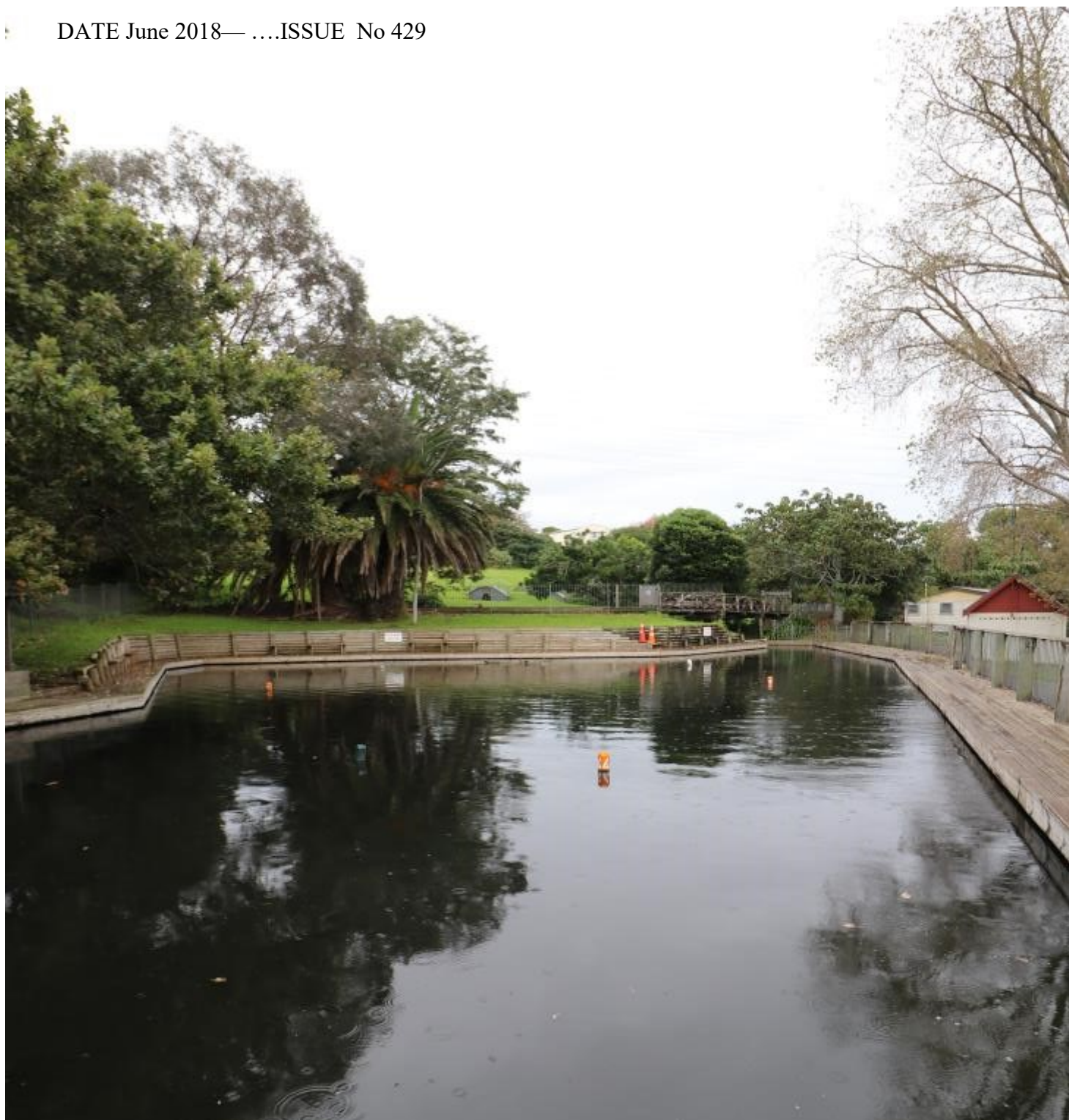




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Scale Marine Modellers 2018 AGM.

This years AGM was held on the 9th of May in the ASME club rooms on Petersen Reserve Mt Wellington. Seventeen members attended with five members sending their apologies. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

The President read his annual report which is reprinted on page 6.

The Treasurer proposed that annual subscriptions remain at last years level,

Full Members... \$40.00

Associate Members...\$20.00

Junior Members... \$20.00

The election of Officers returned the current members to the committee,

President Alister Leask

Vice President Bob Kempster

Secretary Ian Donald

Treasurer Jerry Payne

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Committee

1 Nick Basson

2 Malcolm Thomas

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Sailing Committee

1 Malcolm Thomas

2 Alister Leask

3 Bob Kempster

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Tea Roster Malcolm Thomas

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Trophies were presented and the meeting was closed at 8pm

HEADS UP FOR THESE COMING EVENTS

MODEL –X has been cancelled for this year. Organisers are looking to run the show next year.

Warbirds over Ardmore.

Sunday 3rd of June.

SMM has been asked to mount a Static display. We need members and their models for the day. More info on next club night. Setup from about 8am, show opens at 10am runs to 4pm

June pool tidy up party

Tuesday 5th June.

Taupo Model Railway Expo.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

STEAM BOATS FOR SALE

Steam boat fleet :-

50" Side Wheel Paddler

50" Naval Picket Boat

46" Steam Yacht

60" Stern Wheel Paddler

46" Windermere Launch

Large collection of steam engines, boilers and steam accessories.

Call or email to discuss any of these – Ian Verrall (07) 863 3554 or ianverrall@outlook.com

May Boat Table



A bit of a worrying trend seem to be developing at the Boat table in the last couple of months. Only one boat on the Table again this month.

Alan Parsons has brought himself the Billings kitset of the Dragon. This is a plank on frame model and much to Alans credit he has made a good job of the hull. Alan still has a lot of work to do yet but so far has done well.

Australian Navy Mine Countermeasure Vessels.

Mine countermeasures at sea are handled by the *Huon*-class minehunters, which began to enter RAN service from 1999. The class was based on the Italian Navy's Gaeta-class developed by Intermarine SpA. Development was undertaken in partnership between Intermarine and Australian Defence Industries (ADI). The first hull was built in Italy, with fitting out the first and construction of the remaining five vessels of the class done by ADI in Newcastle, New South Wales, replacing the problematic Bay Class minehunters. In addition to the mine warfare role, individual ships have been deployed on occasion to support patrol and border protection operations. Four vessels operate out of HMAS Waterhen, in Sydney, New South Wales. An additional two ships were placed in reserve in October 2011.



Monty Jones

Foundation Member
Scale Marine Modellers

Last year we saw the retirement from the committee of Monty Jones. At the time an opportunity to high light Monty's contribution to the club and his years of service on the committee was inexcusable overlooked and the club dose apologise to Monty for the oversight. So here is that belated recognition

It is thanks to the foresight of a group of Model Boat enthusiasts that we now have a club called Scale

Marine Modellers and a club pool and a place to hold meetings.. Originally the club sailed on the lakes of the Chelsea Sugar Refinery on the north shore. n 1988 the decision was made to join with ASME and build a boat pond on the Petersen Reserve.

With help from the soon to be defunct Mt Wellington Brough Council the pool was opened in September 1989. Over the next few years improvements were made to the pool. Some time in the distant past there was an annual regatta for Scale Boat enthusiasts held in various places around the north island which Monty and other members of SMM attended



One of Monty's interests is vintage machinery, namely outboard motors. The above photo taken by the editor shows Monty at the 2017 Boat show with one of his motors. If you look closely you will see that the starter handle is spinning around on top of the motor at knuckle busting speed. Another exhibit that Monty has taken to the Boat Show is a cabin cruiser that he built when still in his teens and still looks brand new today.

The Editors Desk.

As members can see from the list in the AGM report there are a number of vacant positions on the General Committee which the club needs to have filled. The most important of these are the two vacant Committee positions. The club is asking members to please step up and support the current committee in the running of the club.

The work load is now on to few shoulders and as the longer serving members retire from the committee so goes their experience and knowledge of the clubs history. This year the club has to get by with only two committee members and five Officers.

Best practice is the committee members run the club not the officers we however do it the other way around.

CLUB NIGHT

Wednesday the 9th of May 2018

Meeting chaired by President Alister Leask.

MEMBERS PRESENT. 17

APPOLIGIES.

Dennis Lake, David Meehan, Rex Maddock, Colin Hollingsworth.

VISITORS.

Bryce Oliver came to see the club. We hope you like what you saw and would like to become a member, Bryce.

NEW MEMBERS.

No new members.

NOTICES and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Warbirds have invited SMM to their Open Day on the 3rd of June. The club will be putting on our display stands and we will need models for the shelves.

There are a number of boxes of nuts and bolts in imperial sizes and some brass bits and pieces that are free to a good home for those interested.

GENERAL BUSSINESS.

No General Business.

SAILING COMMITTEE

This months Sailday is on the 27th of May. The usual events, Tug Towing, Naval and mercantile steering. Start time is 1pm to 1.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER

No Guest Speaker

FROM THE BOAT TABLE.

See page 3

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Duty Committee Member for June is Brian King

Duty Committee Member for July is Ian Donald

Duty Committee Member for August is Alister Leask

Presidents 2018 AGM Report.

Welcome to all present this evening.

The end of the 2017/2018 year sees us having had some successes and leaves us with some challengers.

On the positive side of the ledger our membership has grown by two to 40 financial members and 10 associates compared to the 38 and 12 we had at this time last year.

While one could argue that the numbers are still the same overall, I believe that this is positive for our small club.

Our updated and improved Constitution, which we voted on at the last AGM, was accepted by the Incorporated Societies Office. We also have a brand-new website that I am personally very pleased with. This has needed to be dealt with for a few years now and I look forward to seeing the use we get from it. I want to acknowledge the help that Nick provided in liaising for and developing the new website—thank you Nick. I also note this was made possible with funding from the Mount Wellington Trust.

One of the challengers that faces us is that ASME have indicated that they would like to have back the space that we use in this building to store our equipment. The committee have been looking at the ways this can be achieved. One of the options was the Ski Club building but unfortunately timing was not on our side and we were not able to get that building. I don't want to say we missed out on it—because missing out on it may have been a bit of a blessing in disguise, given that it was then broken into and vandalised. The committee will continue to look into options for safely and securely storing our equipment.

You will hear more about from Jerry shortly our financial situation, but I wish to point out that our fundraising activities, from public boats and shows etc. raised about \$3400 over the last year. Without these fundraising activities our membership fee would be substantially higher. Therefore, it is vital that the members continue to support these activities. On that note I would like to thank all the members who have assisted the committee to run the public boats when rostered— in some cases with particularly short notice. I also want to thank those members who have helped out at other events – such as the Hutchwilco Boat Show, the Panmure Open/Fun Day and numerous galas we go to each year.

It seems to me that the last year has seen another drop-off in the number of members sailing regularly on Sundays. In some cases, this has been weather related, but it does seem there are fewer members actively sailing than there were a few years ago. I remain hopeful that the changes we are trying with the starting time will make a difference. Likewise, it seems that there are fewer members turning up to the monthly meetings than there were previously. I may be being overly sensitive, but all this seems to have happened during my presidency... whilst there may or may not be a correlation there, I want to remind members that like any other similar organisation, the more effort you put into contributing, the more you will get out of it. Therefore, I wish to thank those members who brought in items to talk about or have had something interesting to talk about at our monthly meetings. These contributions are vital to maintain the variety and liveliness of our club.

I want to thank all the committee members for their help over the last year and the advice, support and effort that they have given and made for the club.

Once again, I will point out the time and effort that Ian Donald goes to, to keep the club running. Ian has my heartfelt thanks for his efforts. I also note and thank Jerry as treasurer, Brian as librarian, Bob as VP and Malcolm for doing the tea & coffee each month – as well as leading the sailing committee – for their efforts on behalf of the club.

This year sees the retirement of David Bowyer from the committee. Dave has been on the committee for more than twenty years. I want to thank Dave for his years of contribution to the club and the success that it has been over that time. Unfortunately, this highlights a problem the club has. I am aware that at least one other member wishes to retire from the committee.

So here is the hard word: the club must have several more committee members and have them in the near term or we will not be able to maintain the club and its activities as we have thus far. If this club does not have the committee members it needs to support the club activities – the public boats, the Hutchwilco Boat Show and the school galas – as we have. If we are unable to support these activities our fees will have to rise to cover our costs – potentially to a point I believe will be unacceptable to the members.

Having said that, I firmly believe that this club has the potential to remain viable and to gather more members. There are several things that I believe we need to do to achieve that and we have the opportunity to do that in the next couple of years.

And that concludes my report
Alister Leask. El Presidente.

The 2018 Hutchwilco Boat Show.

As we all know time waits for no one these days and it was just as if it was only yesterday that we had packed up the 2017 show and here we were back at the ASB show grounds ready to begin the setup for this years show.

Our stand space this year was again in hall four but considerably smaller than last year. To begin with the full length pool was going to take up all the floor space we had, so a clever plan was devised whereby the pool was shortened by one and a half meters by the sneaky removal of the over laps and the use of a drill to make more holes to bolt the sides together. The experience of previous shows enables us to setup in double quick time so we can have a wander around the venue to see what other exhibitors are doing.

This year we managed to make a couple of savings on expenses by having the use of a loan trailer from

Bryce, Bobs side kick, and getting the Test and Tag of the electrical leads done for free. We were able to fit everything into the available foot print of the space we had and it worked very well.

The show was open from Thursday the 17th to Sunday the 20th. Thursdays are always very slow due to it being mostly adults who come to look around although there were a small number of kids as well.

Friday is usually a bit busier with a bigger number of kids. Saturday is the day when things go crazy.

Families come to the show, dad to buy his fishing rods and reals and mum to keep him to a minimum spend if she can. A very large number turn up just to get an entry into the Gate Prize they are easy to spot clutching their tickets and looking for the stamping booths. The one in hall 4 had a queue dozens of meters long most of Saturday. This year a pensioner was the lucky winner and the Ed has heard that they are intending to sell the boat.



Food prices at the Boat Show are quite high but then I suspect that so are the stand rentals, however the hamburgers from the "White Lady" even at \$12 each are a top meal for Friday night dinner.

The stand and the team in action on Friday 18th

Sunday like Saturday are the two busy days of the show, until about 5pm when the crowds have visibly thinned out, so at that time we start to pump out the pool and pack things away that we don't need anymore. This year we had the pool completely pumped out by closing time at 6pm which meant that on Monday morning we could start straight away to pack up and be away by 8am.

This year thanks go to all those who came and assisted on the stand, Monty Jones, Bob Kempster, Malcolm Thomas, Brian King, Jerry Payne, Alister Leask, Nick Basson and Ian Donald. A superb effort by the team which has greatly aided the clubs balance sheet once again.

A date for your diary... next years show is May 16th to 19th..will we see you there, hope so!!

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

June	Sunday 3rd	Warbirds Open Day
	Wednesday 13th	Club and Committee Meetings
	Sunday 17th	Sailday Start time 1-1.30pm
July	Sunday 1st	Yachts
	Wednesday 11th	Club and Committee Meetings
	Saturday 14th-Sunday 15th	Taupo Model Railway Expo
	Sunday 22nd	Sailday Start Time 1-1.30pm
August	Sunday 5th	Yachts
	Wednesday 8th	Club and Committee Meetings

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Boat Roster

When you are Roistered on for Public Boat duty, it is your responsibility to organize a replacement or swap if you can not do your roistered duty and to contact the Duty Committee Member to inform him if you are unable to do the duty and with whom you have swapped duty.

June	10th	Nick Basson	John Lucas
	24th	Bob Kempster	Robert Palmer
July	8th	Malcolm Thomas	Alan Parsons
	22nd	Ian Donald	Ray Williams
August	12th	Jerry Payne	Gary Armstrong
	26th	Alistar Leask	Peter Bailey
September	9th	Nick Basson	Michael Barron
	23rd	Bob Kempster	Malcolm Chapman