

## Friday, May 31

(Travel times on Friday may vary)

- 10am Bus departs Wellington Airport
- 10.45am Mainline Steam, Plimmerton
- 12pm Lunch: Steam Incorporated, Paekakariki
- 1.45pm Wellington Tramway Museum, Paekakariki
- 5pm Registrations open at the Distinction Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, Palmerston North
- 5.30pm Bus arrives in Palmerston North

## Saturday, June 1

- 8.15am Registrations continue
- 9am Welcome and housekeeping - *Grant Craig - FRONZ president*  
Host group welcome - *Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society*
- 9.10am Conference opening - Rachel Keedwell, Horizons Regional Council Chair
- 9.30am Keynote speaker - Tangi Utikere Labour Transport spokesperson and local MP
- 10am Morning tea
- 10.30am Operational seminars:

***Each runs for 20 minutes. Each attendee can attend four of the six seminars:***

Operational training and how RAIL can help your organisation - *with Donald Ross.*

HTC and what it can offer to non-mainline groups

Future-proofing museums - *with Bridget Wellwood*

Safety moment: National Park resleeper incident “a case study” - *with NZTA*

Marketing your organisation via social media - *with Melissa Brenzinger*

Internal audits - *with Allan Neilson*

- 12pm Lunch
- 1pm KiwiRail update - *David Gordon* / Tour of KiwiRail electric depot for young attendees
- 1.30pm TrackSafe update - *Megan Drayton*
- 2pm NZTA presentation: Updates and insights
- 3pm Afternoon tea
- 3.30pm Update on climate change and emissions issues - *Dan Armstrong*
- 4pm Video presentation: "The Rail Heritage Year" - *Lindsay Benbrook*
- 4.20 Discussion groups: Mainline; Museums and non-mainline; Tramways

## **Sunday, June 2**

- 8.40am AGM sign in
  - 9am AGM
  - 10am Morning tea
  - 10.30am Heritage operational training update - *with Donald Ross*
  - 11am Rail Heritage Trust update - *with Murray King*
  - 11.30am Tramways update
  - 12pm Lunch
  - 12.45pm Coach departs from the Distinction Hotel for Palmerston North Railway Station with railcar passengers
- The coach returns to the hotel to uplift remaining passengers for trip to Pahiatua Railcar Society depot

- Passengers swap over for the return journey
- 4pm Railcar and coach depart Pahiatua and return to the Distinction Hotel  
(The bus will pick up railcar passengers from the railway station)
- 5pm Arrive back at the Distinction Hotel
- 6pm: 2024 FRONZ Awards Dinner at the Distinction Hotel

### **Monday, June 3**

- 7.45am Meet coach ready for an 8am departure from the Distinction Hotel to the Feilding and Districts Steam Rail depot
- 8.30am Arrive at the Feilding depot
- 9.30am Depart Feilding for Whanganui
- 10.30am Arrive at Whanganui to visit SteamRail Wanganui for lunch, and Whanganui tramways thereafter
- 1.30pm Depart Whanganui for Palmerston North
- 2.30pm Arrive at Palmerston North Airport
- 2.45pm Bus leaves Palmerston North Airport, arriving at the Distinction Hotel 15 minutes later.