http://wmec.org.nz)



## April Third Sunday Running



The day got off to a slowish start but soon picked up and in the end proving to be a bit of a bonanza. With only a small slack off period around about noon it was all on again until about 2.30 pm.

There was a good muster of members which made things move a bit faster and a goodly attendance of steam engines made some interesting running.

New member Chris Birkett had his 0-4-0 "Rosemary" in steam and this proved an attraction for the younger passengers with comments after seeing it effortlessly pull two very full trollies "How does that little machine pull all that weight", was a common remark.

Two other steamers were in action. They were Rankin's mogul and Rodney's Prince George. The diesels were represented by the club's Santa Fe and DC444. Santa Fe disgraced herself later in the day with a wheel/axle problem and had to be

withdrawn for repairs. It appeared that the wheel had moved on the axle and derailed the loco at the points near the "Goods Shed"

Lloyd had "Brad" on the sidelines in case of need. However he pressed into service his little 0-6-0 Chonda shunter No 313.

Yours truly took to the lubrication of all the points in the system. (I never realised there were so many lubrication points).

There were numerous requests from the public to purchase sausages and drinks but we could not help them because of our agreement with the Museum not to supply consumables on running days that clash with their events.



## CLUB NOTICES

**Tea & Bikkies Morning:** Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10.30 am.

**3rd Sunday Running** — May 21, 2019, 10 am — 3 pm.

**Mid-week Workdays** — Mostly Every Wednesday, 10 am — 3 pm.

**Extra Running Days This Month:**

**NONE ADVISED**

**THESE WORK IN WITH  
MUSEUM "LIVE" DAYS AND OTHER  
EVENTS WHEN HELD**



# QUIZ – What are they?

See Page 4.



## Some other shots taken in and around the Heritage Park Site



### CAPTIONS FOR ABOVE:

1. Machinery Club's new additions. Note the close proximity of the railway lines.
2. General View of the Village Fair.
3. The "Big Railway" showing station.
4. Chief grease monkey doing his bit.
5. All those people wanting rides.

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# A PAPER WAR ...

Sometime back the club was donated an assortment of rail and engineering magazines. These included quite a few on the building of scale locomotives, preserved rail and restored locomotives both in New Zealand and elsewhere.

Then last week we inherited quite a few more boxes containing a couple of hundred copies of "Model Engineering". It was quite easy to trip over all these boxes so it was decided that something must be done about it before someone kissed the floor.

So it was all hands to the pump (those that were there anyway).

## BELOW ARE SOME SHOTS OF THE TASK AHEAD



▲ Books



▲ And Still More Books

## NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

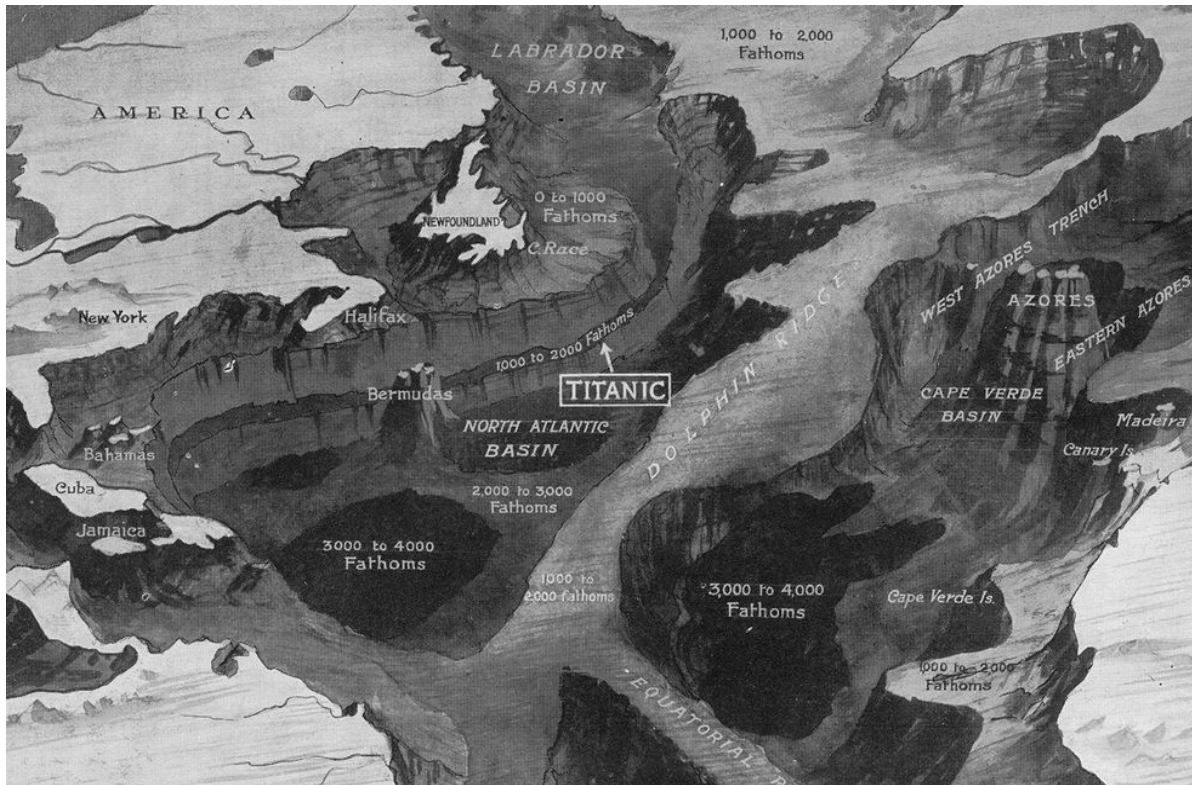
The Annual General Meeting of the Whangarei Model Engineering Club will be held on Thursday, June 6th in the clubrooms

Further details when finalised will be published in next month's Northern Views.

## ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2:

Titanic's Engines (two of three). The third one could be anywhere. Two of the engines were upright reciprocating and the middle one was a turbine.

It was many years before the wreck was located and below is an indication of why this took so long. The terrain at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean at this point looks very complicated.



The official number of lives lost on the Titanic has never been agreed upon universally due to the original passenger and crew list having misspellings, aliases, and omissions, as well as failure to count certain contracted employees, including the musicians on board, as either crew or passengers. Since the liner was American-owned, but British-registered, and carried over 2,000 passengers and crew from many different nationalities, that made it harder still to come to agreement. During initial hearings, the US Senate committee listed that 1,517 lives were lost, but the British Board of Trade listed the number at 1,503.

White Star Line, the company that owned the Titanic, was one of the first to offer not only first and second-class, but third class accommodations as well. To compete with its rival, Cunard, who focused on building fast ships, White Star Line focused more on reliability, size, and comfort. Titanic, and her sister ships, Olympic and Britannic were a result of that choice.

The most expensive one-way ticket on Titanic was \$4,350 – more than \$97,000 in today's dollars.

Deep water docks were specially constructed to be able to accommodate White Star Line's large new ships. Titanic was destined for Pier 59 in New York City. Today that pier has been converted into a golf driving range as part of the Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex. Just south of there is Cunard's Pier 54, where survivors of the Titanic disaster arrived on the Carpathia.

In 1912, Harland & Wolff employed almost 15,000 workers for the construction of Olympic and Titanic. Workers had a nine hour day, 49 hour work week with four unpaid holidays off each year and one unpaid week in July.

Titanic was originally intended to have 32 lifeboats, but an anticipated change to the British Board of Trade lifeboat regulations never occurred, so the number was reduced to 20. This was four more than the legally required number of lifeboats for a ship its size. ▲



# Rosemary ...

A month or so ago I asked Chris if he would give me some details of his loco. This loco is new, as is Chris, to our club, having come Down Under for warmer temperatures, etc.

This is his reply:-

"Rosemary" is a model of a small 2ft gauge contractor's loco used on road building projects and in quarries, the originals were built by Kerr Stuart of Stoke on Trent in England. There are at least five preserved in England, "Peter Pan and Pixie" at Leighton Buzzard, "Lorna Doone" at Amerton, one at Aberystwyth and one at Statfold Barn and another at the Sandstone Estate in South Africa. Additionally there have been two new builds in the UK.

<http://amertonrailway.co.uk/about/locomotives/steam/jennie/>

The model was originally drawn up by Ken Swan in the North East of England back in 1978. He used Kerr Stuart works drawings which resulted in 29 sheets of drawings of the 1/3rd size model.

My model was built by Alain Foote an Engineer with GEC at Rugby in the Midlands of England. He started the model soon after the drawings were published and it was completed in 1985. He ran the loco for a number of years before selling it on. I bought the loco in 2016 from Station Road Steam, a model dealer and manufacturer near Lincoln.

[Rodney's "Prince George" also hails from the same source].

Rosemary became a regular performer at Lincoln's club track at North Scarle on running days, I also took to other clubs open days including Rugby MES where she was reunited with her builder. I have done some maintenance and improvements since I got the loco and I am looking forward to running at Maunu and hopefully visiting other club's tracks.



# CHANGES TO WMEC RULES

The committee has reviewed the existing rules (last updated in June 2013) and are presenting the following proposed changes for discussion.

When considering these changes members should refer to the current rules.

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**1.3 Objects:** – Proposed to delete objective (c) “The acquisition and provision of a centre of model engineering”.

The following five objectives would remain:-

- (a) To foster the making of models, both working and scenic.
- (b) To encourage the acquisition of skills, arts and handcrafts, and to arrange lectures and instruction aimed at furthering these crafts.
- (c) To arrange the exhibition of models.
- (d) To aid and encourage youth in acquiring knowledge and skill in mechanical pursuits.
- (e) To run and administer the Heritage Park Miniature Railway.

Members should give careful consideration to how the remaining objectives can be achieved.

**2 Membership:-** Clause 2.1 in the line reading “The committee shall have the power to reject any application pursuant to approval by a general meeting” delete the words “pursuant to approval by a general meeting” and change the word reject to refuse.

Add new clause 2.2 – no new life members will be elected. Existing life members as at 1 June 2019 will remain with same rights and privileges until that life member ceases to be a member.

**3 Classes of Membership:-** Delete this clause. There will be no different classes of membership except for existing life members.

**5 Subscription Fees:-** Delete “the fee for junior and senior members shall be at a reduced rate”.

**6 Officers:-** In clause 6.2 (a) “the president will chair all society meetings both general and committee”. Delete the words and will have such authority as may be granted at a general meeting”.

In clause 6.2 (e) “the committee will be responsible for running the society on behalf of the members and will have such authority as may be granted at a general meeting” delete the words and will have such authority as may be granted at a general meeting”

**8 Powers of the Committee:-** Delete this clause. Most of the issues listed are covered elsewhere in the rules.

**9 Meetings:-** In clause 9.1 change “the Committee will meet bi-monthly” to the committee will meet monthly.

Delete 9.2 which states that general meetings will be not less than once a quarter. This means there will be no regular general meetings except for the Annual General Meeting. Special meetings of members can still be called for in accordance with clause 9.3.1.

9.3.1 (c) delete the words “excluding Honorary and Junior members”.

9.3.2 Change quorum from eight (8) to six (6).

9.4.2 Add the following words to clarify voting – “in the event of an equal vote the President or person acting as President has a casting vote, that is a second vote”.

9.5 Reads:- “if no quorum is present at any meeting, the meeting will stand adjourned for one week, whereupon the members present at the reconvened meeting shall form the quorum” Change to read:- “if a quorum is not present at any meeting, the meeting will stand adjourned to a day, time and place to be determined by the Chair of the meeting and if at such adjourned

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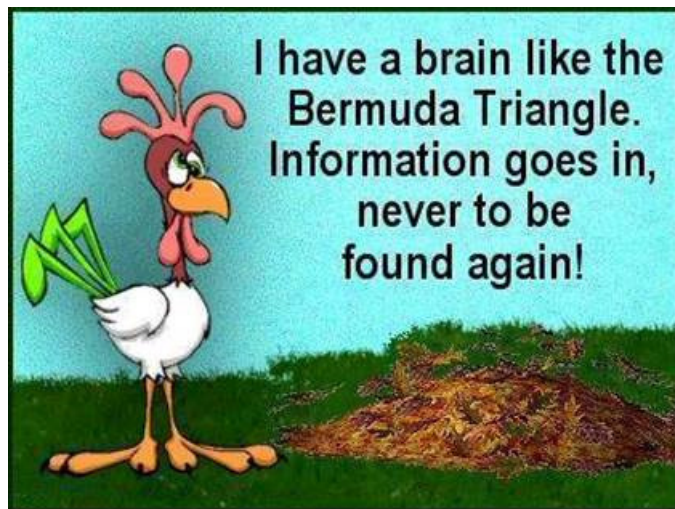
meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved without further adjournments”.

**15 Track Running Rules:-** Clause 15.1 currently reads “Track running will be carried out in accordance with TRAINCRAFT and any amendments thereafter. Any additional rules or procedures required to be observed at the Heritage Park Miniature Railway are to be appended to TRAINCRAFT.

It is proposed to change the clause as follows: Track running will be carried out as per TRAINCRAFT and MEANZ recommendations. Any additional rules or procedures required to be observed at the Heritage Park Miniature Railway will be issued by the committee and made available to all drivers by means of the Notice Board.

Add a new clause on safety.

Clause 15.3: All members are responsible for safety and must report any safety issues/ concerns to the safety officer and record issue/concern in the Log Book.



The above also applies to Windows 10 ... give me XPv3 any day.

## WHAT A BLOW

The “Big Railway” boys had a bit of bad luck steaming up for the day on Easter Sunday, when “Seymour” their ex-Portland Peckett loco decided to pop a tube.

This made Ray a very happy guy as he had to spend time fixing it.

He reckons he had better things to do.

**However ... diesel to the rescue!!**

## BLAH! BLAH! BLAH! Etc ...

Tony says that his A3 is getting very near to having a fire put in her belly. He has laid some portable tracks on his driveway and it appears to run quite OK on compressed air. But of course air and steam are two different beasts altogether. Lotsa Luck Tony.

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