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FRONZ CONFERENCE 2014 UPDATE

Plenty of the early planning for our 2014 conference in Wanganui from Friday 30 May to Monday 2 June has taken place.

Venue. Our venue is confirmed at the Kingsgate Hotel. Their accommodation and meeting facilities are confirmed and the Sunday conference awards dinner will be there also.

Host Group. Our host group Steamrail Wanganui are looking forward to our visit and we will visit their facilities as well as the local tram project. A side trip is also planned with a cruise on the paddle steamer, PS Waimarie.

Wellington Coach. We are looking at providing coach transport from Wellington Airport on Friday 30 May, leaving the airport about 10am and visiting some of our member sites on the Kapiti Coast including a lunch stop on the way, arriving Wanganui late afternoon. This option will be good for South Island delegates and also may suit some North Island people, who will find it much easier (and cheaper) to fly to and from Wellington, rather than flying to Wanganui where the flights are limited and more expensive. Any Wellington members would also be urged to use the coach option if it suits. We would be happy to do some pick-ups en route by arrangement. The coach would return to Wellington Monday leaving Wanganui about 9am, travelling non-stop to Wellington Airport arriving around midday. In order to utilise the best size coach it would be good to hear now from people likely to use the coach. Please e-mail scottosmond@xtra.co.nz if you would consider using the Wellington coach option. This is not a commitment on your part simply an expression of interest.

Programme. The programme is being put together with some interesting and different speakers as well as all of our regular guests.

Registration. As usual registration will be available from early April.



Kingsgate Wanganui



PS Waimarie

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RAIL 150. A SELECTION OF IMAGES FROM THE GREAT EVENT





*Pictures on pages 2 and 3
by Daniel Garland*

RAIL150 PICTURES BY ARTHUR DE MAINE.



Mainline Steam on Main South Line



Weka Pass Railway



Plains Railway



Zoom shot at ferrymead

NEW KIWIRAIL CEO

8 November 2013

KiwiRail's Chairman, Mr John Spencer, today announced that Mr Peter Reidy will join the organisation as Chief Executive, effective 10th February 2014.

A New Zealander, currently based in Sydney, Peter brings to KiwiRail a successful track record of leading and building service and infrastructure-based businesses in the freight, engineering, energy, building products and asset management sectors in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the United Kingdom.

Currently Chief Operating Officer, Infrastructure Services with Downer EDI Group in Australia, Peter has held a number of other senior leadership roles with the company since joining them in 2006 including Executive General Manager Strategy and Growth, Chief Executive Consulting, and Chief Executive Downer EDI Works (NZ).

Mr Spencer said that following an extensive international search, the Board was delighted to appoint Peter to this very important role.

"Peter has a strong commitment to safety and also understands that achieving sustainable performance and productivity is only achieved through people."

Peter Reidy says, "New Zealand needs a strong, safe and sustainable rail and ferry business for all our customers including exporters, businesses, the travelling public and international visitors."

"I am honoured to have this opportunity to lead people within KiwiRail and to continue the transformation strategy which will enable the business to play an important part in the future growth of New Zealand as it has done over the last 150 years."

Mr Spencer also gave thanks to outgoing Chief Executive Jim Quinn who will remain with the business until the end of February to ensure a smooth handover.

NATIONAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR CONFERENCE 2014

The National Not-For-Profit Sector Conference 2014 is a two day conference at **Rydges Auckland** on 13 + 14 February 2014.

The conference is designed to bring together a group of talented and experienced thought leaders with one key aim: Sharing their knowledge, skills and experiences with other delegates so that they can succeed in their mission and make a real impact in our community.

This year's conference is about '**Getting your Ducks in a Row**', or ensuring that we get the basics right, and will focus on Leadership, Governance, Human Resources, Strategy and Building Revenue Streams.

With a mix of inspirational keynotes and practical skill building workshops, delegates will leave the conference focused on the steps that they need to take to succeed. This annual conference will provide a great opportunity for you to make links with organisations that are thriving, well connected and who have been part of the Not-For-Profit sector for many years.

More information at <http://grow.co.nz/national-not-for-profit-sector-conference-2014/>

UNION PACIFIC BIG BOY MOVING

As reported last issue the world's biggest steam locomotive (literally) restoration is taking place in the USA.

Now that Big Boy 4014 is moving across the parking lot toward the mainline, it is making TV news.

Check out this video. <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/video?id=9326586>

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA NOVEMBER 2013

Working Safer Exposure Draft

"Working Safer", the Government's health and safety reform package will be reflected in the upcoming Health and Safety Reform Bill (expected to be introduced to Parliament by the end of the year). A range of provisions recently released for consultation covers the duties of workplace participants and aspects relating to worker participation systems that will be in the Bill. This type of consultation document is called an "exposure draft." It is designed to give interested people and groups an early indication of what the core obligations under the new law are likely to look like, and provide an initial opportunity to comment. The Health and Safety Reform Bill itself will go through a select committee process, which will provide the main opportunity for you to submit on the Bill.

Submissions close on 15 November 2013. More is www.mbie.govt.nz/about-us/consultation/hs-reform-bill-draft-provisions

Targeting Wakatipu Wilding Pines

A partnership between DOC, the Queenstown Lakes District Council, LINZ and the local community aims to clear thousands of hectares of wilding pines in the Wakatipu Basin over the next five years. The project uses an aerial spraying technique to control the pines instead of the traditional chainsaw technique. Aerial spraying is much cheaper and much faster than the usual way of doing things. Wilding conifers, also known as wilding pines, are invasive tree species in the NZ high country. In the South Island, they threaten 210,000 hectares of public land administered by DOC, as well as privately owned land and other public land such as roadsides. The wilding conifers are considered to be a threat to biodiversity, farm productivity, and to landscape values. Since they often invade tussock grasslands - which are characterised by low-lying vegetation that is considered to be a natural environment - the tall trees become a prominent and unwanted feature.

More is at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/wakatipu-partnership-target-wilding-pines>

Protect Yourself from Legionnaires' Disease While Gardening

If you enjoy gardening, help keep yourself safe from a potentially serious illness. Compost, potting mix and garden soils often contain the bacteria which cause legionellosis – also known as Legionnaires' disease. Infection can occur when dust from compost and potting mixes is inhaled. The disease is more common in middle-aged and older people, smokers, people with underlying lung disease - and other long-term conditions such as diabetes - and those with weaker immune systems. The disease doesn't spread from person to person. Gardeners and farmers can take simple steps to reduce the risk of getting Legionnaires' disease. When working with compost and potting mix it's important to take measures to avoid inhaling dust. For example, open potting mix and compost bags gently and away from your face, cut the bag open with scissors rather than ripping it, water gardens gently using low pressure, and avoid working in unventilated places such as closed sheds and greenhouses. When potting plants, gently wet the soil or compost first to reduce dust, and wash your hands after handling soil or compost. Use of a face mask is recommended, especially when these other measures are not practical or possible.

For more information go to www.ttophs.govt.nz/legionellosis

Timber-Framed Classrooms Resist Quakes

Ministry of Education research (done in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes) has found timber-framed classrooms are extremely resilient to earthquakes (in fact, twice as strong as thought previously). Timber-framed school buildings performed very well in the Canterbury earthquakes, with no major structural damage caused by ground shaking. Building damage there was caused by liquefaction, rather than shaking. These observations lead to research to find out, once and for all, whether wooden school buildings needed earthquake upgrading, or whether they were already strong enough. The key finding is that the Ministry's one and two-storey timber-framed buildings are twice as strong as previously thought. This finding is particularly good for schools, as timber-framed structures account for up to 90 percent of school classroom and administration buildings. **But, even more importantly, this research may have wider implications for the nation's wooden buildings, meaning they are significantly more resilient than engineering calculations had previously suggested.**

The research – "Report on Structural Testing of a Standard Classroom Block in Carterton in June 2013" - can be found at: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/DestructiveTesting>

Review Into Disability Access Begins

This review into building access for disabled people will look into how NZ Standard 4121, which outlines how people with disabilities can access buildings, aligns with the Building Code and how that code more generally represents the needs of disabled people. New Zealand Standard 4121 was last updated 12 years ago.

More is at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/review-disability-access-begins>

NZ Passport Opens World's Doors

According to the annual 2013 Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index, the NZ passport opens doors to 168 countries, five fewer than Britain, Finland, and Sweden, which topped the list. New Zealand is ranked joint fifth with Austria and Switzerland in the report that ranked countries according to the number of nations their citizens can access with just a passport.

More is at http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11134400

ITEMS FROM RURAL WOMEN BULLETIN AOTEAROA NOVEMBER 2013—CONTINUED

Community Dialogue - Findings

Recently, Social Development Partners (in collaboration with other organizations) has been running a series of regional meetings - called Community Dialogues. The aim of these meetings has been to share national and local perspectives on opportunities and challenges in the current environment. Six themes emerged from the Dialogues:

Funding

Accessing funding is more challenging than it has ever been, and all organisations are feeling the need to diversify their income and up-skill in fund raising work. Organisations providing services that do not fall within the government top priorities feel especially at risk. At the same time, new opportunities and models such as Whanau Ora, High Trust contracts, and multiple year funding are welcomed, and need to be encouraged and developed.

Reporting on outcomes

Overall there was agreement that organisations have come a long way in the last two years and that there are benefits in reporting on outcomes. There were, however, a number of issues raised: the use of language of outcomes/outputs in contracts; identifying effective meaningful indicators; data collection; and resource implications.

Collaboration

Many participants fully understand the benefits of collaboration, both for their organisations and for their clients, and are actively seeking opportunities for a range of different forms of sharing information and collaboration. It is time-consuming, and requires significant leadership, and so there are challenges in making it happen effectively.

Relationship with government

Lack of information and engagement by government about planned changes was identified as a major issue at all meetings. Major concerns were expressed about the prospects of government looking to contract with fewer/larger organisations, while other forces are working in the opposite direction toward greater diversity and increased community participation. A current trend to consult only with the large providers weakens the sector and squeezes out smaller providers. There is a "don't disagree with the Minister" culture. Opportunities to have proactive conversations with government were welcomed, and the need for cross-government and party agreements to provide certainty in social policy and contracting regimes were considered valuable and important.

Sector capacity/knowledge/resilience

While there are challenges, including the continued failure of the government to include the sector as part of the "big picture", respondents identified a number of opportunities, suggesting the sector has the scope, willingness and capability to work to resolve the challenges of the day.

Ideas included responding to government in a more united and strategic way; getting community organisations to trial new approaches; and generally encouraging government to see the community sector as "part of the solution" to emerging national issues. This could be supported by having better national data and speaking out more on national issues. The sector would benefit from an improved flow of information and more opportunities to meet and share knowledge.

Impact on rural areas

Rural communities have distinct characteristics: higher delivery costs; limited access to services; high travel costs; lack of public transport; lack of access to tertiary education; and a lower wage structure. These differences are often not factored into policy, and it is important to continually challenge "one size fits all" thinking.

More is at <http://www.socialdevelopment.org.nz/featured/having-community-dialogue/>

New NZ Standards System

Recently announced changes to developing and delivering NZ Standards are in response a review of NZ's Standards system last year. The review decisions include:

- a new Standards model will replace the Standards Council and Standards NZ;
- standards approval will be undertaken by an independent statutory board; and
- standards development will be undertaken by an independent statutory officer within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

A Standards Bill is expected to be introduced to Parliament in early 2014 which will make the necessary legislative changes. In the meantime Standards NZ will continue to provide support for Standards development and approval as the process continues.

More is at <http://www.med.govt.nz/business/standards-conformance>

New Rules for Spot Prizes Take Effect

New rules for spot prize draws are now in effect. Draws are now exempt from the legal definition of gambling. Both commercial and non-commercial organisations can offer spot prize draws provided their events benefit the community.

To be eligible for the exemption, draws must meet some conditions including:

- entry is available only to those who purchase a ticket or pay to participate in the primary event;
- the primary event benefits the community (for example, either through community attendance and participation, or through proceeds being raised for the community or a charity);

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the primary event cannot be gambling as defined in the Act but could be, for example, a sporting or fishing competition, cultural event, fashion show, or home and lifestyle show; and

results are determined wholly or partly by chance, must not involve a gaming machine, and must be determined within one week of the end of the primary event.

You can view the new regulations at [http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2013/0392/latest/whole.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_Gambling+\(Non-gambling+Activities\)+Regulations+2013+_resel_25_a&p=1#TMPd149e230](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2013/0392/latest/whole.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_Gambling+(Non-gambling+Activities)+Regulations+2013+_resel_25_a&p=1#TMPd149e230)

New Level of Internet Domain Names

Internet NZ has approved a policy proposal from subsidiary Domain Name Commission Ltd to allow domain names to be registered at the second level in the .nz domain name space. By allowing registrations at the second level, people and organisations will be able to register theirname.nz instead of theirname.co.nz or theirname.net.nz (the current system, which allows registrations at the third level only). A final policy putting the proposal will be put out for public consultation in 2014.

More is at <https://internetnz.net.nz/news/media-releases/2013/New-level-Internet-domain-names-provide-more-choice-online-New-Zealanders>

Free App Helps Smartphone Novices off the Starting Blocks

Vodafone has launched a free app designed to help encourage seniors make the transition to smartphones. "Starting Blocks" is available from the Android app store and introduces users to smartphone basics with eight simple, interactive lessons. When the app is opened, users get a brief tutorial on tapping and scrolling – the two skills required to use it. Other lessons include basic touch, gestures, power, the back and home buttons, and inputting information.

More is at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1310/S00282/vodafone-helps-smartphone-novices-off-the-starting-blocks.htm>

November to December: Balmy Weather

NIWA National Climate Centre's latest seasonal climate outlook says that temperatures will stay stable in all regions except for the west of the North Island and east of the South Island, where near average temperatures are the most likely outcome. It put the chances of below normal temperatures across all regions at just 20 percent. Rainfall totals over the period were meanwhile most likely to be near normal in all regions except for the north and east of the North Island, where rainfall was equally likely to be near normal or above normal. Soil moisture levels and river flows were most likely to be below normal in the north of the North Island, and most likely to be above normal in the east of the North Island, and likely to be near normal for all remaining regions.

More is at <http://www.niwa.co.nz/climate/sco>

Gallipoli 2015 Ballot Opens 15 November

The ballot for Anzac Day 2015 passes at Gallipoli will open on 15 November 2013 and close on 31 January 2014. New Zealand has been granted 2000 attendance passes, and Australia 8000, that will be allocated by a ballot running simultaneously on both sides of the Tasman.

People will be able to register for the ballot and gain more information by visiting www.gallipoli2015.govt.nz

Community Fund Opens

The \$30 million dollar Lottery Grants Board Significant Projects Fund is meant for large and important community projects to be completed. Proposed community projects worth \$3 million or more will be able to receive early feedback on whether their project would meet the funding criteria for the Lottery Significant Projects Fund. Applicants who fill out an "expression of interest form" will also receive support to complete a full application. It is anticipated that funding decisions will be made in February 2014. The Fund has previously supported a number of major projects across the country.

Applications close on 4 December 2013. Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the Significant Projects Fund. This form is available on www.communitymatters.govt.nz.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

WELLINGTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM



Tramlines, Newsletter of the Wellington Tramway Museum Inc, has information on pending anniversaries and the exciting news about restoration of Tram no. 17

The brand (above) that we've adopted for next year 2014 to mark the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Wellington trams in May 1964 really does transition the Museum into an exciting new next stage.

2014 is also, of course, the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Wellington electric trams in June 1904 and, what's more, we'll be seeing full restoration of one of those original 1904 cars under way.

Not only that, but (subject to final Board approval) for the first time for us this restoration project will be undertaken professionally and off-site.

On October 22nd we received confirmation that WTM has been awarded a lotteries grant of the full actual amount we were seeking towards the restoration of the body of

Combo 17, by professional restorers the Wheelwright Shop of Gladstone (the people who did the restoration of Grip Car #3 at the Cable Car Museum), in accordance with our Conservation Plan

That is a huge achievement, and by co-incidence it aligns with the 50th anniversary of our securing our Queen Elizabeth Park site in October 1964.

We are in discussions with the Museum of Wellington at Queens Wharf with regard to a display in April/May 2014 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the running of the last Tram in Wellington.

PLEASANT POINT RAILWAY

From "The Gazette"

'A'1142 – the 1912 NZR "Kakahu" Carriage.

From a first and second-class carriage on New Zealand Railway's network to a Bach at Kakahu, there's a lot of history in this old girl. This is one of a batch of nine carriages built between 1910 and 1912 at NZR's Addington Workshops and spent the first years of its life running on the Invercargill section. For the first 32 years, this had both a first and second-class compartment, though was converted to a complete second class carriage in June 1943.

Its years on NZR's books came to an end on March 1, 1958 and on September 24 it was sold to Mr Scandrett of Christchurch. From there, he removed the wheels and shifted the carriage to Kakahu, where it was used for 22 years as a sleeping quarters,

In 1980 the Pleasant Point Railway bought the car. It was moved from its resting place at Kakahu on May 18, 1984.

Without any wheels to sit on, the carriage was placed on tram jacks and later had the dubious honour of having the March 1986 flood roar under it.



On March 25, only a couple of weeks after the flood, the carriage was lowered on to the under frame and wheel sets of A1548 (which was acquired from Dunedin). After several decades, A1142 was finally a carriage again. Restoration work began in 1993, though the hard work had to be left until April 2010.

Photo: Bryan Blanchard

WAIMEA PLAINS RAILWAY TRUST

Spotted on Facebook from our newest FRONZ member The Waimea Plains Railway Trust

The spiral vapour trail left behind by the Invercargill Jet on labour day 2013, pictured by Natalie Storm
We now have funding to begin restoration on the Addington Car A196 built in 1883.



SILVERSTREAM RAILWAY

De 505 is back to running order after a 10 year layup for wiring replacement. This gives them 4 steam, 2 diesel locomotives and one railcar to vary their regular operations. Certainly a claim many other groups would envy.

An advantageous land sale has enabled changes to the North End to be able to be secured for the future.

Silverstream has been operating for over 30 years now and is embarking on a programme of overhaul of operational equipment as some has been in operation for longer than it was by NZR.

Silver Stream Railway provided a display at the Wellington Railway Station on Saturday 12 October as part of KiwiRail's 150 years of railways in NZ celebrations. Barclay 1749 (PWD531) was transported to the station for the occasion and setup in the car park area by platform 9.

Purchase of the Waitakere turntable from Kiwirail has been confirmed and will be shipped when funds permit.



In an interesting turnaround Committee has accepted an offer for the Kiosk Building which was for many years used as our Station building. The Wellington Port Co. will take the building back for restoration to form part of their Queens Wharf development, which is a fitting fate for this previously unloved and unwanted building (by them).



The Kiosk building leaving Silverstream and returning to Queens Wharf. Photos "Pantograph".

NELSON RAILWAY SOCIETY

Wf 403

On the Wf front things are moving very slowly however thanks to The Canterbury Community Trust who gave us another \$6000 we are still able to continue with the restoration. The Flue tubes have arrived back from Mainline Steam and now we have to expand the smoke box end of these as we did not go in far enough to allow for the length of the expander roller. We have built up a new jig to do this, we also need to use it to straighten the Flues where they have been bent while reducing. We now have the tubing on hand to make the super elements, these are now being cleaned. \$6.000 does not go very far when they are making brass fittings and tails, but we only have a few more to buy and then we will have them all .



Rolling Stock Shed

The shed is eighteen metres long by seven metres wide and covers two roads, it will have another eighteen metres added to it next year . The shed is a Goldpine farm type shed built with poles and timber trusses and rafters. The piles and poles are erected. We are now fitting rafters etc once this is done, it will be time for the council inspection of pile joints and knee bracing. All being Ok then the long run colour steel roofing and walls will be done.



CHRISTCHURCH TRAMS RETURN



Christchurch Tram Managing Director Michael Esposito and Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel cutting the ribbon.

27 November 2013

The Christchurch Tramway and tracks were officially re opened at a special ceremony held at Cathedral Junction today. The City's Mayor Lianne Dalziel marked the occasion by cutting a ribbon and passing on her best wishes for the venture.

In her speech the Mayor said that having the trams back in the city was another milestone in the recovery of the Christchurch CBD.

"This is more of a resurrection than a grand opening because the trams have meant so much to the people of Christchurch - as they have over the last 20 years." said Mayor Dalziel. The Mayor thanked the Esposito family (Welcome Aboard) on behalf of the people of Christchurch for having the tenacity and courage to bring the tram business back to life and making sure the trams were available for all to enjoy.

Following the event, to the delight of guests and passengers, the Mayor returned to the Civic Offices aboard the tram. The Wizard of New Zealand (also known as the Christchurch Wizard) performed a special blessing and some colourful spells and wizardry as he did in 1995 when the trams first began operating as a tourism venture.

www.scoop.co.nz

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



"A" for Atmosphere. This picture taken by Daniel Garland at Ferrymead (Moorhouse) on 26 October 2013 during the RAIL150 event evokes all the old memories of waiting for a night train at a small town railway station.

CAPTION CORRECTION



Don Selby has written with a question about this photo published in Journal 124. Originally it was credited at Kingston but a little research has it at Kinloch. Wilson Lythgoe has a web page from the excursion which went from Dunedin and back on 30 November 1968 in nearly 24 hours and was arranged by the Otago Branch of the NZRLS. Makes interesting reading and has plenty more photos from the day. <http://www.internationalsteam.co.uk/tales/lythgoe75.htm>. Thanks Don for the suggestion. Well spotted.

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