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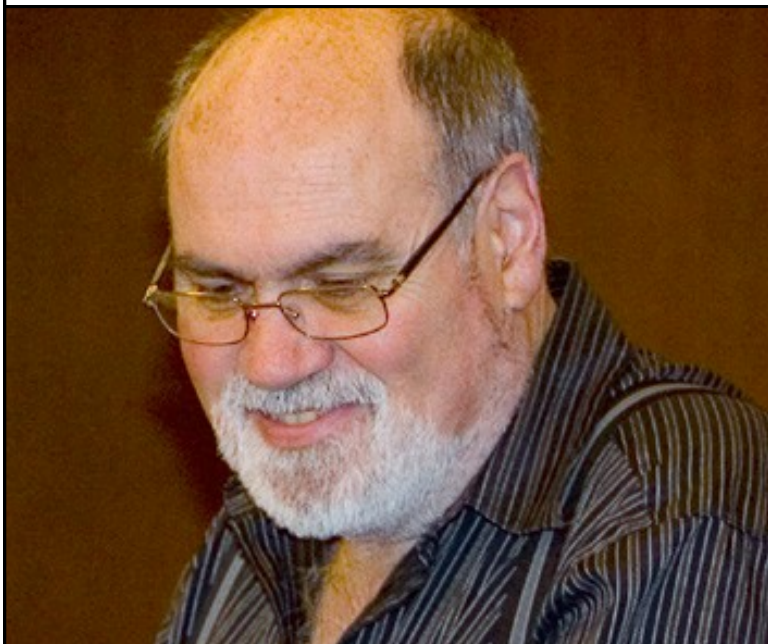
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## PETER MCCALLUM

*In August we lost a true leader in the Rail Heritage Movement. Peter McCallum was of course immediate past editor of "Journal" and I feel very humble having taken over this role from him. Just last October Peter came to Auckland when we farewelled another gentleman gone too soon, Grant Hjorth. It takes a pretty special person who is NOT a staff member to get a lengthy tribute in Kiwirail Express and it is re-printed here.*



Peter McCallum. Engineering Manager, Taieri Gorge Railway, previous Secretary of the Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand (FRONZ), and member of the Heritage Technical Committee passed away on 13 August after a six month illness.

Andrew Hunt worked with Peter over the years and recalls both his technical expertise and open-minded and collaborative approach to issues.

When the heritage sector moved to working under their own safety cases from 2005, Peter was part of the working group with ONTRACK that established the new regime. He did an invaluable job when TGR took the lead in assembling the heritage codes and standards for the advent of National Rail System Standard 11 under which heritage trains now operate.

Peter had a career in telecommunications before he joined the Taieri Gorge Railway. Under Peter's leadership the Taieri Gorge Railway has developed its carriage fleet and this involved engagement with KiwiRail as access provider over operating standards and re-

quirements. "Peter drew on the experience of a wide range of people and willingly shared his knowledge with others. That made Peter a pleasure to work with and TGR, FRONZ and KiwiRail will all feel his loss keenly," says Andrew.

Peter's funeral was held in Dunedin on Saturday 17 August. KiwiRail was represented by Ian Cotton, National Standards and Risk Manager and Andrew Hunt, Manager Engineering Access & Mechanical Codes.

**Electric train wires in  
Auckland are now  
LIVE 24/7**

**NO SECOND  
CHANCES  
STAY CLEAR**



## RAIL150

### KIWI RAIL SPECIAL TRAIN

During October KiwiRail's Special train comprising display containers and new passenger cars will work its way through New Zealand stopping at 12 locations:

> **The Strand Station, Auckland**

Sunday 29 September: 10am – 4pm

> **Frankton Station, Hamilton**

Thursday 3 October: 11am – 4pm

> **Triton Ave, off Totara St, Mt Maunganui**

Saturday 5 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Stratford Station**

Monday 7 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Palmerston North Station**

Wednesday 9 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Wellington Station**

Saturday 12 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Greymouth Station**

Tuesday 15 October: 9am – midday

> **Invercargill Station**

Thursday 17 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Dunedin Station**

Saturday 19 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Oamaru Station**

Monday 21 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Timaru Station**

Wednesday 23 October: 10am – 4pm

> **Lyttelton Port, Christchurch**

Saturday 26 October: 10am – 4pm



Full details for the Kiwirail Special Train and other Kiwirail activities are at: [www.150yearsrail.org.nz](http://www.150yearsrail.org.nz)

### CANTERBURY BASED EVENTS



These activities and events are now confirmed. Bookings can be made online for Christchurch based events (unless otherwise stated below) at [www.ocicom.co.nz/gallery](http://www.ocicom.co.nz/gallery) or call 0800 RAIL 150 (0800 724 515). From outside New Zealand call +64 21 243 5919.

October 2013	Event
Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20	Christchurch Model Train Show <a href="http://www.trainshow.co.nz/">http://www.trainshow.co.nz/</a>
Thursday 24	Silver Fern Railcar - <b>ONE WAY TRIP</b> from Dunedin to Christchurch. Depart 1000, Arr. 1630 Book at: <a href="mailto:reserve@taieri.co.nz">reserve@taieri.co.nz</a>
Friday 25	Heritage Diesel Trip (Dg772 & Dj) Christchurch-Kaikoura Return Depart 0730, Return 1645
Saturday 26	Operations & Display Ferrymead Heritage Park
	KiwiRail Display - Lyttelton
	Silver Fern Railcar trips Ferrymead-Lyttelton
	Steam trip (Ja1240) Christchurch-Arthurs Pass return Mainline Steam Heritage Trust Depart 0930, Return 1735 Book at: <a href="http://www.mainlinesteam.co.nz/excursions.html">http://www.mainlinesteam.co.nz/excursions.html</a>
	Heritage Diesel Trip (Dg772 & Dj) Christchurch-Waipara Dep. 0900, Return 1600 Includes heritage diesel train rides on the Weka Pass Railway
Sunday 27	Operations & Display Ferrymead Heritage Park
Monday 28	Operations & Display Ferrymead Heritage Park. Includes Steam Locos Ja1240 and Ka942
	Steam trip (Ja1240) Christchurch-Timaru Return or Christchurch-Ashburton return with visit to Plains Railway Mainline Steam Heritage Trust. Depart 0845, Return 1620 Book at: <a href="http://www.mainlinesteam.co.nz/excursions.html">http://www.mainlinesteam.co.nz/excursions.html</a>
	Silver Fern Railcar trips Christchurch-Rangiora and Christchurch-Rolleston Depart for Rangiora: 1005, 1155, 1355, 1555 Depart for Rolleston: 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500
Tuesday 29	Silver Fern Railcar Christchurch-Springfield Return Depart 1730, Return 2115
Wednesday 30	Silver Fern Railcar <b>ONE WAY TRIP</b> Christchurch - Dunedin Dep. 1100, Arr. 1800 Adult \$90, Child \$50 Book at: <a href="mailto:reserve@taieri.co.nz">reserve@taieri.co.nz</a>

## RAIL150—CONTINUED

### PLEASANT POINT SUCCESSFUL RAIL150 EVENT

Pleasant Point had a very successful weekend event over 20-21 July including some night running and even got an item on TV One "Seven Sharp". Photos below from Bryan Blanchard



### NZTA UPDATE

The latest NZTA Rail Section Rail Safety Update is now available at <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/rail-safety-news/docs/rail-safety-update-issue-13.pdf>

Issues covered are the Rail Safety Team at the new Auckland Electric Unit project, Internal Audit, Industry Seminars, new Advisor Steve Lowes and a reminder to submit your Safety Performance report by 27 September.

### RAILPLANZ RELAUNCH

After what became quite a drawn out process in the end, we're very excited to announce that the brand new RailPlaNZ website is now live - you can find it at **[www.railplanz.org.nz](http://www.railplanz.org.nz)**

For those who don't know about RailPlaNZ it is a FRONZ project to record each and every plan and diagram held by the various FRONZ Member groups, which will make it easier for organisations to get in touch with one another if they discover someone already has a plan made for a project they are working on.

The new site encourages users to scan and upload copies of the plans held in their collection as well, and we hope to see digital copies becoming available as people start to use the database.

One final note, due to the big changes we made in how the site runs, if you were registered with the old RailPlaNZ site to add information, you will have to re-register for the current site our apologies for any hassle this may cause you.

Once again the new site can be found at **[www.railplanz.org.nz](http://www.railplanz.org.nz)**

Regards

Chris Mann and Stefan van Vliet

**JOURNAL IS FOR ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS. PLEASE FORWARD IT TO ALL ON YOUR E-MAIL LISTS**



## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA AUG SEPT 2013

### Possible Tax Changes for Deregistered Charities

A recent tax policy officials' consultation paper seeks feedback on proposals to clarify the tax rules that apply when a charity is removed from the Department of Internal Affairs' Charities Register. When a charity is deregistered it can face significant and complex tax consequences, depending on the reason for deregistration.

Proposed changes to the tax rules include:

- clarifying how the general tax rules - including the company, trust or other entity-specific systems - apply to deregistered charities;
- establishing rules around the value of any depreciable property held by a deregistered charity when it becomes a taxpaying entity; and
- putting in place specific timing rules for when the tax provisions apply.

IRD also want to know if further measures could help ensure that affected charities are aware of their tax obligations following deregistration.

### Update of the Food Standards Code

The Australia NZ Food Standards Code was first published in December 2000 (it's been amended about 80 times since then). Food Standards Australia NZ (FSANZ) has now prepared a proposal that aims to modernise the Code, by:

- presenting it in a single document;
- more clearly presenting the requirements that impose obligations on people running a food business, or selling, making, or labelling food; and
- relying more on definitions already present in the food Acts of NZ, and the Australian states and territories.

The proposal would not amend the parts of the Code that actually impose the requirements or obligations (any suggestions relating to this would be considered, if appropriate, in separate proposals). Note: this is the first round of submissions.

Submissions close on 15 August 2013. Lodge them online at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/submission/Pages/Submission-Form.aspx>, or email [submissions@foodstandards.gov.au](mailto:submissions@foodstandards.gov.au). Find out more at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/code-revision/Pages/default.aspx>

### ACC Injury Comparison Reports Online

Injury Comparison Reports (72 of them – one for each territorial authority), which provide communities across the country with a comprehensive picture of local injury rates and trends, are now available on ACC's website.

The reports contain a lot of information, from overall ACC claims rates to data for priority areas such as work, falls, assaults, motor vehicles, and water sports. The reports also break down local ACC claims into categories such as the accident scene, cause of injury, and activity before the accident.

The Injury Comparison Reports are available at: [www.acc.co.nz/communities](http://www.acc.co.nz/communities)

### Getting Regular Exercise Has No Age Limit

The older you are the more you can benefit from an exercise programme. Some estimates suggest that about half of the physical decline associated with old age may be due to a lack of physical activity. It has been suggested that people over the age of 65, more than any other age group, require adequate fitness levels to help them maintain independence, recover from illness and reduce their high risk of disease.

Here is some of the latest research and information on how exercise can be beneficial well into your senior years:

- general benefits of exercise** - increased muscle strength and flexibility; improved balance and co-ordination and reduced risk of falls; encouraging social networks, leading to new friends and a sense of purpose; and help with daily tasks such as lifting groceries and mobility while out and about;
- osteoporosis** - exercise helps contribute to the prevention of osteoporosis by increasing bone density, and assists with injury prevention by strengthening muscles in your legs, which helps you maintain your balance and prevents falls. The most effective exercise to maintain bone density is "weight-bearing" exercise, when your muscles move against gravity.
- dementia** – recent research found that the most physically fit middle-aged adults were almost 40 percent less likely to develop dementia by the time they were 65, compared with their counterparts who were not regularly exercising; and
- osteoarthritis** - studies show that regular and appropriate physical activity and exercise help improve pain tolerance, mood, and quality of life for people with arthritis.

More is at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/GE1307/S00042/getting-regular-exercise-has-no-age-limit.htm>

### WorkSafe NZ Establishment Board

Members have been appointed to the Establishment Board of the planned new Crown agent, WorkSafe NZ. The new agency will be focused on addressing this country's workplace fatality and serious injury rates. The establishment board will oversee the transition of health and safety regulator functions from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to WorkSafe NZ, and the appointment of the WorkSafe chief executive.

The board chair is Professor Gregor Coster and the members are Paula Rose, Don Stock, Patrick Strange, and Ross Wilson.

More is at [www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/pike-river-implementation-plan/worksafe-new-zealand-is-being-established/board-and-management/worksafe-new-zealand-establishment-board](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/pike-river-implementation-plan/worksafe-new-zealand-is-being-established/board-and-management/worksafe-new-zealand-establishment-board)

## RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA AUG SEPT 2013 Continued

### Earthquake Proofing Your Home

New Zealand has had a bit of a rocky time over the last few years. With Christchurch obviously bearing the brunt of it, and now Wellington and other central areas starting to get the shakes as well, earthquake proofing your home is something you need to do. But what can you do? Although not fail safe, here are a few tips:

**stick it down** - any possessions, especially ornaments or things that are easily broken, can be stuck down with Blu Tack, or similar products. This can help lighter objects and things likely to move or fall off shelves and cabinets stay put.

**keep it from slipping** - you can put non-slip mats underneath some objects. This will again stop them from sliding around and hopefully prevent them from falling. Depending on what your objects are made of and the material of what they resting on, these mats offer a different type of grip than Blu Tack.

**bolt it, bracket it, strap it** - for bigger, taller objects, anything from large cabinets to shelving and TV's, you can stop it from toppling over by securing it to the wall. Using brackets at the top of the shelving and cabinets, good wall brackets for TVs and strapping items like fridges and water cylinders especially can provide good stability.

**positioning** - by positioning your possessions in certain ways, you can limit the destruction. For example, putting heavier objects lower to the ground so there is less distance to fall can help, as can moving objects away from the front of cabinets or shelves.

These are a few easy things that can help your home survive an earthquake. Of course this is not an exhaustive list and there are more major things you can do. "The Earthquake Commission's guide to earthquake proofing your home" can give you more detail on the points listed above as well as some other tips.

The Commissions earthquake proofing guide can be found at <http://www.qv.co.nz/n/news-details/phoenix-78?blogId=97>

### NZ Freight Movements: April 2012 – March 2013

Main findings for the year to March 2013 include:

36.5 million tonnes were exported from NZ through both sea and air (of that, 99.7% was exported by sea, and 0.3% by air);

19.0 million tonnes were imported into NZ (99.5% by sea);

there were 1.69 million container movements;

by *value*, the most exported commodities were dairy products (28%), meat products (12.6%), and foodstuffs (10.1%); and

by *volume*, the most exported commodities were wood (49.7%), minerals coal & fuel (16.2%) and dairy products (7.9%).

More is at <http://www.transport.govt.nz/ourwork/Sea/Documents/FIGS-report-January-March-2013.pdf>

### Keeping It Legal Website Closes

Since July 2006, this online resource from Social Development Partners has been giving people in organisations, groups, trusts and societies simple, accurate information about their legal responsibilities. In addition, Legal Update kept people up to date with the changes to the law under consideration by Parliament. The website closed on 31 July, as did its monthly "Legal Update".

Social Development Partners been working with Community Law o Aotearoa to ensure that community organisations can continue to get in-depth information on their legal responsibilities. The Community Law Manual now holds up-to-date legal information useful to community organisations in the new section Community Organisations and the Law – you can see the Manual at <http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/community-law-manual/>

As a replacement for Legal Update, Community Law's Law Reform Pipeline provides a quick update about the progress of all Bills through Parliament, the progress of government, Select Committee, Law Commission or other inquiries, as well as law reform initiatives in progress. You can view this at <http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/resources/articles/law-reform-pipeline/>

### New Free Online Book: NZ Charity Law

With more than 26,000 registered charities, the charitable sector is a growing part of NZ society and our economy. However, charity law has been evolving since its early origins in 1601 with the Statute of Elizabeth I, and NZ charity case law draws from legal decisions from many countries. A new, free online book "Charity Law in New Zealand" aims to provide an up-to-date analysis of charity law in this country.

The book covers the concept of charity, the legal definition of charitable purpose and public benefit, the definition of entities that may have a charitable purpose, political purposes and advocacy, as well as delving into case law. Amongst other things, the book contains an up-to-date analysis of court decisions and decisions by the Charities Registration Board and its predecessor the Charities Commission.

More is at <http://www.charities.govt.nz/news/charity-law-in-new-zealand/>

### Pokie Numbers & Spending Down For Year

Pub and club gaming machine expenditure in the year ended June 2013 fell 3% from \$854 million to \$826.3 million.

There were also fewer licence holders (361 to 351), gambling venues (1400 to 1356), and gaming machines (17,943 to 17,534) compared with 12 months earlier. But, figures from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) also show that spending rose between the first and second quarters of 2013, from \$192.7 million at the end of March to \$206.1 million at 30 June 2013.

## RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA AUG SEPT 2013 Continued

### Google Insights into NZ Mobile Trends

According to a study done for Google, 54% of NZers now own a smartphone, which puts Kiwis almost on par with the US (56%). While Australians are still ahead at 65%, Kiwis are catching up quickly with an increase of 10% from a year earlier.

Kiwis are also engaging online more with mobile than their American counterparts: 42% of those Kiwis surveyed said that they'd spent more time online with their smartphone over the past six months than before, compared with just 34% of Americans.

With smartphone ownership on the rise, mobile has continued to shape the way people shop. A total of 74% of smartphone owners have researched a product or service from their device; of them, one third have made a purchase from their mobile. Others who start research on smartphones go on to complete purchases on a desktop (38%) and in person (35%).

Products aren't the only things mobile Kiwis are searching for: 51% have searched for restaurant, bar or pub information; 42% conduct travel-related searches from mobile; and 33% have house-hunted from a smartphone.

Kiwis haven't just gone mobile - they've gone dual or even multiscreen: more than half of smartphone owners regularly use their smartphones while watching TV, 30% use their smartphone while watching movies, while two out of five do so while browsing the web on desktop.

More is at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1307/S00944/google-releases-new-insights-into-mobile-trends-in-nz.htm>

### Flexible Superannuation?

As set out under the confidence and supply agreement between the National and United Future Parties, the Government has issued a discussion document looking at the option of flexible superannuation. The proposal would give people more choice about when they could first take NZ Superannuation. This would give NZers the choice of taking NZ Super at a reduced rate earlier than the age of 65 - for example, from age 60. Alternatively, they could choose to receive Super at a higher rate if they deferred taking superannuation until they were 70. More detailed policy work would be required should the proposal be progressed.

Submissions close on 11 October 2013. The discussion document is available at: <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/discussion-paper-flexible-superannuation-0>

### Historic Places Trust Review

There is a proposal to register the Kaiapoi Railway Station as a registered historic place.

Submissions close 20 September 2013. you can email your submission to [GMSouthern@historic.org.nz](mailto:GMSouthern@historic.org.nz) or post it to R. Hall, General Manager Southern Region, PO Box 4403, Christchurch Mail Centre 8140. More is at [http://www.historic.org.nz/theregister/notifiedproposals.aspx?sc\\_lang=en](http://www.historic.org.nz/theregister/notifiedproposals.aspx?sc_lang=en)

### Workplace Health & Safety Info: Poor Understanding

A recent study of employees in 23 manufacturing, warehousing, hospitality and other work places involved showing employees a sample of their company's core health and safety documents. The employees were assessed on the basis of what they could understand of the content. The majority (65% overall, 70% in the manufacturing sector) did not fully understand written information about their employers' health and safety policies and rules, hazard information, and safety procedures. Furthermore, 80% of employees could not accurately complete a hazard report form. The study also looked at the companies' health and safety documents and found that they were consistently very complex in nature and used language that many employees could not understand. Many documents also used unfamiliar vocabulary, which caused additional difficulties for employees with English as a second language. The report also noted that although supervisors' literacy levels are generally higher than those of employees, 19% of supervisors also struggle to read and complete health and safety information and paperwork. The study's findings suggest that little will be achieved by providing employees with more health and safety information or guidance documents, or by increasing hazard and incident reporting requirements. What is needed, says the report, is a greater priority given to making health and safety documents easier to understand.

More is at <http://www.workbase.org.nz/news-views/research-shows-skills-gaps-put-nz-employees-at-risk.aspx> - where you can also access a copy of the research itself

### Age Doesn't Impact Employee Engagement

Much has been made of the differences between the generations, particularly when it comes to work. But is age a primary determinant of employment engagement with their job? Recent evidence suggests the short answer is no. According to a recent study into employee engagement, despite all the hype to the contrary, age does not in itself affect engagement, it turns out that employees of all ages in fact want many of the same things. What does count, however, is how well managers and organisations can connect with their people at an individual level, and how willing they are to acknowledge and respond to their employees' unique preferences. And sometimes, life stage will determine what these preferences are. The report identified some of these preferences: Generation Y was driven by enjoyment of work tasks; Generation X-ers wanted to feel fairly rewarded for their contribution to the organisation's success; whereas Baby Boomers were looking for well managed change programs and appropriate recognition for specific contributions.

More is at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1308/S00654/age-doesnt-impact-employee-engagement.htm>

## RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA AUG SEPT 2013 Continued

### A New Incorporated Societies Act: Law Commission Report

The Law Commission's recent report, "A New Act for Incorporated Societies", recommends the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 be repealed and replaced by a modern statute. The new statute should, says the report, provide guidance common to other statutes, including:

- statutory duties for the officers of societies;
- requirements for dealing with conflicts of interest;
- a requirement to include dispute resolution procedures in every constitution; and
- a model constitution.

Alongside these broader recommendations, the Commission makes numerous more specific recommendations, including that:

- the statute should make it clear that members should have no ownership interest in the society;
- the minimum number of members of a society should be reduced from 15 to 10 members;
- societies should be required to have a statutory officer and a committee of at least three members; and
- societies should be required to prepare and file at least simple annual financial reports.

The Government will consider the recommendations and respond to them in due course.

The report can be viewed at <http://r129.publications.lawcom.govt.nz/>

### Tourism Forecasts Positive ...

The NZ Tourism Sector Outlook report, says that the long term outlook (that is, 2013-2019) for the tourism sector is positive. Growth in spending is forecast to come from countries such as Australia, Latin America, Africa, China, and emerging markets like India and Indonesia. The forecasts also show that there will be shifts in the composition of visitors – their age, which countries they come from, why they visit, how long they stay, and how much they spend.

The report is available at <http://www.med.govt.nz/sectors-industries/tourism/tourism-research-data/forecasts>

### Regional Tourism Data Now Available

The newly launched Regional Tourism Estimates, produced by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), means tourism operators can select the region they are interested in and find out what international and domestic visitors are spending their money on. The estimates will be updated annually.

To access the Regional Tourism Estimates go to <http://www.med.govt.nz/sectors-industries/tourism/tourism-research-data/other-research-and-reports/regional-data>

## HEALTH & SAFETY LEGISLATION CHANGES

The Government has announced the most significant reform of New Zealand's workplace health and safety system in 20 years.

'Working Safer: a blueprint for Health and Safety at work' is the Government's response to the recommendations of the Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety set up in April 2012, partially in response to the Pike River Coal Mine disaster.

The reform package is aimed at reducing New Zealand's workplace injury and death toll by 25 per cent by 2020.

'Working Safer' will require leadership and action from business, workers and Government to achieve this goal.

The reform will see the Health and Safety at Work Bill replace the Health and Safety in Employment Act. This will be introduced into Parliament in December 2013. Regulations will also be developed to support the bill, with stakeholders being consulted as part of that work.

The new law and key supporting regulations are expected to start coming into force from the end of 2014.



## THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUE OF HERITAGE RAILWAYS

An interesting report on the value of British heritage railways has been forwarded by Andy Maciver from Steam Incorporated. The full document is at [http://www.heritagetrains.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/Value-of-heritage-rail-report-by-APPGHR\\_001.pdf](http://www.heritagetrains.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/Value-of-heritage-rail-report-by-APPGHR_001.pdf)

A few excerpts from the report sound very familiar:

### Key recommendations.

1. **Planning Law.** Heritage railways should be able to benefit from the same permitted development rights as Network Rail does on the national network. We believe guidance is needed to prevent over-zealous interpretation of planning legislation and regulation stifling development of heritage railways.
2. **Railway extensions.** The requirements for a Transport & Works Act Order for modest extensions to heritage lines should be simplified, possibly using an on-line proforma application process.
3. **Sponsorship.** The Department for Transport should take the lead sponsorship role on policies affecting heritage railways. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport should remain responsible for policy on tourism issues and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills for apprenticeships, training and development.
4. **Public Transport.** There is scope to provide a public transport service on some heritage railways and a 'public tourist service' on some others which should be further developed and encouraged. Local authorities and the railways themselves should work together to consider the opportunities in their areas.
5. **Marketing.** Many heritage railways have a very attractive offer, but few are effective in marketing it, particularly through websites and through social media. At the least, it should be possible to book tickets or join the supporters' association on-line and more use should be made of the opportunities of Facebook and Twitter.
6. **Qualifications.** HRA should work with member railways to establish National Vocational Qualifications in railway heritage engineering and operational skills.

### Executive Summary

1. **Economic Benefits.** Heritage railways make a major contribution to the economies of the areas they serve both in terms of attracting tourism and of substantial spending on local services.
2. **Skills Training.** Heritage railways also provide employment and valuable skills training including apprenticeships. Frequently this is in areas of the country where employment opportunities, particularly for skilled workers, are low. In particular, they provide entry level jobs for a wide range of skills and disciplines. They also offer a productive use of the time of 18,500 volunteer supporters who devote their own time and money to running, maintaining or developing their railway. For some younger staff, they provide a valuable training ground for subsequent jobs on the main line network or elsewhere. For older volunteers, they offer a sense of achievement and the health benefits of steady exercise and social interaction.
3. **Subsidy free.** Railway preservation started spontaneously in the 1950s and for 40 years was self sustaining. From the Transport & Works Act 1992 and particularly the Railways Act 1993 onwards, regulation of their activities has increased significantly. Nevertheless, over 100 railways operate throughout the United Kingdom today with no financial support from central or local government.
4. **Bureaucracy.** In common with other small businesses, many witnesses were concerned at the growing requirement for onerous processes required to comply with legislation and regulation. Compliance with safety legislation and processes is not in question and is endorsed by the Group. Examples given suggest that the unnecessary or unreasonable application of other regulations is as much to do with local interpretation as with the regulations themselves.
5. **Public Transport.** We consider that more should be done to develop the potential of heritage railways to offer public transport on their lines as well as the experience of a steam train ride. This should be supported by local authority grant or franchise payment where justified, in the same way as applies to National Rail operators.
6. **Sponsorship.** The Group was surprised to find no focus in Government to which the sector could relate. We believe that a single department should be the lead contact for heritage railways, recognising that they interact currently with three (DfT, DCMS and BIS), and with the independent regulator ORR. We believe that a minister within the DfT is best placed to take the lead responsibility on policy issues, but that ORR should continue to be responsible for safety regulation, DCMS for policy on tourism and BIS for training and apprenticeships.
7. **Marketing and Promotion.** In general, the Group considers that heritage railways could do more to promote their services through their websites and through social media. HRA should continue to encourage dissemination of best practice amongst its members, and promote the techniques used by other visitor attractions and transport operators. In particular, we believe more use could be made of Twitter and Facebook.
8. **Compensation for delays.** The future of charter train operations was threatened by a proposal to remove the cap on liability for delays and reflects the law of unintended consequences. It underlines the need for rail industry bodies to consider the implications for heritage railways before promoting legislative or regulatory change. We are pleased to learn that a cap will remain and await consultation by ORR on the proposed capacity charge.



## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### NEW FRONZ MEMBER – PORT DARGVILLE CRUISES

We have a new FRONZ Member, Port Dargaville Cruises Ltd. This company proposes to utilise Railcruisers on the Dargaville Line in conjunction with cruises on a vessel on the Kaipara Harbour.

### OCEAN BEACH RAILWAY SNIPPETS

For those that use social networking sites such as Facebook, we now have a page, which will host a variety of news and events at the Ocean Beach Railway. You can find it at : <https://www.facebook.com/OceanBeachRailway>

For the first time in a number of years, a new turnout was built at the OBR. The turnout will lead to a proposed shed, and it was decided that it was prudent to put it in place now, than to wait the arrival of the shed, then work out where the turnout is going to go. This is part of a larger project to complete the new mainline project that was started many years ago, but was stopped with not much progress being made.

A67 survey is making steady progress, the boiler has now been jacked up within the frame to allow the boiler inspector to access all parts of the boiler. It will also give us enough room to make some plate repairs to the front of the locomotive.

### RETURN OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY TRAMS

From September "Tram Tracts": PREPARATIONS ARE well in hand for the opening of the City Tramway in October. As mentioned last month trams will initially shuttle back and forth between New Regent Street and the Museum.

Later it is proposed to open the extension to Cashel Mall. Beyond that there are plans to complete the extension, but it is undecided whether to take it through Poplar Street or to install a crossover (hopefully temporary) in High Street. The timing of the opening of the extension beyond Manchester Street is not yet decided.

Repairs to the tram shed are under way and the trams are being readied at Ferrymead for their return to town with sign-writing being carried out on No 11 and 15 and painting and other work on 178 and 152.

### STEAMRAIL WANGANUI

Steamrail Wanganui Newsletter reports: The last few months have been very busy for the guys down at the shed. The big project has been the reroofing of the ex Aramoho North End Signal Box. We have put in a few full weekends on this project so far and now only have a bit of ridging to still put on. This was a big job as it wasn't a case of just replacing the roof. We had to rebuild the whole roof structure due to the old timber being full of borer or being rotten. We also pulled out about a ute load of birds nests from the ceiling. The building is starting to look really good now with the new roof. Other work has also carried on. Hamish Coull has continued to work on the Steam Crane. Greg Tinnion has put the floor back into the ex Imlay Price loco. Some of the members have again done trips to the Waverley Group to bring items that we have been donated back. We have also had a clean up to make room for the Lc wagon from Waverley that was delivered to us along with their Yb wagon by Emmetts Crane Hire on the back of their Hiab truck and trailer on the 23rd of July. Thank you to Emmetts and The Friends Of The Waverley Railway Station Group. We will also over the next few months be getting Waverley's Xc box wagon which will be great for more storage space. Photos taken by Colin Hughes and Mark Seconi.



## WAITARA SIGNAL INSTALLED



Left: Denyse Bettridge reports from the Waitara Railway Preservation Society. The first home signal to be installed at Waitara Road yard is now complete. This picture was taken on their season opening day 1 September, Father's Day

## SANSON TRAMSHED - EX ICONIC SANSON RAILWAY Correction

Graeme Carter (NZR&LS) has corrected the article about the Sanson "Tram Shed" in Journal 124

I guess the old adage "Never trust a Land Agent" just might have some truth.

Graeme says "I was going to put this article in the Down at the Station section of Observer but then decided it had little relevance. The building is not the Sanson tram shed. The building was built as a grain store for Levin and Co. and the track was used to wheel sacks of grain on 'an internal trolley wagon' from the store out to a waiting M wagon to be loaded to take to Himatangi and on to the NZR. Over the years the building has had a variety of uses and apart from the rail tracks has little rail interest."

## THE RAILWAY TICKET

The item below is a short history of railway tickets reprinted from the "Taieri Gorge Telegraph" newsletter of the Otago Excursion Train Trust. What railfan doesn't have a collection of those lovely old cardboard tickets. There is no point in keeping the computer printed slip of paper so often used as an excuse for a ticket today!

### **The History of the Railway Ticket - from *The Scotsman newspaper***

The average railway ticket is really a most unpretentious affair. Behind the grill of every railway booking office, however, lies romance in abundance, and history of the birth and evolution of the railway ticket is fascinating indeed. The modern railway ticket may be traced right back to the paper tickets issued to travellers in the old stage coach days. On these slips, or tickets, the booking clerk had to enter by hand a host of details, such as the passengers name; the coach in which accommodation was desired; whether inside or outside seats were preferred; and so on. One copy of the ticket was handed to the passenger; the guard kept another; and the third was retained in the booking office. The pioneer railways, in the main, followed out this complicated system. In 1832, however, the Leicester and Swannington Railway introduced, in place of paper tickets, brass octagonal checks engraved with the name of the company, destination station and a serial number. These checks were collected by the guard on completion of the journey and conveyed back to the issuing point for further use.

The railway ticket as we know it today first appeared about 1836. It was the invention of Thomas Edmondson, station-master at Milton on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway. Edmondson not only produced the first cardboard railway ticket but also to his inventive genius we owe the ticket issuing and dating machine. Today, Edmondson type ticket issuers are employed on railways the world over, and the firm which Thomas Edmondson founded in Manchester for the construction of the early ticket presses now supplies ticket printing, dating and issuing machines of most modern type to railways everywhere. Incidentally, the modern electrically driven printing machine turns out 10,000 perfectly printed railway tickets per hour, as compared with the 1,000 tickets per hour of the old hand operated presses.

## MEMBERS CLASSIFIEDS

### 30 lb RAIL

Whangaparaoa Railway has 34 rails 10m in length of 15kg/m rail (30lb) which we were going to use for an extension to railway but are now thinking about selling. Price for new from Fletcher Easysteel of \$6057 / tonne. This would make it \$30890 for the 34 rails. Rail was rolled in 1999, is unused. Has been oiled occasionally, has some surface rust, includes fishplates but no bolts. Would sell the 34 rails and fishplates for \$15,000.

Contact Scott Pointon  
Whangaparaoa Railway  
(09) 424 5018  
E-mail: [mail@rail.co.nz](mailto:mail@rail.co.nz)

### Ab 745

Neil Shotter on behalf of the Taranaki Flyer Society advises that the Society is closing and gifting away Ab745 as is where is to any group or society that would like it, either to restore it or for parts. The society or group that would like it would have to organize and pay for the crane and transport. The society would not like it to be fully cut up just for scrap metal.

All enquires, either email the Taranaki Flyer Society on [thetaranakiflyersocietyinc@gmail.com](mailto:thetaranakiflyersocietyinc@gmail.com) or contact Neil Shotter on (06) 764 8139 or 0272729428

## TYRES WANTED

One of our kind museum members has donated to the society, an International, H30G Hough, (a 4wd front end loader made in the USA) now fitted with a IH D239 motor. It is used round the museum site & for railway track work etc. We are looking for two tyres in good usable condition to fit to it.

Tyre size = 24 X 12 or 24 X 13.

Please advise if you can help or advise where we could try or who many able to help

Bryan Blanchard  
Pleasant Point Museum & Railway  
E-Mail: [ba.mc.blanchard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ba.mc.blanchard@xtra.co.nz)

## EE UNIT PARTS

Bryce Pender of the Wellington Heritage Multiple Unit Preservation Trust advises that a private owner of a ex-Wellington EE Unit is salvaging interior parts. These include:

Seats (refurbished moquette in both fixed and tip over)  
Pneumatic Door Motors  
Old style Door micro switches  
Older electric heater elements.  
Assorted other interior parts.

Any members interested can contact the owner (Chris) directly on phone 02102682196

## LEYLAND HOUSE JOURNAL

*Not strictly a member advert but this information came from a reader in the UK. May be of interest to our bus enthusiasts or anyone looking for Leyland information.*

*The information is from Roger Monk who can be contacted by e-mail at [roger.monk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roger.monk@yahoo.co.uk)*

I am a member of the British Industrial Railway Society - a member of the Society Yahoo Group drew attention to the FRONZ Journal that you edit.

I have a complete set of the house Journal of the erstwhile Leyland Motors/Leyland Group (published 1935-1970). It mainly covered the products of the Leyland Motor Company (and later associated companies – Albion, Scammell, B.U.T., etc.) i.e. mainly buses, lorries and other commercial vehicles but also other products such as diesel railcars, diesel locomotives, trolleybuses, diesel engines for industrial applications, etc.. New Zealand must have been a significant market for Leyland Motors as there are a number of articles on applications of Leyland engines and vehicles in NZ. I have now been through all the magazines and scanned every article of interest to me including all the railway related items. If there is an appropriate museum group or archive in NZ who would like a copy of the relevant articles (scanned in jpeg format) I'd be happy to e-mail them the files. I'm not sure how many relate to NZ - probably around 20.



# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**Small  
Loco  
Big  
Noise!**

This beautifully back lit photo of the Bush Tramway Club Peckett 1630 was published in the latest BTC newsletter. BTC have had two open days recently and have three more scheduled this year for Sundays 6 October, 3 November, 1 December. Their very interesting and smart newsletter can be seen at [http://www.bushtramwayclub.com/newsltr/BTC\\_Newsletter\\_2013-09.pdf](http://www.bushtramwayclub.com/newsltr/BTC_Newsletter_2013-09.pdf). Photographer not credited.

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