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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting over Queens Birthday at Greymouth I was nominated and accepted the position of FRONZ President. Due to poor health of Paul Dillicar, he was unable to continue as President and following him will be a big challenge. Paul was the face of FRONZ since its creation in 1997, serving as President for most of its existence and always on the Executive.

The dedication Paul had for FRONZ is reflected in its success and growth over the years. I intend to ensure that what he has accomplished and the work he has done for the Heritage and Tourist Rail movement in NZ will carry on under my Presidency. I see no drastic changes being required and with the support of the Executive the successful way that FRONZ operates will carry on.

For those who don't know me my full time occupation is Operations Manager, Taieri Gorge Railway and I have been interested in railways since the age of 9. That interest made me join the Otago Railway and Locomotive Society in 1978 for which I have served on the committee, as Treasurer and Chairman. I am a member of the Otago Excursion Train Trust and have been Chairman of the Dunedin Gasworks Museum and currently sit on the FRONZ Heritage Operating Committee. My other interest, and yes I do have one other than Railways, is my 1957 Vauxhall Cresta and I am a member of the Executive of the Otago Vauxhall Owners Club.

One thing I would like to see is more recognition of FRONZ and what it does and this can be done in two ways, these being making our Journal newsletter freely available to your organizations members and knowledge of our website. (www.fronz.org.nz)

I can freely be contacted if you have any issues and I would like to know what your organization is doing (so please send me your newsletters) and do remember I am here to help.

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FRONZ President, Grant Craig (right) presents the Rail Heritage Trust's "Back Patters" award to Trust Chairman, Euan McQueen for the restoration of the Moana goods shed.
(Photo: David Maciulaitis)

CONFERENCE REPORT

98 registered for Conference 2011, making it one of our largest attendances ever. Many thanks to those who came and we hope you enjoyed what was on offer. As organizing it without Paul Dillicar was a new adventure for the Executive, we would appreciate your feedback. Please tell us what you enjoyed and (importantly) what you didn't so we can improve in the future.

Elected at Conference were:- **Executive**

President	Grant Craig
Secretary	Peter McCallum
Treasurer	Clark Simmonds
Executive Member	Scott Osmond
Executive Member	Grant Hjorth
Executive Member	Nigel Hogg

(Co-opted member, David Maciulaitis's appointment continues until reviewed by Executive.)

Convenors

Awards	R McNaught and D Turner
Boilers	N Hogg

Infrastructure	P Heighton
Insurances	H Brittain
Mechanical Engineering	G Hjorth
NZ Rail Retention Advocate	D Selby
Occupational Health	D Black
Operational Communications	G Clover
Rail PlanZ Database	C Mann
Rolling Stock Register	D Maciulaitis
Steam Loco Drivers Qual's	C Jenner
Tramways	D Hinman

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS COMPULSORY

The Department of Labour is reminding all employers that from 1 July 2011, employers must keep copies of employment agreements or terms and conditions of employment for all employees signed by both parties.

"Employment agreements have been required by law since the introduction of the Employment Relations Act 2000. There is evidence that many workplaces still don't have employment agreements in place, and this 1 July deadline will put responsibility on all employers to ensure agreements are in place, or they may face penalties," says the Department of Labour's Chief Adviser – Employment Relations, Craig Smith.

"It's the employer's responsibility to maintain and keep an up to date copy of each employee's employment agreement that reflects the current terms and conditions of the employment relationship. Employers must also provide a copy of the agreement if an employee requests it," says Mr Smith.

"Recent changes to the Employment Relations Act give labour inspectors the ability to seek a penalty against an employer who is in breach of employment agreement requirements," he says.

"There are penalties of up to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for companies for failure to comply with the legislation," says Mr Smith.

"If a 90-day trial period is agreed between the employer and the employee it must be in the written employment agreement before the employment begins, otherwise the trial period doesn't comply with the law," he says.

There are some provisions that must be included in employment agreements by law, and there are also a number of minimum conditions that must be met regardless of whether they are included in agreements.

The Department of Labour has developed an [Employment Agreement Builder](#), to help create employment agreements.

REGIONAL TOURISM MEETINGS

Tourism NZ and the Tourism Industry Association are holding a series of information forums for regional tourism operators throughout the country this month. Operators interested in attending any of the updates can get details from the

Regional Tourism Organisation hosting the event. Dates are:

17 June - Christchurch, 20 June - Auckland, 21 June - Dunedin, 23 June - Queenstown, 27 June - Rotorua, and 28 June - Wellington.

More is at <http://www.tourismnewzealand.com/events/upcoming-events/tnztiaindustry-roadshow-2011/>

Source : Rural Womans Bulletin

DOC PLANS FOR NELSON BRANCH

A Department of Conservation plan to restore an old station building and protect other railway structures is a reminder of the fact that Nelson once had a railway.

For a long time the Department of Conservation has been trying to purchase the Glenhope Station site as an Historic Reserve, and that goal was achieved in May this year. The station is still there, in surprisingly good and original condition considering it has been a haystack for most of the last 56 years.

The stockyards, loading bank, loco ash and servicing pits are all there too, although some are showing their age. The formation for about a kilometre north of the site is part of the reserve, as well as providing access to a local farm.

DoC plans to restore the station building, and protect the other structures on the site, as funding becomes available. It will be a reminder of a transport link that served the region with both passenger and freight services for over 75 years, and in that time became very much part of the region's history.



Source : KiwiRail Express; 9-6-2011

A CLIFFORD BAY FERRY TERMINAL?

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is looking at whether Clifford Bay in Marlborough can be used as an operational base for Cook Strait ferry freight, vehicle and passenger transport systems. The study is expected to take two months to complete with any further announcements made towards the end of the year.

A Clifford Bay terminal would cut 30 minutes off the ferry trip between North and South Islands. The road trip from Wellington to Christchurch would be 50 minutes shorter and the same rail journey would reduce by 80 minutes (the journey between Auckland and Christchurch would also be shorter because of these reductions).

If Clifford Bay is found to be practical, it could boost Christchurch's recovery in the longer term.

KiwiRail has already done some preliminary analysis. It would take about two and a half years to build the terminal, and land infrastructure, at Clifford Bay following funding and consent processes. A public private partnership would be likely.

Source : Rural Womens Bulletin

LOTTERY GRANTS CLOSING DATES

Lottery grants with closing dates looming include (the closing dates are in brackets):

- Regional Community Committees: Lottery Community's 11 regional committees fund projects, activities, resources, or services that have a community/social service focus, e.g., developmental or preventative projects, welfare and support services, or projects that help improve the wellbeing of people in the community (6 July 2011);
- The Lottery Community Facilities Fund makes grants to organisations for projects to build or improve community facilities. Funding is provided for community facilities that support participation in community activities and social interaction, to foster cohesion and strengthen communities. The Fund's main emphasis is support for facilities open to use by the wider community (20 July 2011);
- Environment and Heritage Committee makes grants for projects that promote, protect, and conserve NZ's natural, physical and cultural heritage (3 July 2011);

More on Lottery grants is at http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/availablegrants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_14, or freephone 0800 824 824

Source : Rural Womens Bulletin

16" DIESEL LOCO AND CARRIAGES WANTED

The Rotorua Ngongotaha Rail Trust are on the look out for a 16" Diesel Loco and Carriages to complement Sir Roy and Little Blue. At the moment Sir Roy, their 16" steam loco, is awaiting funding to under go a major up grade which could mean that he will be off the track for some time leaving only Little Blue, their 7 1/4" diesel, to carry passengers.

They are keen to look at all options. Please contact Sharon Fleet 07 357 5484 (Tuesdays or Thursdays) or email her on admin@rotoruarail.co.nz

2011 FRONZ AWARDS

Presented at the 2011 FRONZ Conference
Awards Dinner

**KiwiRail Infrastructure
Improvement Award**
Trophy and \$2000

**Blenheim Riverside Railway for the
completion of the replica Picton Rail-
way Station and track upgrade.**



**Shantytown Steam School
Locomotive Restoration Award**
Trophy and \$2000

**Main Line Steam
For Ka 942**

The Ka represents the Epitome of steam
power on the North Island Main Trunk.



**Taieri Gorge Railway
Passenger Vehicle Restoration Award**
Trophy and \$500

**Canterbury Railway Society
For ex-NZR bogie carriage A 222**



Tramway Restoration Award
\$ 500 towards a "Study Trip to an
Australasian destination"
courtesy of 'The MoTaT Society'

**Western Springs Tramway
Wellington Double Decker Tram No. 47**



**KiwiRail Mechanical
Diesel Locomotive Restoration Award
Certificate and Plaques**

**Steam Incorporated
For ex-NZR GM/Clyde DA 1431**



Rail Heritage Trust Awards

Left:

Plimmerton Community and Porirua City Council
For the Refurbishment of: Plimmerton Railway Station

Below:

Datamine Ltd and KiwiRail Ltd. For the Refurbishment
Of Auckland Railway Station Signal Box A

Below Left:

Rail Heritage Trust New Zealand. For the Refurbish-
ment of the Moana Goods Shed.



**Weta Workshop Award for Creativity
and Imagination
Trophy**

**Weka Pass Railway for recreating
the classic NZR Canterbury branch
line**





AON Young Achievers Award

Up to \$1000 towards the costs of attending next year's Conference, courtesy of AON Risk Management

Tim Kerwin

Nominated by Railway Enthusiasts Society Inc and Glenbrook Vintage Railway Charitable Trust Board

Paul Heighton Trophy for Excellence

\$ 500 towards a "Study Trip to an Australasian destination" courtesy of 'The MoTaT Society'

Mike Bradshaw of Bay of Islands Vintage Railway



The Obligatory Mug Shot

Delegates to the 2011 Conference gather at Shantytown; (Photo: David Maciulaitis)



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