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## CONFERENCE UPDATE

### Bookings for Conference are now open.

Bookings are now open for the FRONZ Annual Conference and AGM to be held in Rotorua 1 - 4 June 2012.

Conference details and booking forms are at <https://waldorf.hosts.net.nz/fronz.org.nz/conference/introduction.html> or follow the links from our main web site <http://fronz.org.nz>

Please note that hotel rooms will not be held past 1 May and conference bookings close on 28 May.

### Key points

- Conference starts at 7.30 on the Friday night with the usual registration and social session. (No Friday field trip this year) Conference sessions start at 0845 on Saturday
- Outside speakers include Chris Cairns and Nic Doncaster (SA Rail Regulator and Motorcar Consortium). (Unfortunately Wayne Butson of the RMTU has had to cancel due to an international conference.)
- Field trips include
  - o Sunday—Caterpillar Experience (<http://www.caterpillarexperience.co.nz/>)
  - o Monday—Rail Riders Mamaku (<http://railcruising.com/>) and Rotorua Ngongotaha Rail Trust (<http://www.rotoruarail.co.nz/>)
- Mondays field trips are expected to conclude by 1400 hours, followed by a coach to the airport for those who need to catch planes..

Accommodation and Conference is at the Distinction Hotel, Rotorua (<http://www.distinctionrotorua.co.nz/>)

### Make your bookings early.

## FRONZ AWARD ENTRIES OPEN

Invitations are now extended for entries to the FRONZ Annual Restoration Awards.

Conditions can be downloaded from [http://www.fronz.org.nz/fronz\\_awards\\_entries.pdf](http://www.fronz.org.nz/fronz_awards_entries.pdf)

Please note that entries close on 30 April.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Rail of NZ, Inc will be held at the Distinction Hotel, 390 Fenton Street, Rotorua on Sunday 3 June 2012 beginning at 9.00 am.

The agenda will be forwarded to members shortly.

If any member wishes to place items on the agenda, please forward to [secretary@fronz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@fronz.org.nz) by 30 April

## INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS — CHRISTCHURCH TRAMWAY LTD — SIDE-TRACKED

Most readers will be aware that the Christchurch Tramway suffered a devastating blow from the February 2011 earthquake. Not only was the tramway operation put out of action for an indefinite period but its parent company's other tourist operations in Christchurch had a similar fate.

John Smith and Roy Sinclair have penned these notes on the tramway and its planned re-birth.

Prior to the earthquake CHRSITCHURCH TRAMWAY LTD had total of 32 staff, now currently operating with 4.5 staff.

- Target date we are working to for restart is Dec 2012. This is subject to Clarendon Towers, Price Waterhouse Building demolition being completed as well as repairs to Armagh Bridge..
- Tram Shed; engineers report is still being completed and hopeful that damage is minor and can be fixed.
- Pre earthquake 246,000 pax per annum. Group total 500,000 pa.
- Likely current circuit will be opened Dec 2012 and stage one of the extension Dec 2013.
- Initial start-up planning on single man trams operating plus Restaurant Tram and build from there. May take up to five years to regrow the business. There will be 2 full time drivers and 7 part time when we recommence, and as business grows increase staff accordingly.
- With company links to Punting and Garden tours multi ticketing will be a feature for restart.
- If we can get the operation back on its feet by Dec it will signal that some form of normality is returning to inner city.
- Gondola , which is part of the group, awaiting risk assessment on rock fall potential and then plan put in place to correct and restart. Best estimate 12 -15 months away.
- Emphasis on restart will be the return of a large number of past staff who have signalled a desire to come back and be a part of the re birth of CTL.
- We see challenging but exciting times ahead.

The main emphasis for the parent group, The Wood Scenic Line, is to get Tramway, Gondola and Punting operations fully back on their feet whilst integrating the newly acquired, Caterpillar Garden Tours into Christchurch's leading attractions.

I have been blown away with the determination of our team (past and present) to be a part of the restart.

*John Smith / Operations Manager Tram  
Welcome Aboard  
Christchurch Tramway & Caterpillar Garden Tours*



*How it was. Christchurch Tramways No 11 (the Boxcar) , 1903 vintage from former Dunedin Corporation, pauses on Worcester Boulevard bridge with Dome of the since demolished Regent Theatre building in background.*

**Munted** – very much a case of down but not out. February 22, 2011 side-tracked Christchurch trams at a time when the system was poised to expand with extension stage 1 (taking the track to about 4 km) almost complete. Three trams were on service No. 178, No. 152 and No 244, when the devastating earthquake struck just before 1 pm that day. Luckily, while many buildings (including the Christchurch Cathedral spire) tumbled, the trams and their passengers were unscathed. It was an alarming event. Masonry from the Regent Theatre building narrowly missed the Brill No. 178 departing Cathedral Square stop. The Boom No. 152 incredibly remained upright negotiating the curve into the Hagley Park stop.

Two trams, No 411 (restaurant tram) and No 11 and its trailer, No. 18, were trapped in the tram barn, suffering from flying objects.

The system was at a standstill. A few days later three trams were relocated to Ferrymead Heritage Park where they suffered from a severe winter outdoors and on-going aftershocks.

*TB 66. Christchurch Mayor, Bob Parker, a staunch Christchurch Tramway supporter, opens Ferrymead's Tram Barn 3 housing side-tracked Christchurch city trams.*



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Much has been lost but enthusiasm has remained intact. With financial help from the Christchurch City Council, and the Sydney Tramway Museum, the Tramway Historical Society swung into action to build Ferry-mead's Tram Barn 3. The substantial structure with Christchurch trams installed was opened on February 4, 2012. It was the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening the 2.5 km City Loop tramway which became a leading Christchurch tourism venture.

With the trams under cover they can be repaired and groomed for the reinstated city tramway which will hopefully reopen in the foreseeable future. With CBD buildings demolished (many were supporting the 600 volt DC overhead) and some track damage much work needs to be done but seems there are no insurmountable problems. It will definitely be a boost to the re-emerging city to have the trams running. It is expected the extension, Stage One, will go ahead. The Christchurch Tramway has largely funded the restoration of a Birney tram, formerly the Invercargill No 15, at Ferry-mead. The work is in its final throes.

And, in the meantime, Christchurch Tramway was contracted to supply trams for and operate Auckland's 1.5 km Wynyard Quarter tramway, Dockline Tram, which opened in August 2011. The trams sourced were an ex-Melbourne X1 and a W2 class, presented in former Auckland Tramway livery.



DL05, Auckland's Dockline Tram barn. Former Melbourne X1 257 and a door featuring photo mural from Graham Stewart.  
(All photos supplied by Roy Sinclair)

An eye-catching feature is the Dockline tram barn displaying murals created from photographs by doyen of tramway devotees, Graham Stewart.

Roy Sinclair

## CHANGES AT RAIL HERITAGE TRUST

Last week the Trust Board elected Dr Murray King as the new Chairman of the Trust's Board. Murray spent some three decades with our various railway authorities from the 1970s until he left in the early 2000s to become a transport consultant, work which will continue. He will take up the Chairmanship on 30 April 2012.

Euan McQueen, who has been Executive Chairman since the Trust was founded in 1991, will stand aside from that role but will continue to sit on the Board as a Trustee. Over the next year or so he will oversee the completion of projects with which he has been involved, and then finally retire.

Mike Mellor, the Trust's Executive Officer for the last six years, will carry on in that role with a wider range of duties and responsibilities. He will be helped by Bruce Shalders, of Christchurch, who has been appointed to a part time position as Field Officer, South Island.

Source: Euan McQueen, 4 April 2012

## CONSULTATION ON HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN WORKPLACES

Consultation on Hazardous Substances in Workplaces – the Department of Labour's policy on enforcing the safe management of hazardous substances in workplaces.

The Department of Labour is seeking feedback on this draft policy statement.

The draft document outlines:

- the Department of Labour's role in relation to hazardous substances in workplaces
- the relationship between the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996—as the two main pieces of legislation covering hazardous substances in workplaces
- how the Department checks and supports compliance, responds to unsafe handling and responds to breaches of either piece of legislation in respect of hazardous substances in workplaces.

Feedback must be received by 5pm on 21 May 2012.

For more information see <http://www.dol.govt.nz/consultation/hazardous-substances/>



## USING FACEBOOK CAUSES FOR FUNDRAISING

Facebook Causes is a marketing tool that is a free and effective way for not-for-profits to fundraise and raise awareness of their organisation. Every time someone donates, recommends or becomes a member of an organisation on Facebook Causes they are prompted to share that organisation on their own profile page and newsfeed, spreading the organisation to an increasingly wider circle of people.

This creates a ripple effect, and markets organisations by raising awareness of them and inviting others to join their cause and donate to them.

If your NFP has a Facebook page it only takes a moment to download the causes application. A list of ten easy things to consider in order to effectively fundraise with Facebook causes include:

- **have a strategy:** without knowing who your target market is and how you are going to attract them to achieve a defined goal your fundraising efforts will be unproductive;
- **create a "cause" for your organisation:** have a description that grabs people's attention and conveys the essence of your organisation (for example, why do you want to raise funds? What are your values?) – these are important aspects to communicate to your audience;
- **encourage your staff and other relevant contacts to join your cause:** joining a cause is free and the more members your cause has the more it is marketed to new people, the more appealing it looks to potential donors, and the more your organisation is positioned as a leader in its field;
- **join other related causes and groups:** the more you add, the more visible your organisation will be to others. Joining promotes good relationships with other organisations, and it creates a positive image for your organisation; and
- **thank each person who donates or supports your organisation by posting on their wall:** this lets them know you appreciate their kindness, builds positive relationships and public image, and markets your organisation to the person's Facebook friends.

For a complete list of the ten things to consider, along with a more in-depth discussion, go to <http://www.associations.org.nz/images/pdfs/resources/ten%20tips%20for%20facebook%20clauses.pdf>

*Source: Rural Women NZ—Bulletin Aotearoa*

## WINNERS: TRUSTPOWER NATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Denniston Heritage Trust, representing the Buller District, and Trev's BBQ, representing Ashburton District, have been named as joint Supreme Winners at the TrustPower National Community Awards. The Runner-Up was Homes of Hope, representing Tauranga City.

More about the Denniston Heritage Trust is at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/awards/conservation-champions/denniston-heritagetrust/>

More about Trev's BBQ is at <http://www.ashburtonguardian.co.nz/news/todays-news/7122-trevs-barbecue-a-national-winner.html> and more about Homes of Hope can be found at <http://www.homesofhope.org.nz/>

*Source: Rural Women NZ—Bulletin Aotearoa*

## TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS GOODS STANDARD UPDATED

Standards NZ has revised its standard for the transport of dangerous goods on land (NZS 5433). The 2012 version of NZS 5433 will help the transport, chemical, and packaging industries to comply with the latest safety requirements. It also brings the Standard up to date with the latest UN recommendations, and with changes to NZ rules and regulations since 2007.

The Standard is available from [www.standards.co.nz](http://www.standards.co.nz) for \$427 (ex GST)

*Source: Rural Women NZ—Bulletin Aotearoa*

## NEW GAS STANDARDS

A new standard has been introduced that may impact some of our members - AS/NZS 5601.1 & 2

This is a mandated Standard from the Gas Regulations 2010 amendment.

- AS/NZS 5601.1- Gas Installations- General Instructions
- AS/NZS 5601.2 Gas Installations- LP Gas Installations in Caravans and boats for non propulsive purposes.

These replace NZS 5261 & NZS 5428 (which are to be withdrawn December 2012)

## COTMA CONFERENCE 2012

The Council of Tramway Museums of Australia Conference 2012 Adelaide program, partners tour and post conference tour program and associated booking forms are now on the web site.

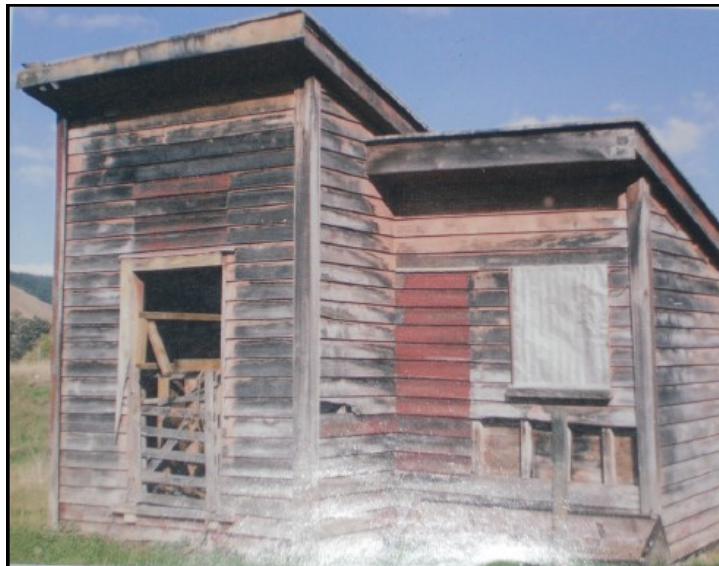
See [www.cotma.org.au/conference.html](http://www.cotma.org.au/conference.html)

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### Nelson Railway Society

The Society's newsletter reports:-

The larger half of Tui station has been completed inside with new ticket office and luggage compartment. The interior has been completely painted out & floor sanded. It now requires seats around the walls to be done. Outside has had two coats of primer and now awaits the final top coat. The steel beams it sits on will be given a coat of tar .



The Society is also short of window furniture for the restoration of A173 and wonders if anyone can help.

### National Rail Museum

The latest newsletter includes

- Building consent has been granted for installation of the turntable and refurbishment of the remaining parts is underway.
- The committee has approved suppliers for the construction of the turntable pit and associated earthworks.
- The final survey has been completed, including the approach track from the branch of the Ferrymead Railway connecting with the KiwiRail Mainline. The service track that connects to the museum turntable will be 218 metres long and will require approximately 1500 metres of fill.
- The museum is turning toward getting funding for the roundhouse main display building and will be approaching funders with an updated feasibility study starting next month.

*Clock (by "Gents of Leicester") that was formerly the master clock for Gisborne Railway Station and set the time for the other Railway time pieces around the station area. It was donated to the NRMZ by the RHT.*

*The picture shows Murray Clark from the Ferrymead Post and Telegraph Society, after he had successfully brought the clock back to life.*





## MORE NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS.....

### Steam Incorporated

Steam Incorporated is pleased to announce that it is now the proud owner of Da 1471 (TMS DA725). This locomotive, the last remaining Phase III Da adds to Steam Inc's already existing Da fleet of Da 1410 (a 1955 Phase I model) and Da 1431 (a 1957 Phase II model) – giving the society an example of each of the various NZR Da model sub-types, and a much welcome addition to the Steam Inc diesel fleet. (Maybe time for a change of name for the Society?—Ed ☺)

This loco has had a varied career since finishing service in 1988. It became part of NZ Rail (later Tranz Rail) Heritage Fleet and was based in Palmerston North where it saw active use, including on some Steam Inc excursions. In 2002, when the Heritage Fleet was disbanded, it was placed in the custody of the society who started restoration in the Masterton goods shed. In 2007 it was recalled by then-Toll Rail to Hutt Workshops for an assessment and potential return to service in some form.

This never happened and in 2010 Steam Inc started negotiations with KiwiRail (who indicated the loco was available) The negotiations, with the assistance of Euan McQueen, culminated in an outright purchase, with funds raised by a small team of individuals.

### MoTaT Tramway

MOTAT's Baldwin steam tram 100 has come to life again after a 2 and a half year overhaul, when it moved under its own steam on April 1.

On instructions from the boiler inspector the boiler was taken up to half pressure to see if any leaks developed before a final boiler inspection, planned for next week. Just three items were found to be requiring attention, the most serious a leaking washout plug, which passed the boiler squeeze, but did not like it when heat was applied.

It is planned to have the loco in full working condition for the MOTAT Aether and Iron (steam punk) day on April 28.

*Photo and story:- Evan James*



*David Robb cracks the throttle on MOTAT Baldwin steam tram 100 on April 1 as it moves under its own steam first the first time since Labour weekend 2009. In the intervening period it has undergone a complete overhaul of the underframe, and other work.*

### Plains Railway—Help Wanted

The Plains has just commenced a restoration of our J & F Howard locomotive, formally of Smithfield Works in Timaru (where Pleasant Points Ruston is currently visiting).

It is our understanding that prior to heading to Smithfield the loco was a PWD locomotive.

If you have any images or information of the loco in service at either of its previous locations, send me an email at [info@plainsrailway.co.nz](mailto:info@plainsrailway.co.nz)

If you want to track its restoration, there is a photo album at our website: <http://www.plainsrailway.co.nz/album.php?album=24>

And on our Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/The.Plains.Railway>

Regards,  
Stefan van Vliet  
Plains Railway



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