



Kapiti Miniature Railway

Welcome our new Loco



Come and welcome our new loco to the KMR Fleet. It is a Class D^E with TMS number of 504 and was built by a renowned loco builder from Dunedin.

Arrived on 15th February 2020.

The original D^E 504

The **New Zealand DE class** locomotive is a New Zealand class of shunting diesel-electric locomotives. The New Zealand Railways intended to replace steam locomotives for shunting duties with this class.

D^E 504/ D^E 1337 was sold to the Otago Polytechnic not long after being withdrawn. It was intended to use the engine in the locomotive for a recreation of a ship's engine room. This never happened and then became surplus to their requirements in 1993 when it was sold to the Taieri Gorge Railway (now Dunedin Railways) who restored it to working order as DE 1337 and repainted in the TGRs Bahama Blue livery. It was repainted in 2006 to the original red livery with Larch Yellow nose stripes and wasp stripes on the headstocks as per the 1970s. D^E 504 is not mainline certified. It sees occasional use pulling work trains and sometimes passenger excursions, but mostly can be seen shunting in Dunedin Railways yard. It was put up for sale or leasing in mid-

2015, but is still operational and can be seen being used for shunting around their depot occasionally.