



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

*"Providing smoking news and steaming interests to members and friends"*

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### Membership Fees for 2021 are unchanged from 2019/20

**2021 SUBS R400 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS**

Bank details for any payments to CSME.

For any payments, please email details of payment to Ballot Marx at [csmetrains@gmail.com](mailto:csmetrains@gmail.com) or [ballotmarx@gmail.com](mailto:ballotmarx@gmail.com)

Bank Details are as follows:

Bank: First National  
Branch: Centurion, code 26-15-50  
Account Name: Centurion Society of Model Engineers  
Account No: **62060752906**  
Reference: Your Full Name/ subs 2021 (or what payment is for).

**Note the account number change in red**

### Official correspondence and newsletter

If you are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details. Please ensure we are notified of any change of email address.

Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

### **Next Club Meetings**

This month the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of April will be the member's weekend. Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 012 643 0750, or 071 619 1644. The gates are again operational by cellphone.

### **Obituary**

For those who do not already know **Charles Polkey** passed away a little while ago and **Ian Headland** passed away in his sleep 11<sup>th</sup> April. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

### **Chairman's comments.**

We are still dealing with the lockdown restrictions but manage to have enough public attending to at least building some reserves if we the lockdown escalating.

We decided to open some of the public holidays and was remarkably well supported by the public. Thanks to our regular team of drivers doing excellent duty, with lots of locos out to entice the public. We also had some stationary engines out for display. We will also open another few public holidays to build our reserves.

The Tuesday gang worked hard to sort out a few glitches to the locos and fixing the last of the flood damage to Dennis.

We had a serious lightning strike during a storm, destroying our entire alarm system and damage to our automated gate. (These have now been repaired. – Ed.

We also managed to get coal that get lots of positive comments from the steam drivers. We sold off all the anthracite on site and will also get test lots to determine how it behave in our locos before we get ample quantities.

RSME plan to have a Gauteng meet in beginning of September, we will also reserve dates during our usual September fair for additional running, maybe we will be able to have a fair again.

**Leon.**

### **Secretary's Bit.**



We are most gratified that business in hosting birthday parties and Sunday attendance by the public has picked up! We have had particularly good days this month. Thanks go to our regular drivers (you know who you are!) for putting in the extra effort.

On a lesser note, there are still some membership subs outstanding. We know times are tough. Rather than forfeiting your membership due to non-payment of subs, please discuss the issue with the committee. There are other ways in which members can be of assistance and in turn be assisted.

Our birthday guys this month are **Francois Hanekom, Marius Human and Nick Carr.**  
**Imogene Groothuijzen**

### **Track and grounds.**

Now we are at or near the end of the rainy season growth has slowed and we are slowly catching up with this year's unprecedented jungle growth, as work cannot solely focus on the terrain.

Work on the new line from the new storage to the station is still being concreted and should be finished shortly. The area immediately east of the storage where the lines converge is being paved and concreted and is almost finished. The west lake just outside our premises is totally covered by the water hyacinth and the other ponds are becoming stagnant due to lack of inflow. The boat club lake is being aerated by the fountain so is in the best condition of the lot.

## Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

Site maintenance machinery is the priority each Tuesday with something always requiring maintenance and repair. As usual the lawn mowers required some maintenance each week as did the backpack blower and brush cutters. We did however get round to painting and some assembly of the new driving cars and parts designed, and laser cut by Leon. Every week, Lizzie gets maintenance and necessary repairs, as do the other locos. The Tuesday Gang never have to look for work, as things requiring early attention always crop up. The new driving car bodies arrived this week and require assembly to the running gear etc.





As of Tuesday the green car was fitted with the seat. Thanks to all involved in these cars.

The Editor found this web page very interesting and hope readers enjoy looking at the remains of this derelict old station remains and close up photos of items still remaining.

<http://elrectanguloenlamano.blogspot.com/2021/03/obejo-old-train-station-fascinating.html>

### **Member's home progress**

At least some have been working hard but keeping mum about progress until spies sent Photos!

**Leon** sent me photos of Eddy Lloyd's latest project, Marshall portable engine 6NHP in 2 inch.



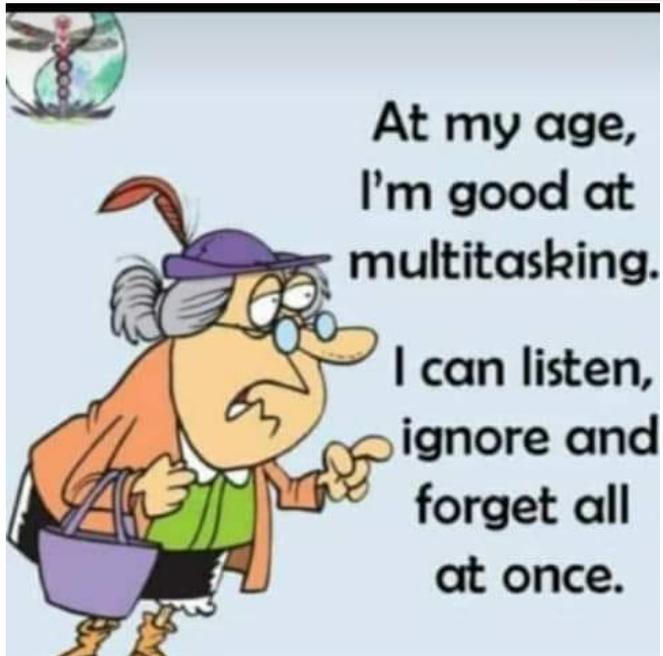
Well done Eddy! Excellent workmanship, can't wait to see more progress!

### **Commercials**

**CSME** are in need of 2 steel drums 220Litre if you know of any going begging in Pretoria please let a committee member know to arrange collection.

If anyone requires small Aloe Vera or Aloe Ferox plants Message Jon Shaw on 0724370710.

## Funnies

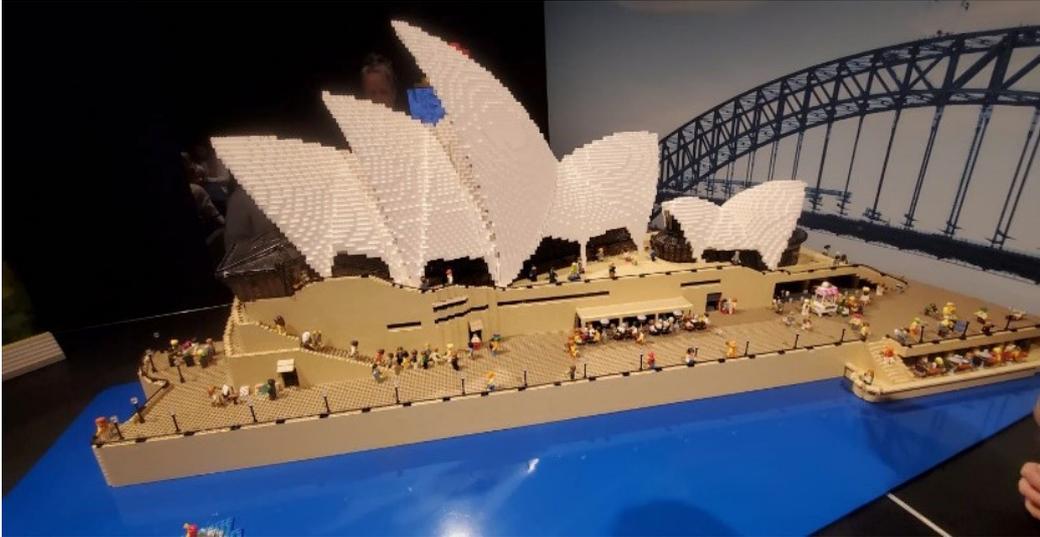
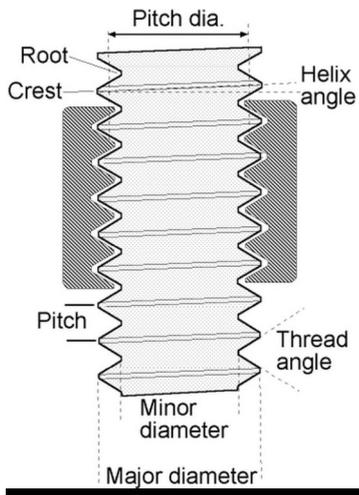


At my age,  
I'm good at  
multitasking.

I can listen,  
ignore and  
forget all  
at once.

### **MARRIAGE TIP #2**

**When your wife is  
mowing the lawn,  
that's not the best time  
to ask when dinner  
will be ready.**



Lego model seen in New Zealand last year.