

TAURANGA MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020/2021

I would like to thank all the committee members who took on various roles throughout the past year and it is great that some of the present committee are prepared to carry on for another year if elected. However for us to be successful in the future we need more of you to volunteer to help run the club and participate in club activities thus ensuring its ongoing success.

We had another very successful show in January with help from members and their wives and with other clubs bringing their layouts along. We had some great comments about all the layouts present and positive comments from the public who enjoyed the show. With a generous donation from Pub Charity and good management by our treasurer we did very well as you will see from your financial report. Having the show at that time in January appears to work well so we will carry on the same into the future.

The committee purchased a second-hand covered furniture trailer which with some very hard work from our members is now looking very smart and used to transport our layouts to shows and rest homes etc. this has enabled us to save on transport cost from outside movers.

We have been extremely fortunate in Southern Trust helping out with six months of our lease payments which has enable us to refurbish our trailer.

The club will carry on this coming year with taking some layouts to Rest homes and retirement villages which was very popular and enjoyed by residents. As you all know Covid severely restricted our ability not only at our clubrooms but also out and about and we hope to be able to participate in future shows out of our region again this year.

Covid has severely restricted the amount of money being available to the funding organisations we approach and unfortunately that has seen our applications for funding towards a new clubrooms being declined but the committee are still actively exploring all avenues.

Our Website has some great items and I have put the web site address below so you can go and explore it.

www.taurangamodelrailwayclub.co.nz

These last twelve months have shown us that while we all need to keep safe and healthy having the club to go to and talk to other members even just enjoying a cuppa and discuss any modelling problems or putting the world to rights is very beneficial to us all.

Please remember the club needs all of you to renew your membership and support so that the club continues to prosper and be a place to enjoy for all of us.

I wish all the members a happy and healthy time in this next club year and remember to look in renew some friendships and join in whenever possible. The committee and I look forward to a good turnout at the AGM on Thursday 6th May in the club rooms at 7.30 pm.

Regards

Michael Oldfield

30 March 2021

President