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## RAIL SAFETY WEEK 10—16 AUGUST 2015

Rail Safety Week 2015 – it's a date!

Rail Safety Week is fast approaching and this year KiwiRail is keen to hear from any FRONZ members who would like to do something to mark the week.

Now in its 9th year, Rail Safety Week runs from 10-16 August and aims to improve awareness of the need to be safe around the rail network and understanding of what safe behaviour is.

Megan Drayton from TrackSAFE NZ says while rail safety is promoted year round, Rail Safety Week is a big opportunity to get maximum public exposure of a cause that is close to all of us in the rail industry.

"This year's theme is 'Expect a Train'," she says. "We're now finalising the campaign which will include billboard, radio, print advertising and social media.

"If any groups would like to be involved during the week, whether that means running their own public events, or simply promoting the week on their Facebook page or websites, we would love to hear from them.

"We can supply imagery for websites/Facebook pages and posters will be available to download as well."

KiwiRail plans and coordinates the activities and works closely with TrackSAFE NZ and other organisations such as NZ Police, NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Transport and Transdev Auckland.

Please contact KiwiRail Senior Communications Advisor Tammy Dickinson [tammy.dickinson@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:tammy.dickinson@kiwirail.co.nz) if you would like to be involved in promoting the week.

### Message from Megan Drayton at TrackSAFE.

There have been a number of incidents over the past year or so that resulted in photos being posted online of people walking on railway tracks. These clearly send the wrong message to the public. While it's cool to allow photography around the sites etc, it would be preferable for them to not allow wedding photos, etc. on the actual tracks. See: <http://blog.heatheranddoug.com/tag/train-tracks/>



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

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

These items are obtained from numerous e-newsletters that our member groups publish. Members are welcome to submit these or any other information they would like to share with the wider rail and tramway heritage community by e-mailing to [scottosmond@xtra.co.nz](mailto:scottosmond@xtra.co.nz)

### FEILDING AND DISTRICTS STEAM RAIL SOCIETY

Coming soon 2015 Open Days  
November Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th.

#### “Raurimu Rover“

This trip on April 12th was a new experience being electric hauled using FSR heritage carriages and two Capital Connection carriages with AG van as well. Very enjoyable with great scenery.

Pahiatua



This trip was on April 19th steam hauled by WAB794, the weather was fine for our visit to the Pahiatua Railcar Centre where our passengers were greeted with outdoor seating for lunch, good food and souvenirs for sale. The workshop was open for inspection and rides available on RM31 “Tokomaru” railcar. Local car enthusiasts provided a display of various restored cars and

trucks. Thanks to the Pahiatua group for your contribution in making this a great day out.

#### Wanganui

This trip was on June 14th steam hauled by WAB794 from Feilding to Wanganui. Again we were very lucky with the weather. Wanganui Steam Society provided a sausage sizzle and opened their workshops for inspection, souvenirs were for sale as well. Some passengers from Feilding spending time in Wanganui went on a steam boat ride while others visited places of interest and a bit of retail therapy took place as well.. For the “local” people a side trip was run from Wanganui to Ruatangata return. This took about one hour. The loco was turned and serviced for our return to Feilding.



*Running a steam rail excursion is no easy matter as many readers will know. Many people are required to make an excursion run efficiently. This photo shows the team working on the Feilding Steam Rail excursion.*

## WEKA PASS RAILWAY

The past few weeks have seen steady, if unspectacular progress on the rebuild of Carriage A1730, with the regular team up every Tuesday.

Some of the team have been working on the vestibules, tidying up and repainting the lining panels.

The flooring is also being repaired in the vicinity of the 4 outer doors, as a precursor to laying new flooring vinyl.

A lot of work has been done to clean all the old glue etc off the flooring in the vestibules, and in the main saloon area. This has been a hard slog, with various methods tried. It was found that softening it up with mineral turps seemed to help. All that is now required is to give it a good wash down, and give the walls another coat of paint.

The carriage, plus the toilet compartment, have been largely cleaned out of tools and other bits to facilitate this work.

This has lead to another cleanup of the workbench area to rehouse the stuff out of the carriage, yet to be completed.

Mike Ball is doing a great job refurbishing the doors, with them being taken home to be worked on, well done Mike. One to go I believe.

Alister H continues to make good progress with painting the crane, and working on the seat frames. These will be repainted shortly.

In other news, a good crowd enjoyed the annual night train trip to Waikari on the 20th June. Greasy rail gave some headaches to the crew, but the A performed well, and a good time was had by all.

*Report from Peter Gibson*



## WAITARA RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Report from Denyse Bettridge

A bit quieter due to the weather & our winter programme is finally getting into gear after a lot of hold ups.

5 of us went down to Wanganui last Sunday & helped the Steam Rail guys with the flood clean up. What a mess.

On the 16th. of July I will be receiving a New Plymouth Districts Citizens award, which was a shock. Very limited volunteers are picked for this award & it was a shock & an honour to be chosen & nominated by the WRPS.

*Editors Note. Nice to hear groups helping out others in need. Well done on your award Denyse.*

## AWAKERI RAIL ADVENTURES

Exciting news for a new FRONZ member, Awakeri Rail Adventures, has been granted a rail licence to operate for track testing, infrastructure and line work.

They will be running on the Awakeri to Taneatua line for 9 kms. They have a very informative Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/awakerirailadventures>.

## TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During his recent visit to Christchurch, Prince Harry got to ride on one of our vintage trams—Boon 152—the same tram that had carried his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II on 4 November 1995, almost 20 years ago, when she opened the Christ Church Cathedral Visitor Centre.

*From Tram Tracts*



*Below: Prince Harry checks out the photo of his grandmother on Boon 152*



*Above: The tram is passing through Cathedral Junction on its way to Cashel Mall crewed by Alan Robb and Ian Wilson. Photo Roy Sinclair*

## VICTORIA BATTERY TRAMWAY AND MUSEUM

A brief newsletter from this FRONZ member group advised they have had busy and successful running days in March and over Easter and held their AGM in June.

*Right: Wingrove and Rogers (B.E.V. - British Electric Vehicles) type W417 battery-electric loco named "Empire" hauling carriages around the top loop near the Transformer House. Photo VBTS.*



## BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY

The Bay of Islands Vintage Railway have let a contract for the re-piling of Longbridge. The Contractor is due on site on the 20th July 2015. The work is expected to take 4-5 months.

This work will enable the BOIVR to take a major step towards their goal of running trains from Kawakawa to Opua.

## MEMBERS CLASSIFIEDS

### HERITAGE TRAMWAYS TRUST

#### Vacancy: Workshop Supervisor (Part time)

This role with the Heritage Tramways Trust for up to 12 hours per week is to co-ordinate restoration staff and projects, and promote the Trust's activities to other heritage organisations. Skills/Experience include running a workshop and staff, and an understanding of heritage restoration work. For a detailed job description, or to register your interest, email [htt@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz](mailto:htt@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz) by 13th July 2015.

### DUNEDIN RAILWAYS—DE 504 AVAILABLE

Dunedin Railways (Taieri Gorge Railway) is asking for groups who have an interest in leasing or purchasing (asking price \$100,000) locomotive De504 to make offers.

Dunedin Railways, as a minimum requirement, will require the locomotive being kept under cover. All inquiries / offers need to be made to Grant Craig Operations Manager Dunedin Railways. [grant@dunedinrailways.co.nz](mailto:grant@dunedinrailways.co.nz). C/- Dunedin Railways P.O Box 140 Dunedin.

Dunedin Railways reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time if offers do not meet our requirements.

### RAIL HERITAGE TRUST - Z WAGON

The RHTNZ has the following wagon available for removal. Wagon: Z201 (three door ventilated).

Location: Waverley. Relocation: Recipients expense (cannot be towed).

Available for long term heritage lease.

Expressions of interest to the executive officer, PO Box 593, Wellington 6140

or email [railheritage@railheritage.org.nz](mailto:railheritage@railheritage.org.nz)

### CORRECTION

In the last Journal the photos taken of the presentations at the FRONZ Awards Dinner in Blenheim were incorrectly credited to D.L .A. Turner.

They were in fact taken by the other David, David Maciulaitis. Apologies to both David's for the error. Both of these gentlemen's photographic contributions to our railway interests are much appreciated.

### LETTER

Some months ago the Rail Heritage Trust , via the FRONZ journal, asked if there would be some track items available to build a 47 meter length of track through and beyond the now restored Greytown Goods Shed (134 years old), in South Wairarapa.

We had a surprising number of responses for rail, including 55 pound to the yard which was close to the weight of rail used on the branch when it closed in 1953. That offer from Harry Andrew at Oamaru Steam Rail was accepted. He could also supply fish plates. The Wairarapa Rail Preservation Group at Carterton, just up the road, came to light with dog spikes, many in good condition for re-use.

Many other groups responded as well. It is clear that there is a considerable stock of carefully collected and stored rail and fittings around the country which can be put toward replacement and other heritage projects. And we even found, thanks to Steam Inc, an elderly La wagon which will be stored in the shed to give atmosphere to the interior.

Thank you all for your responses and offers.

Euan McQueen

Project Manager

*Glad we could be of assistance Euan. Editor*

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



#### "Coffee Pot" Engine Gathers Steam

The last operating engine of its kind in the world, The Pichi Richi Railway's iconic 'Coffee Pot' is building up steam for a return to the rails.

Following a successful test run over Easter, an old favourite is set to return to South Australia's Pichi Richi Railway within the next 12 months.

Steam Motor Coach No. 1, affectionately known as the 'Coffee Pot', undertook the first of a series of trial runs on 5 and 6 April 2015.

Late in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, a shrill whistle re-sounded over Quorn as Steam Motor Coach No. 1, affectionately known as the 'Coffee Pot' moved around the Pichi

Richi Railway Preservation Society's Locomotive Depot under its own steam for the first time in eight years.

With positive preliminary results, the engine was given the green light to venture out onto the mainline for further testing on Monday 6 April.

The engine performed well, much to the delight of all present at this important milestone.

"While there are still more tests to be completed, we're really pleased to be another step closer to getting this grand old lady back on track", said Locomotive Superintendent, David Heah.

"Our team of volunteers have worked tirelessly to reassemble the diminutive engine, after detailed boiler examination and other minor works to the engine unit".

Built in England in 1905, Steam Motor Coach No.1 is the only operating machine of its kind in the world. It served the Great Northern Line between the outback towns of Quorn and Hawker from 1906 until 1932.

Restored to working order by the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society in 1984, the "Pot" will be fondly remembered by many South Australians who traveled on the Pichi Richi Railway during the 80s, 90s and early 2000's.

Stay updated on the progress of the Coffee Pot

and the Pichi Richi Railway's other restoration projects and coming events by subscribing to our monthly newsletter at [www.pichirichirailway.org.au](http://www.pichirichirailway.org.au), or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pichirichirailway](https://www.facebook.com/pichirichirailway)

### JUNEE ROUNDHOUSE

The Australian Railway Historical Society brought their mighty Beyer-Garratt engine 6029 to Junee on a Southern Winter Steam Safari tour from 5-8 June. *Right. The Beyer Garrett emerging out of the steam at Junee Railway Station. Angie Turnbull. Below. The Garratt on the Wagga Wagga viaduct taken by Geoff Haddon*



## APHTRO UPDATE

### Accelerating on the main line

We have left our starting station, are running on mainline, increasing speed. I would like to thank all who help and support our activities, and hope these would help improve and propel railway heritage in the Asia – Pacific region.

Top news since our last newsletter is that APHTRO, on 2nd April, was incorporated in Queensland, Australia.

The other big news is that our Taiwanese friends, Railway Cultural Society Taiwan has succeeded to save the Taipei Railway Workshop as a historical Monument. I profoundly praise their great achievement.

Our important forthcoming business is forming a committee and establishing a charter at our next conference, 20-23 October in Bangkok, Thailand.

We will make step by step progress, with our wonderful heritage railway friends from many Asia – Pacific countries. We all have quite different backgrounds, but have the same passion for Railway Heritage!

(Kyoichi Oda, President)



# APHTRO

Asia Pacific Heritage and Tourist Rail Organisation

### Conference 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand

The Conference schedule is shown below and the Conference fee is 150 USD or 5000 THB.

20 Oct Tue – Return trip on Nam Tok line (optional)

21 Oct Wed – Train ride on Maeklong Line and a visit to Thonburi Depot

22 Oct Thu – Business Session: APHTRO Annual General Meeting and Presentations

23 Oct Fri – Steam train ride: return trip to Ayutthaya

Booking is open now. Please visit our website for details.

<http://www.aphtro.org/news/?cat=4>

Conference 2016 will be held in India - details will be announced soon.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE!

For those like myself who are still trying to avoid all the latest communication technology or simply prefer not to be permanently attached to their mobile phones, pads, or other "fads" here is some guidance to terminology to be used by seniors courtesy of Feilding and Districts Steam Rail Society.

ATD – At the Doctors

HGBM- Had Good Bowel Movement

BFF – Best Friends Funeral

IMHO- Is My Hearing Aid on ?

BTW – Bring the Wheelchair

LMDO- Laughing My Dentures Out

CBM – Covered by Medicare

OMMR- On My Massage Recliner

CUATSC – See You at the Senior Centre

OMSG- Oh My! Sorry, Gas

DWI – Driving While Incontinent

TTYL- Talk to You Louder

FWBB – Friend with Beta Blockers

WAITT- Who Am I Talking To ?

FWIW – Forgot where I was

WTFA- Wet the Furniture Again

FYI – Found Your Insulin

WTP- Where's the Prunes ?

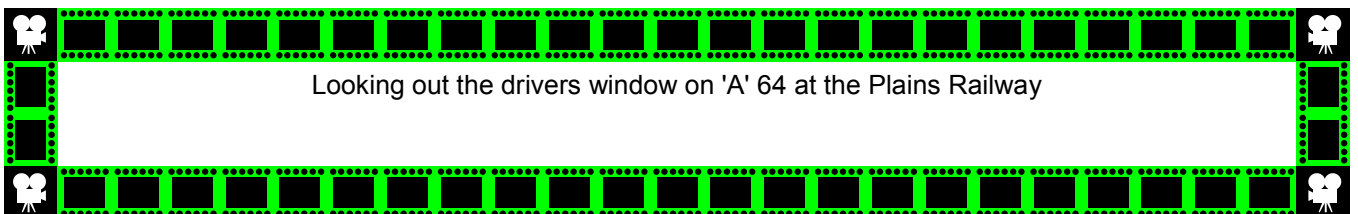
GGPBL- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

WWNO- Walker Wheels Need Oil

GHA- Got Heartburn Again

GGLKI- Gotta Go, Laxative Kickin In !

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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