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Upcoming Dates

- 5/2/12 - 3:30pm - General Meeting
- 6/2/12 - MLS Waitangi Day Charity run.
- 8/2/12 - 7:00pm - HME Club Night
- 18 & 19/2/12 - Kapiti Open Weekend
- 18/2/12 - Working Bee POSTPONED
- 19/2/12 - 3:30pm - Committee Meeting
- 25/2/12 - 9:00am - Working Bee
- 3 & 4/3/12 - P.North Open Weekend
- 4/3/12 - 3:30pm - General Meeting
- 10 & 11/3/12 - Mana Ariki Open Weekend
- 14/3/12 - 7:00pm - HME Club Night
- 17 & 18/3/12 - HME Open Weekend
- 6 to 9/4/12 - Havelock North Open Weekend
- 19 & 20/5/12 - Thames Open Weekend
- 15/7/12 - HME Club Trip

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President's Report

Just a friendly thanks to all the club members that took time out to provide a morning tea / light lunch to the visiting members that had been cruising around the North Island during the Whangarei post-convention Ramble during early January 2012. It was nice to talk to the Australian visitors as well.

Steady progress is being made to the curved viaduct replacement timber beams, having had to make a working platform over the high tide area due to the unseasonal amount of rain we still manage to get.

The three wagons that belong to the Genesis loco are getting a good going over, replacing bearings and various parts needed to get the ride and vacuum brakes up to scratch.

Thanks

Ray Martin.



Secretary's Report

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to February. The weather has been all but predictable, but that hasn't stopped us enjoying ourselves. There are several key projects that are being worked upon, the key one being track and bridge repairs. Other projects include the upgrade of crowd control – some of which is hoped to be in place prior to our open weekend in March.

Belated congratulations must go out to HME member Kat Simpson, on the birth of her second child. Emma Rose Hamilton was born on November 27th at 5:45pm. A \$50 gift voucher has been sent to Kat.

For the next few months it is quite important for all members to note down the upcoming dates, as listed at the front of this newsletter – you will notice a few changes to the dates of key items such as meetings and working bees. Also something to keep an eye out, is for notices arriving in the mail over the next few months, for the AGM etc.

Attached to this newsletter is some information on a club trip – a full invite will be sent out via mail next month, but I encourage you to put your name down prior to then.

We note the resignation of Dennis Searle from HME, who has been a member for several years. We thank him for his contribution over this time, and wish him the best on his new endeavours.

Brendon England

Secretary



Left to Right: Ben Armstrong on his "Conway", Craig Sands on John Hannah's "Firefly" & Peter Coop on his "Bella"

Club Trip 15/7/2012

The HME committee have decided to make the unprecedented move of closing our railway on a Sunday, (albeit in Winter) and taking a club trip. The date was chosen as it is the day that most members have available, as they use it to come to the club.

Transport is provided for the members, on the basis that members pay their own way for everything else during the day. Transport is by mini-bus, driven by members. We currently have 2 booked, with more available if required – but it is essential to get numbers in early, so that we can book.

Our first port of call is the Driving Creek Railway. I have booked 24 seats, but if we are in quick we can book some more. The train is still open to public bookings, so an indication of interest is essential.

Lunch is in Coromandel – there is an hour available, so you have the choice of the many eateries in the township.

Second port of call is a choice between The Waterworks, or the Coromandel Stamper Battery. The Waterworks is more a family orientated activity, with water driven canons, water wheels and other fun devices.

We will be stopping in Thames on the way home for an afternoon break. We will be travelling over the new Kopu bridge, completed late 2011 under budget and ahead of schedule.

Depending on numbers, at this stage it looks like there will be a pickup in Morrinsville. Locations to be confirmed.

This offer is applicable to; Senior & Life members and their Partner. Family members, their partner and children up to the age of 18. Junior Members.

So please register interest, a full itinerary will be available next month.

Prices:

Driving Creek Railway:	\$20adult, \$8child (prior payment required for this rate)
The Waterworks:	\$16adult, \$12child, \$55 Family (12 person min for these prices)
Coromandel Stamper:	\$8adult \$4child 7-13yrs (10 person minimum for these prices)

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