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NEW ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFITS ORGANISATIONS COMING

A new compulsory framework of accounting principles called the International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") is to be introduced for all registered not-for-profit entities (over 25,000 at latest count). It will replace the current accounting system based on "generally accepted accounting principles in NZ".

All registered charities in NZ will be required to prepare IPSAS financial statements under a tiered reporting system (note that Incorporated Societies are not yet included as the Law Commission is reviewing legislation relating to these groups).

The principles of measurement and recording will be the same for all organisations. However it is expected, for example, that around 96% of charities will fall under simple format reporting. Here's how the tiered reporting system works:

Size of Entity	Financial Reporting Requirement
Annual expenses > \$30m	Full IPSAS financial statements
Annual expenses \$2-30m	IPSAS financial statements with reduced disclosure
Annual expenses < \$2m	Simple format reporting

Simple format reporting is described as a fill-in-the-box sort of exercise, with various templates available for different types of organisation. This will simplify the reporting process for these groups, but IPSAS principles will still have to be followed. For many very small entities (annual expenses less than \$40,000), cash-based accounting will likely be allowed.

The first financial statements likely to be effected are for the year ending 30 June 2015 (although there may be opportunities to opt in earlier). However, balance sheets two years before the introduction date will need to be adjusted, so the first impact of these changes will be as early as 30 June 2012.

Source: NZARC Newsletter, November 2011. Original website article at <http://associations.org.nz/index.php/nzarc-blog/30-accounting-revolution.html> and for more details about the upcoming changes, go to: www.xrb.govt.nz

Source: Rural Women NZ—Bulletin Aotearoa

FIRST APHTRO CONFERENCE

The first APHTRO (Asia Pacific Heritage and Tourist Rail Organisation) conference will be held in Solo, Indonesia from 7 to 11 June.

Everyone with an interest in heritage railways and museums will be warmly welcomed.

Booking is opened now, the details and booking form are on following page.
<http://aphtroconference.web.fc2.com/>

INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS — CANTERBURY RAILWAY SOCIETY

The Canterbury Railway Society Incorporated traces its roots back to 1956. When a group of people began and eventually formed the Canterbury Branch of the NZRLS. Their mission changed dramatically from one of operating rail excursions to collection and preservation in the 1960s as NZR disposed of its steam locomotive fleet and many of these items were destroyed.

The CRS has amassed an impressive collection of railway artefacts in what is arguably one of New Zealand's finest collections of railway memorabilia. From time to time the CRS has added to this collection by buying, leasing and accepting on loan or as donations, pieces that the CRS feels are historically important and of significance to help portray the story that railways played in the history of N.Z.

The society operates within the Ferrymead Heritage Park. The park is made up of 22 different societies with the Railway and Tramway being the biggest. This adds to the atmosphere of the early Edwardian village onsite. Currently we have approximately 2km of operational track. It is hoped to complete the original track plan from 50 years ago with a large triangle by Easter 2013. This will give a ride of over 3km within the parks boundary. One leg of the triangle also has a main line connection to the Lyttelton line.



We operate three forms of motive power, steam, diesel, electric (1500volt) and also a fully interlocked signalling system complete with various semaphore and colour light signals. Running days are the 1st Sunday of every month and all Sundays between Dec and March with a couple of Festival events at Easter and Labour Week-ends. Membership currently sits at about 120 with approx 50 active members whose passion varies from Electric Traction to Track work, Signalling. Restoration of Vehicles, items proceeds as funds allow. The CRS is proud of its achievements and awards in recognition of the work of its members.

During the period since Sept 2010 when the first earthquake struck and up until Jan 2012 the railway has suffered significant damage to track, infrastructure and buildings. We closed for a number of days to allow for repairs and reconnection of basic services. Some areas

of the track have been repaired several times with the continued shakes and aftershocks. This has presented a difficult challenge to the members, a number have also suffered personal loss and disruption. We are now dealing with ongoing insurance issues.

We are currently working on a number of vehicles which vary in work from rebuilds to repairs, paint-work, to total restorations. Locomotives W192, F13, TR 22, EW 1806, Railcar RM 51, Wagon J 3525, Car van AF 863. A number of signals are under repair / rebuild. Track work has been a major focus over the last year and will be for the next 15 months and the CRS has invested a significant amounts of funds into items to make this happen. Most projects are funded by grants and donations. Income earned from operating passenger trains covers most operational costs.



Dave Newman, President, Canterbury Railway Society

RESEARCH NZ'S HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Around 80,000 newspaper pages from 12 provincial newspaper editions published between 1862 and 1945 are to be digitised over the next two years, after the National Library invited libraries, newspapers, institutions and community groups to apply to have historic newspapers from their collections digitised and uploaded to the website. The latest newspapers contributing to the library's "Papers Past" collection are Akaroa Mail, Lyttelton Times, Manawatu Daily Times, Manawatu Evening Standard, Horowhenua Chronicle, Bay of Plenty Beacon, Hutt News, Northern Advocate, Waikato Times, Westport Times, Hutt Valley Independent, and Upper Hutt Weekly Review.

"Papers Past" currently contains more than two million pages of NZ newspapers and periodicals from between 1839 and 1945. It is the library's most-visited website, with annual page views now in excess of 100 million.

More is at <http://www.natlib.govt.nz/about-us/news/media-releases/20-dec-2011-papers-past-additions>

Source: Rural Women NZ—Bulletin Aotearoa

LACK OF MACHINE GUARD LEADS TO FINGER LOSS

Dep of Labour; 3 February 2012

A producer of snack and muesli bars has today been fined \$28,125 after an employee of a contractor had part of his finger amputated when it came into contact with the auger blade of an inadequately guarded peel dicer machine.

The Waitakere District Court also ordered Tasti Products Limited to pay \$7,500 in reparation after the accident at its Te Atatu Peninsula plant on 9 September 2010.

"This employee of a contractor was trying to clear peels from an opening at the bottom of the peel dicer machine when his left index finger came into contact with the auger's blade. His finger was amputated below the fingernail," says the Department of Labour's Northern General Manager, John Howard.

"This injury could have been avoided if there had been a guard fitted at the bottom of the machine to prevent his fingers coming into contact with the blade."

"We investigate hundreds of machine-related accidents at work each year – this is completely unacceptable," says Mr Howard.

Last year, the Department launched a project to help reduce the number and severity of machinery-related accidents.

"Our inspectors are visiting workplaces across the country to discuss the project and increase awareness of machine guarding. In the first year of the project we visited 1419 workplaces, and we will continue to ensure employers are aware of their responsibilities," Mr Howard says.

CARRIAGE 24V LED LIGHT BULBS

This from James Whyte of Weka Pass Railway.

After much development, many samples and not a small amount of \$ and work with a LED bulb manufacturer I believe we have come up with a very good incandescent bulb replacement for carriage lighting. These bulbs have been made specifically to look to the eye like the original G45 'golf ball' globes

These are specifically made to be look as close to the originals as possible, size shape colour etc to some quite difficult design requirements. These latest ones are very much improved, with twice as many high power LED's squeezed in, to give little noticeable difference in brightness to the original 20W incandescent bulbs.

The LED's are well diffused with no spots or uneven parts in the light and offer a large reduction in power consumption over 20W original bulbs.... reducing battery bank requirements to 1/15th and therefore saving dollars.

Size: 45mm dia x 72mm long (G45)
 Colour: Warm White (incandescent bulb look)
 Base: B22 (NZR standard bayonet fitting)
 Power: 1.4W



Price : \$5.70 (cost) to FRONZ member organisations from ToolsNZ.com (owned and operated by James Whyte)

TURNTABLE FOR SALE

For Sale: 36' turntable. came from Gear Meat freezing works in Petone. Includes all the bits including centre bearing and ring rail. Open to offers but would like to see it go to a good home. Enquires to Jason Durry jason-durry@clear.net.nz or 0274596688.



PANDROL BEDPLATES WANTED

Wanted. Quantity of 91lb Pandrol bedplates. Clips not required. Approx 300 required. If you can help please contact Jason Durry jasondurry@clear.net.nz or 0274596688.

NO 4 BRAKE VALVE FOR SALE

During a post earthquake sort out Colin Barry came across a No 4 brake valve that he had completely forgotten about.

Colin wishes to dispose of it but would like it to go to a preservation group rather than offering it on Trademe.

Offers to Colin at colin.barry@clear.net.nz

LAST NGG GARRATT PURCHASE?

The following was recently sent to Puffing Billy Members and volunteers by their Chairman.

NGG locomotives and spares for sale – What we are doing!

The Board has determined that to meet future customer demand that we would restore “South African” Garratt locomotive NGG 129 to supplement the use of our NA locomotives and G42. Work on this project has commenced. Detailed costing of regauging and restoring NGG129 is in our current Business Plan and timed to replace G42 when it is out of traffic for maintenance.

It has come to our attention that there is a chance to salvage one of the last NGG locomotives and a raft of spare parts available for sale in South Africa. Once these locomotives and parts are sold it is unlikely that there will be any further opportunity to purchase these locomotives. NGG129 is far from complete and the Board was faced with the prospect of having to fabricate many of the missing components as part of the restoration.

John Brady and Harry Hibgame have visited South Africa on behalf of the Board to gain an appreciation of the value of what is available.

As a result the Board is now negotiating with the owners in South Africa to purchase a complete locomotive and a container load of spare parts.

Successful negotiation will substantially reduce the cost and time taken for regauging and restoring NGG129 from our existing estimates and would leave us with an almost complete second NGG locomotive should that ever be required in the future. It would also result in us having many spares including cylinders, side rods and many other parts.

We will advise you further after negotiations have been completed.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

The past month has seen two major building projects come to fruition.

Tramway Historical Society

On Saturday 4 Feb the Tramway Historical Society held a function to mark the first stage completion and opening of their new tram shelter building, erected to accommodate the trams from the City Tramway temporarily relocated to Ferrymead because of the 22 February 2011 and subsequent earthquakes



Opening Day. Project manager, Dave Carr, thanks the sponsors and volunteers that made the project possible..

Photo: George Wealleans



Tram 244 entering Tram Barn 3. *Photo Alan Roi*

To conceive, design, obtain consents, fund raise and erect this building in less than a year says a lot for the dedicated team at THS.

Foundation work was carried out by THS members with Totalspan erecting the building.

Steam Incorporated

On Saturday 28th January, Steam Incorporated held an official opening for their new Totalspan Carriage shed, in front of a small crowd of supporters and invited guests.

Placed next to the Rail Air shed, the new carriage shed has been designed to house up to 20 56ft carriages over 4 roads (with one road being set in slightly at each end).

A welcome addition to the on-site facilities at Paekakariki, it will protect Steam Inc's carriages from the elements and also from vandalism.

Rail Heritage Trust Chairman Euan McQueen addresses the crowd from the platform of carriage Aa 1267, before Kapiti Mayor Jenny Rowan cut the official ribbon.

Story and photo posted to NZRHT by Daniel Garland



MORE NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

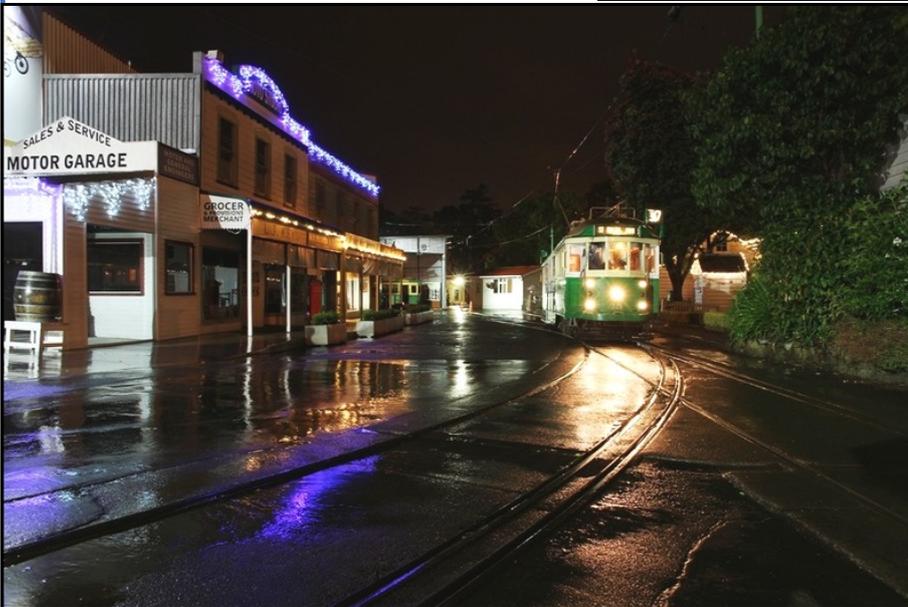
Tramways Wanganui Trust

Another milestone in January saw the completed Wanganui Tram No 12 rolling out of its shed. Initial restoration of the tram was carried in Auckland by Dave Harre and friends before Dave gifted the tram to Wanganui in 2005, where a small team have finished the restoration.

The next stage of the project will see completion of tram tracks along Moutoa Quay as far as the Waimarie wharf, which the Trust hopes to complete by May.

(Story source: *Wanganui Chronicle*)

Tram No 12 pictured outside the tram barn on 12 Jan. *Photo: Andy McIver*



MoTaT

For the last couple of years MOTAT has helped Auckland charities by giving free admission to people bearing gifts to be donated to needy families, and with donations from patrons attending a MOTAT Nights Christmas Lights festival held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in December.

Last year 6663 gifts were received in lieu of admission, up from 4877 gifts the previous year, and \$7122.40 raised at the MOTAT Nights Christmas Lights, up from \$4142.40 the previous year. Last year's Christmas Lights was attended by 5388 people. Recipients last year were the Auckland City Mission and Ronald McDonald House. *Photo: Darryl Houston*



Ferrymead 2FT Railway

After 2 years as a bare chassis the frame of the club's second locomotive has now been placed on its wheels and engine and transmission fitted.

Photos: George Wealleans

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