

“It is on really soon”

MANA ARIKI MARAE & RAILWAY inc
TRAIN MEET FOR 185 mm / 7.25” LOCOS
6th 7th 8th 9th & 10th Jan 2011
UPDATE @ 3 November 2010

Mana Ariki Marae and railway near Taumarunui in the central north Island of NZ is hosting a 4 day mini convention for 185 mm / 7 ¼” gauge locomotives in January 2011. This train meet is open to all members of the live steam hobby and their friends who would like to attend and enjoy some time at the extensive Mana Ariki Marae and railway complex.

The VIP accommodation on level 3 is almost fully booked however there is plenty of accommodation space available on site in the Dormitory on level 2 of the complex.

Costs - VIP quarters = \$55 pp per day. This includes bedding, towels & breakfast and a pass for train rides for the day. Bring a torch.

Those wishing to stay in the Dormitory will need to bring their own sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and a torch. Cost in the Dorm is \$33 pp per night which includes breakfast and a pass for train rides for the day.

Friends of Live steamers who are bringing motor homes, caravans etc to stay on site or those staying off site and are visiting on a daily basis are asked to purchase a ‘Day Pass’ from the railway ticket office near the round house. Day Pass - \$ 10.00 / day. Present your pass at the station for train rides.

We have at least 15 locomotives registered to run at the event, we have 4 guests coming from Australia, and many others from live steam clubs around the North Island of NZ.

Registration and payment for accommodation in VIP or the dormitory is to be paid upon arrival at the administration building office. Credit card facilities are available – otherwise cash.

SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS

PLEASE NOTE - Any special notices for the “train people” will be displayed on a white board at the Information centre and railway ticket office located near the roundhouse.

Thursday 6 th Jan 2011	Arrive and unload locos and other equipment – 4.30 pm – Welcome at the soundshell for the train people. 5.30- 6.30 pm evening meal -
Friday 7 th Jan 2011	FUNDAY - run trains 9 am till dark – Invite Mana Ariki staff to drive some of the visiting locomotives under loco owner’s supervision. 3.30 pm – Guided tour of Mana Ariki for those interested – Register at the Information centre before 2.30 pm for the Marae tour. 5.30 – 6.30 pm - evening meal - 7 pm - ride the trains in the cool of the evening
Saturday 8 th Jan 2011	Run trains 10 am – 4.30 pm - Marae Railway open to the public all day – 5.30 pm - evening meal - 7. 30 pm “Mana Ariki Showtime band” this is yet to be confirmed.
Sunday 9 th Jan 2011	Run trains 10 am – 4.30 pm – Marae Railway open to he public for train rides all day– 5.30 – 6.30 pm evening meal -
Monday 10 th Jan 2011	FUN DAY - REVERSE DIRECTION RUN FOR LOCOS & DRIVERS – 9 am – Double head locos in the reverse direction up the 3.2 % gradient and down the 1.6 % gradient. 3 pm Track closes - Pack up equipment for the journey home –

Accommodation is also available on Monday night 10th January if required.

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BED & BREAKFAST -

The Mana Ariki Marae complex has plenty of accommodation space on site to sleep all those who attend. If you are staying in the Dormitory you will need to bring sheets pillows a towel and a torch. A light breakfast is included in the accommodation charge

For those who require a more hearty meal to start the day a full hot "Mana Ariki big breakfast" will be available from 7 30 – 9 00 am at the Steak house on site for a nominal charge.

LUNCHES – The on site canteen will have sandwiches, filled rolls, pies, hot drinks, cold drinks ice cream etc on sale through out the day.

EVENING MEALS – 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm The on site Pizza Parlour, Fish & Chips and Steak house will be operating where you can purchase your evening meal at very reasonable prices.

SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT –

The Mana Ariki "SHOWTIME BAND" at the lakeside stage - \$ 10 pp - this event is still to be confirmed.

ALCOHOL - We respect the long standing protocol on the Mana Ariki Marae and Railway that no alcohol is to be brought onto or consumed on the site.

SMOKING - Cigarette smoking is not allowed in any buildings on site.

RAILWAY NOTES – There is a large round house with a turntable and steaming bays where locos can be unloaded, steamed up and housed overnight. There are now four stations on the 3000 main line all with passing loops. A new station siding has been added beside the roundhouse. We are intending to operate the train rides from this additional station area.

STEAM LOCOS – January is very dry and the fire risk is high – Steam locos must have current boiler tickets and an enclosed ash pan and preferably a spark arrestor so they do not emit any hot ashes around the track – No Boiler Ticket - No ash pan = No fire in your loco

PASSENGER RIDE CARS -

Visitors with locos need to bring their own passenger ride cars. There are only a few available on site.

LOCO FUEL -

Loco owners are to supply their own Char / coal on Friday 8th Jan and Monday 11th Jan. 10 kg bags of "Char" are available to purchase on site @ \$20.00 per bag

MANA ARIKI RAILWAY will supply the Char / coal for steam locos on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th Jan 2010 when we haul the paying public.

FUNDS RAISED - All funds raised from the 4 day train event are to be used to help maintain the Mana Ariki Marae and Railway complex so it can be enjoyed by many others in the future.

IMPORTANT – DO YOU WANT TO COME ??? REGISTER NOW

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- HOW TO FIND MANA-ARIKI MARAE & RAILWAY –

The Mana Ariki Marae & Railway is located about 6 km north of Taumarunui on the East side of the river.

10 Km north of Taumarunui there is a double deck bridge over the river. The rail track is on top of the bridge and the vehicle roadway is underneath.

Turn east off the main road and cross the bridge and then head south towards Taumarunui about 4 km. Take great care crossing the main trunk line rail tracks and head up the road into the Mana Ariki Marae complex. When you arrive at the security hut on the right you will be welcomed and given instructions where to park your vehicle and / or unload your locomotive.

