

Christchurch Model Railway Exhibition Society

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After thirty years we have lost our annual date at the Pioneer stadium. Due to the Covid disruptions we were not present after closing of the last show which should have happened in 2021 to book again. After a letter to the Christchurch City Council expressing our disappointment and lack of loyalty they have offered us Cowles Stadium on Pages Road in Aranui. The committee have visited the site and even though it is about only two thirds of the Pioneer Stadium are confident we will all fit in by paying attention to everybody's space requirements. Please remember this when designing your layout for the show.

So what are the good points about the site. Firstly the parking will not be a problem as a large parking lot is adjacent and there is no swimming pool. Most important is the cost which is about half that of Pioneer which means there will be a greater payout as well as allowing us to comfortably pay all the bills.

Stallholders are asked to reduce the size of their stands by one trestle as the wall space is seriously less than before.

Apart from all these issues we feel confident that the 2022 show will be as successful as all previous shows. The most important thing to get out to the public the change of location. This will be addressed on our bill boards and handouts. as well as our website and other digital platforms but please remember that word of mouth is still one of the most powerful forms of advertising.



The year is 1996 and the fifth year of the show. Were you there? I was and that's me head down filming away on the 9mm layout in the foreground. This layout was built from funds generated at previous shows. This layout is now back and is stationed at Leeston. With a bit of luck we will see it back at the show this year. Note also the wire barriers we provided. I can't identify any other details except for the advertisers who have ceased to exist.

Neil Andrews.