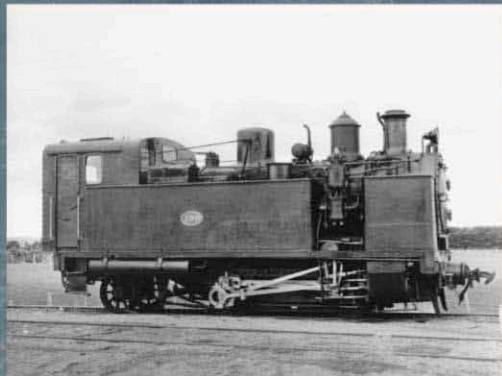
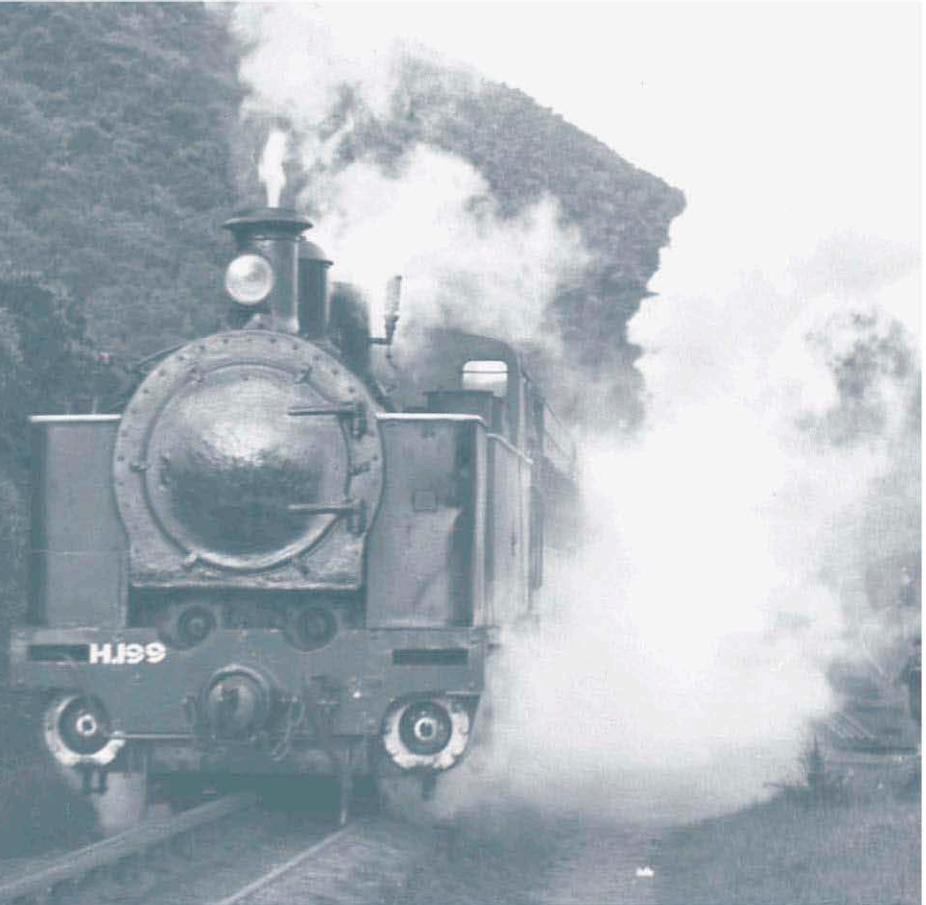


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H 199—last train to climb the Rimutaka Incline, 29 October 1955.

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The Fell engines needed a community of workers to keep them running. Workers and their families lived in the railway community at Cross Creek.

The workers included:

- Drivers
- Guards
- Stokers
- Gangers
- Engineers

Fell engines operated in only two other places in the world. The ones that operated on the Rimutaka Incline were the longest serving.

For each of the workers above, think about the tools, equipment, material they would need to live here and to carry out their work. In your group discuss:

- Where would that material have come from? How would it be transported to Cross Creek? What resources would they have used from this environment?
- Imagine you lived in an isolated community like Cross Creek today. List the things you would need and where you might get them from?
- Children at Cross Creek had lots of fun in the bush. Look out for places that would be good to make slides or rope swings, go hunting or walking, swim, or go fishing.

