

Northern Views

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

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Wednesday Workdays: By the Editor

After an extremely dry summer the rains have returned and given all the greenery a much needed drink. This has also obviously given the rabbit population a boost in numbers and they have been busy digging holes at the edge of the ballast.

Rankin and Bruno have been very busy planting more trees in the lower area and over and around the tunnel.

Someone else has beaten our crew to the Cape Gooseberries that were quite abundant over in the lower the last two or three years ago but there were some mushrooms. I guess we will have to be quicker next year.

On May 1 the club held a "Morning Tea" for all other clubs that operate in the Heritage Park sector of the museum. There was a good turnout and I think there was some amazement over our set-up.

Tony Tanner sprung 444 into life and took the assembled guests for a spin or two around the track and the ridees were a very happy bunch.

Shortly afterward the ground started to shake and it was thought that there had been an earthquake or that someone had spiked the tea ... but we were all wrong. It was in fact the big three-cylinder Petters marine engine that the stationary engine group had been working on for a long time and at last it burst into life.



CLUB NOTICES

3rd Sunday Running — June 16, 2019, 10 am till 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 is it, and where?

See Page 4.

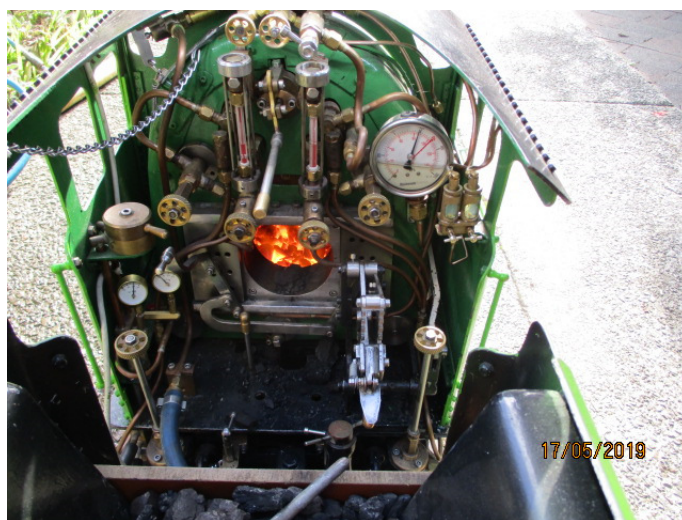


AT LONG LAST . . .

Tony has just supplied the photos below of his new-build A3 (Carbine) in steam for the first time.

He says it fires easily. A few leaks were found but this is to be expected in a case like this.

Hope to see it at the track in the not to distant future.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



IN THE CLUBROOMS

ON

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019
AT 6 pm**

Clubrooms open for a mug of drug before the meeting at 5.30 pm

Agenda:-

Apologies.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Inward and Outward Correspondence.

President's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Adoption of the Annual Financial Report for the previous year.

Election of officers for following year:

Appointment of Honorary Auditor.

Setting of membership fees.

General Business.

Alteration of the club's rules.

A notice of motion has been filed that a major re-vamp of the club's rules should be undertaken.

(A copy of these proposed amendments should be in your hands by now as they were mailed out as pages six (6) and seven (7) of last month's *Northern Views*).

ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2:

Tram at Pemberton, Western Australia.

This vehicle runs on an abandoned portion of the WAGR, about midway between Perth and Albany. At the time I was there the line had been truncated because of the weakening of a bridge pile on the line.

The engine and trailers had been constructed in Perth and relocated to the present site. The actual motive power is petrol hydraulic (I think).

On site is an unknown number of bogie wagons, supposedly for spares, but I think mother-earth will beat the restoration boys. Also on the site is a WAGR V-class engine which had failed its boiler test. I did hear on the grapevine that it was going to another narrow gauge line somewhere in South Australia.

BELOW: Further pictures around Pemberton.



Out to pasture. What a pity.



The end of the line! Any further and you might get more than your feet wet.



A view from the driver's seat showing the controls and the view ahead.

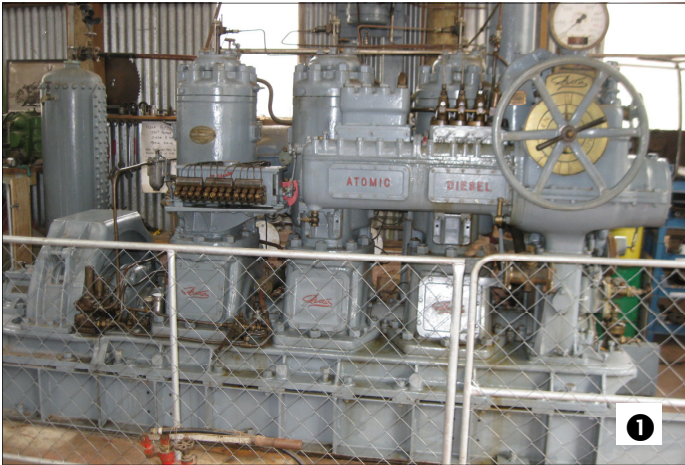


A Tingle Tree. Trunk is very gnarled and most of them are hollow, caused by bushfire damage.

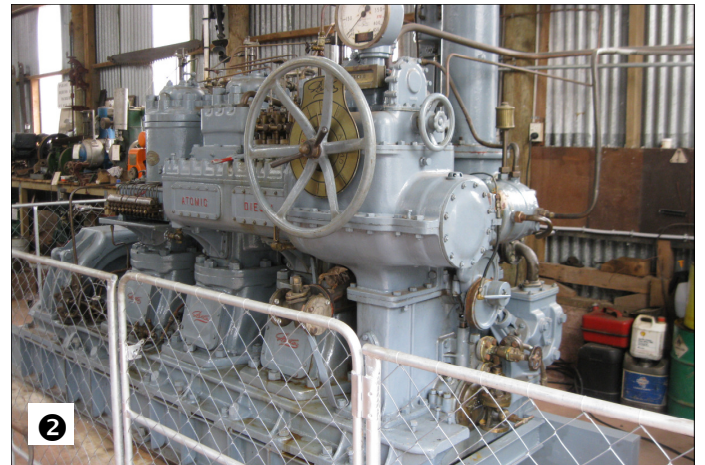
You get education by reading the fine print ... and experience by not reading it.
To obtain maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good big mistake.

PEOPLE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW IPHONE BUT NO ONE HAS
CAUGHT UP WITH THE AWESOME TECHNOLOGY OF USING
YOUR BLINKER WHEN YOU DRIVE

General Pics from Around the Park



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PHOTOS ABOVE:

1. A side-on view of the Petters 3-cyl diesel engine.
2. Rear view of the same engine.
3. Notice board showing the layout of the grounds.
4. Long overdue repairs being made to the Riponui Pa School.
5. Repairs also being made to the Oruaiti Chapel. This building is still being used for weddings, etc.
6. As above. (another view).
7. Colin bending a muscle or two levelling up the ballast in the bottom area. A lot of the "ripples" in the ballast are caused by the plague of rabbits all trying to dig themselves a home.

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