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From the chair



Light stuck on Red



What you need to know



Words from the Chair

Kia ora,

A marathon is not won by starting off at a sprint, nor is it run over an obstacle course — unlike Convention 2022 which has indeed been a four-year marathon run over rough ground.

The country moving to the red-light setting being the most recent set-back, immediately followed by St Andrew's cancelling our venue booking.

We did seek and find an alternative venue, but that was not the only problem. Every indication at the moment is that we will not be out of Red by Easter.

Many of the layout owners and traders have withdrawn their support, and only half of those who responded to our email survey said they would still come at Easter — and then only if the traffic light was Orange.

With all this uncertainty the risk was just too great so the committee reluctantly decided to postpone for a second time.

But we were equally clear, this is only a postponement.

We are determined that there will be a 2022 Convention, it will just have to be later in the year.

I am glad to be able to announce that St Andrew's College has reinstated our venue booking, this time for October 7 to 10.

We think this will work in well with the Big Model Train Show in Christchurch, which will be on the previous weekend.

As far as anyone can tell, by then we should be back to something like normality and finally be able to enjoy getting together with our fellow modellers.

Kite ano

Craig Galilee

Chairman

NZAMRC Convention 2022 Committee

Off again ... but only till October

It almost feels like déjà vu. Our arrangements had been coming together nicely under the Orange traffic light setting when the Government suddenly moved us all to Red.

Next thing the St Andrew's College venue cancelled as well.

Jacinda Ardern had said we should expect to be in Red for 'some weeks', but it became clear that 'some weeks' was not going to translate into 'before Easter'.

A second postponement is incredibly disappointing but there seemed to be no choice.

We had found another great venue but support from layout owners, traders and even those on our email list was falling away. We also had to think of the need for people travelling to Christchurch to have certainty.

In short, we had no choice but to postpone — again.

The really good news is that we are only postponing. There will be a Convention 2022, it will just be in October instead of at Easter.

Why not on another long weekend?

There's a train of thought that long weekends are no longer the best option — it's not as hard to get days off as it used to be, just as any day of the week can now be a working day. Another point is that many people have other plans for holiday weekends — and St Andrew's is only available in school holidays.

We're sorry but once again things are out of our hands. Your support in this difficult time will more than ever be greatly appreciated.

Student boarding house accommodation

- All bookings are now cancelled
- If you had booked you do not need to do anything
- A future newsletter will advise if this option will again be available.



Already registered?

- Registration rates will not be changed
- If you had registered for Easter you may:
 - Request a refund (email petrosnz15@gmail.com), or
 - Have your registration carried forward (you do not need to do anything)



Newsletters

- We will be continuing to send regular newsletters
- You can also keep right up to date by visiting our website : www.modelrailcon.nz



Headed by a Baldwin-built Wb class 2-6-2T, a typical West Coast mixed train rounds a curve on Brent Hopley's 1:34 16m x 7m portable layout.



One of convention chairman, Craig Galilee's, Free-Mo modules will be on display, along with some of his superdetailed Santa Fe locos and rolling stock. Craig will be giving a clinic on modelling desert scenery.