

# The Generator

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**Palmerston Model Engineering Club**  
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## **The Palmerston North Model Engineering Club** **Upcoming Club Events**

Club Nights typically start at 7.30pm and are usually held at the  
The Hall, 435 Church Street, Palmerston North.

### **Thursday 22nd May**

Club Night  
Boilers, Safety Valves and Metal Finishes

### **Thursday 26th June**

Club Night  
Project Progress

## **Marriner Reserve Railway**

### **Sunday 1st June & Sunday 15th June**

Railway operations at the Marriner Reserve  
Trains in operation from 1pm to 3pm  
Weather permitting (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

### **Thursdays**

Railway operations for club members  
Subject to ongoing track maintenance and weather  
Contact track manager (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

## 2025 Annual General Meeting

The club AGM was held on the 24th of April at the Board Room, Palmerston North Hospital.

A good percentage of our membership were present for the occasion.

Apologies were given and the minutes of the 2024 AGM were read and approved

President Johathan Mason presented his report for the outgoing year.

Treasurer Lawrence Brooshooft presented the financial report year ending 28th February 2025.

Both reports were approved by the members present.

Membership subscriptions are to remain at \$40.00 for the 2025-2026 year.

Reports were presented from the Boiler committee and the Marriner Reserve Railway Track Manager.

Club Officers were elected as follows,

**President: Jonathan Mason.**

**Vice President: Cynthia Cooper.**

**Treasurer Lawrence: Brooshooft.**

**Secretary: Fin Mason.**

**Committee Members: Bill Krippner, Richard Lockett, David Bell and Stephen Drummond.**

Welcome aboard Stephen.

Other club positions:

**Newsletter Editor: Richard Lockett.**

**Librarian: Merv George.**

**Track Manager: Richard Lockett.**

### **General Business**

A brief discussion on the draft constitution document released for consultation with the clubs membership and the process going forward.

There was no other General Business.

## Club Notices

### **May Club Night**

Richard Lockett will give a rundown on the work done as a boiler inspector for our miniature boilers operated by PNMEC club members as well as a look at the requirements of the safety valves used on said boilers and the progress with the replacement of the Australian AMBSC codes 1 Copper and 2 Steel by a New Zealand boiler code for our future use.

Lawrence Brooshooft will speak to the different machined finishes that can be achieved on ferrous and non ferrous metals using a display sample produced by Matamata based club member Brian Wiffin a few years ago.

### **Subscriptions are now due.**

Membership subscriptions of \$40.00 as set at the Annual General Meeting are now due.

Please pay Club Treasurer Lawrence Brooshooft at a club night or preferable pay direct into the clubs bank account via internet banking. **Account number 06-0996-0831663-00**

**Please remember to use your name as the reference.**

### **PNMEC Facebook**

The club has set up another Facebook page. This page is for the sole purpose of communicating with club members and our railway travelling customers as to whether a scheduled track running occasion is in fact happening or not due to the weather etc on the day. Using this medium will be more reliable than having to ring the track manager or take a guess as to whether we are running or not. **Palmerston North Marriner Model Train Railways** is the address

## **Club Constitution Re-Registration**

As you are no doubt aware, the rules regarding Incorporated Society's have changed, and we are required to update the Clubs Documentation to reflect this new landscape. A Working Group was formed to guide the club through this reformation process.

As part of this upgrade, we are required to have a constitution that meets specific requirements. Our existing constitution could not support the changes required so a new document has been prepared, and this was issued to the membership via email for their perusal on the 17th April 2025.

That revision was the first draft, that places us somewhere near where we need to be. Membership input is now invited to fine tune this document making it more reflective of the memberships views. As part of this process, we are asking club members to review this proposal, making comments, prior to it being submitted to a Special General Meeting for adoption.

Members are hereby formally invited to make submissions, detailing changes they feel are required to make this document more reflective of the clubs needs:

### **Working Group Members**

The members of the Working Group are: Jonathan Mason, Richard Lockett, David Bell

### **Prior to Making A Submission**

1. Members are encouraged to engage with the Working Group (WG) to discuss aspects of the proposed constitution that concerns them, to obtain answers to queries, and to gain an understanding on the reasoning behind the documents contents. However, having such discussions does not constitute making a submission.
2. The WG will make themselves available to club members to discuss this proposal at the following:
  - a) Track Running Day 18<sup>th</sup> May
  - b) Club Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May
  - c) Track Running Day 1<sup>st</sup> June
  - d) Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **Making A Submission**

1. To be valid, a submission must be delivered/emailed received by the Secretary, no later than 5:00 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.
2. The Secretary will email a confirmation to the submitter acknowledging the receipt of their submission.
3. All submissions must be in writing. A printed copy of the Draft Constitution marked up with hand written notes would suffice. But we need to know exactly what you want changed, and precisely what you are proposing.
4. All submissions must clearly identify the clause number to which the submission refers.
5. All submissions must include the submitters name, phone number, and a contact email address.
6. At this stage we are not interested in syntax and grammatical errors. These will be corrected in a separate process once the wording and content of the document has been finalised.

## Coming Attractions

A couple of events are coming up in the near future that may be of interest to you firstly there's the Federation of Railway Organisations New Zealand (FRONZ) 50 year celebration being held in Palmerston North over Matariki weekend 20th to 22nd June. Various steam and diesel heritage locomotives from Steam Incorporated and Glenbrook Vintage Railway will be operating from the P N Railway Station over the 3 days with trips planned to various locations. Booking to be done via Steam Inc or Glenbrook Vintage Railway Web sites if your interested.

Next up if you are more into the smaller scales the two yearly Railx show will be held in the Barber Hall the following weekend 28th and 29th June.

## Adieu Chris Morton



Chris has left us after a battle with ill health over the last couple of years. A club member since the clubs inception in 1977, been the clubs president on numerous occasions, been on the clubs committee properly over all that period of time, done the mahi over the years at Marriner Reserve, part of our furniture always will be, Farewell.



## The Peterbilt

Bruce Geange has been busy producing a couple of awesome models of Owen Mudgeway's Peterbilt tractor unit NZ Pete modelled in wood and brass. One would have to assume that Bruce has spent a few hours out at Owen's shed with a tape measure! I'll let the photo's do the talking.

Photo Bruce Geange



Date and Time			Activity
Thursday 22nd May	7.30pm		Club Night Boilers, Safety Valves and Machined Metal Finishes
Sunday 1st June	1pm to 3pm		Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday 5th June	7.30pm		Committee Meeting
Sunday 15th June	1pm to 3pm		Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday 26th June	7.30pm		Club Night Project Progress
Thursday 3rd July	7.30pm		Committee Meeting
Sunday 6th July	1pm to 3pm		Marriner Reserve Railway
Sunday 20th July	1pm to 3pm		Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday 24th July	7.30 pm		Club Night SGM re New Constitution Plus TBA

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