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STEAM COAL SUPPLIES

Ian Tibbles has supplied the following information regarding steam coal supplies.

Knowing the precarious state of suitable steam coal which faces those operating large or network locos, I thought the attached article from the Grey Star, 6 Nov 2015, should be circulated amongst members who may need to contact their local supplier as regards a future supply.

With the apparent demise of the Cascade Mine the preferred and often only suitable steam coal, the choices to my knowledge are limited to; Strongman - very limited production, Redale, Reefton - a limited scale opencast operation with equally limited future and Garveys Ck, Reefton - well known for destroying grates. There may be some medium heat coals from couple of small mines in the Reefton area and of course the well known Mai Mai lignite and that is it.

Any members are welcome to contact me but best they contact their favourite supplier with a copy of the newspaper cutting.

Bathurst to wind down Cascade Mine

Bathurst Resources plans to wind down its Cascade Mine, near Westport, at the end of this year.

Bathurst's general manager corporate relations Sam Aarons said the company had always planned to wind back operations in 2016 because the coal was running out.

The wind-down had been brought forward because Cascade's main customer, Westport's Holcim cement works, was closing. Holcim had advised it would stop taking coal earlier than expected.

"There is still a coal resource of 1.5 million tonnes at Cascade," Ms

Aarons said.

"The mine will be put into care and maintenance while we pursue other markets and undertake further feasibility studies."

Cascade produced 77,765 tonnes of coal last financial year.

— Westport News

CORRECTION—AGAIN!!

Dave Hinman, FRONZ Tramway Convenor, has unfortunately has his e-mail address printed incorrectly twice in Journal. My sincere apologies Dave.

The correct e-mail for Dave dave.hinman@ccc.govt.nz. Dave also has a secondary address (d.hinman@xtra.co.nz - not used as much).

JOURNAL 149

After not publishing Journal last month due to my holiday, this edition is early due to the many items received for publication and the interesting stories from our busy members. Next edition will be the December issue out before Christmas. Scott

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

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 2015

Currently In Parliamentary Bill Form.

This Act comes into effect on April 4, 2016.

This article has been prepared by FRONZ Executive Officer, Trevor Burling, who should be contacted for any further enquiries. Further articles on the new Health & Safety legislation will also be circulated in due course.

FRONZ Members need to prepare for this event now, so that any changes to operations can be dealt with before that date.

To clarify where your organisations sits within the new legislation, we have prepared a description to assist with determining whether or not your group are a:

Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU), or

Voluntary Association.

FRONZ members will also fit into one of the following categories:

Licenced Rail Operator or

Railway or tramway static museum.

In the case of a licenced operator, the principle legislation governing operations is the Railways Act 2005. This Act as amended also refers to the Health and Safety at Work Act for the purpose of regulating the management of hazards and risks and ensuring comonality with the Health and Safety legislation

How Are Volunteers Covered?

Several amendments have been made to the Bill with regards to volunteers. **FRONZ made a couple of submissions** to the bill seeking among others clarification on the status of volunteers.

The changes recognise that volunteers contribute greatly to New Zealand communities and will ensure the new law will not negatively affect volunteering.

The amendments take coverage of volunteers back to what it is under the current law which distinguishes between casual volunteers and volunteer workers.

The information below and diagrams explain how the Bill now applies to volunteers.

Is your organisation a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking?

Under the Bill, a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) has the primary duty to ensure the health and safety of its workers and others, so far as is reasonably practicable.

A purely volunteer organisation where volunteers work together for community purposes and which does not have any employees is known as a volunteer association under the Bill.

A volunteer association is not a PCBU so the Bill will not apply to it.

A volunteer organisation which has one or more employees is a PCBU and will have the same duties as a PCBU to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of its workers and others.

This is the same approach as taken by the current law. What the volunteer organisation will have to do is what is reasonably practicable for it to do, and what is within its influence and control.

If your organisation is a PCBU, does it have casual or volunteer workers?

Where volunteers carry out work for a PCBU, the Bill distinguishes between casual volunteers and volunteer workers. Volunteer workers are people who regularly work for a PCBU on an ongoing basis and are integral to the PCBU's operations. This distinction is based on the existing Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

PCBUs will owe a duty to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of volunteer workers as if they were any other worker. This ensures that these volunteers are afforded the protection of having the appropriate training, instruction or supervision needed to undertake their work safely – just like any other worker.

Are your volunteers doing certain activities which means they are excluded from the "volunteer worker" definition under the new law?

People volunteering for the following activities will not be volunteer workers under the new law:

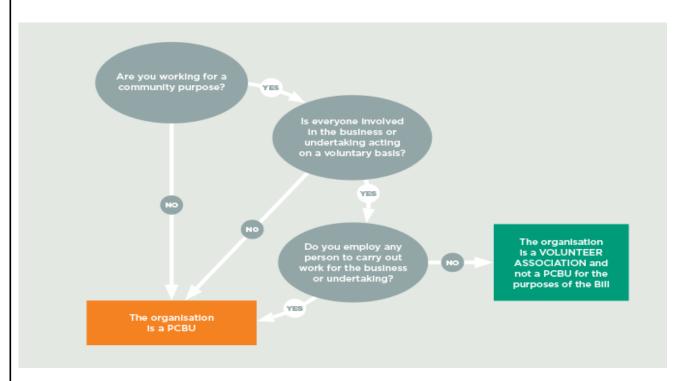
Participation in a fundraising activity

- Assistance with sports or recreation for an educational institute, sports or recreation club
- Assistance with activities for an educational institution outside the premises of the educational institution.
- Providing care for another person in the volunteer's home.

What are a PCBU's duties to casual volunteers?

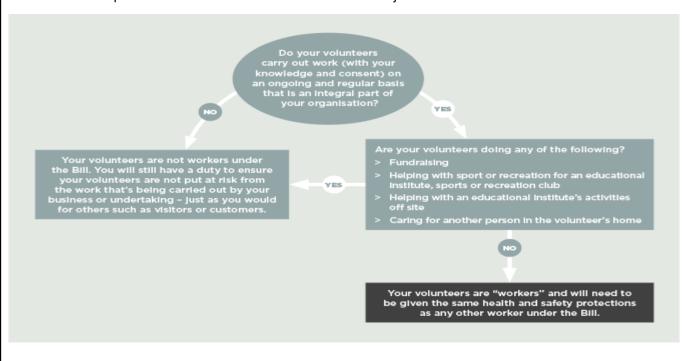
PCBUs will have a duty to others in the workplace (such as customers or visitors), to ensure that their health and safety is not put at risk from the PCBU's work, so far as is reasonably practicable. This duty also applies to casual volunteers who are in the workplace.

PCBU or Volunteer Association? Whether you are a PCBU or a volunteer association determines whether you have responsibilities under the Health and Safety Reform Bill



Do you have volunteer workers?

You have established you are a PCBU. Now you need to think about whether you have volunteer workers. Volunteer workers are given the same health and safety protections as other workers under the Bill, with some exclusions. Casual volunteers are given the same protections as other people who might be affected by your work such as visitors or customers. Similar requirements exist under the current law – the Bill just makes them clearer.



LEVEL CROSSING VEHICLE COMPLAINTS

This information is from Megan Drayton, Tracksafe NZ.

The Police have changed the process for reporting LE complaints of vehicle near collisions at level crossings. They now require the complaint forms to be emailed rather than faxed to railcomplaints@police.govt.nz.



Would you be able to communicate this to all your member organisations? (Newsletter, group email or whatever you think is the best way?)

Ask them to destroy all existing complaint forms around their operations and replace them with the amended form (copy on next page)

Also note the Police now require the LE's date of birth to be entered on the form so that they can find them in the system to lodge an official complaint.

Of course I can mention this at next year's conference but that is a way away and the new process is now in place.

Tim Drumm from Police who is now in charge of the system. There is a spreadsheet that will come back to me each month, so if I see there has been an action taken in response to one of your organisation's complaint I will do my best to feed that information back to you to pass on to them (or communicate directly if it's a group I'm familiar with.

Cheers

Megan Drayton

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TOKOMARU STEAM ENGINE MUSEUM FOR SALE

https://www.bayleys.co.nz/Listing/Manawatu- -Wanganui/Horowhenua/Tokomaru/3050268

Tender

Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum 742-744 Makerua Road, Tokomaru

The original owners have turned off the steam valve and are going to retire, so we have for sale:

- A lifetime's collection of steam exhibits set out as a working museum, together with a number of un-restored engines, ready for a new owner to take it to the next level
- The package includes a three bedroom home, numerous sheds and garages, together with a large working museum complex
- Around the property is a circular rail track, complete with steam train and carriages and an old railway station completes the scene
- Total land area 4.7905ha
- Tokomaru is a small rural town in the district of Horowhenua in the southwest North Island. It is located 18 kilometers southwest of Palmerston North.

An opportunity like this doesn't come your way very often, so all you steam enthusiasts grab the chance to be the new

owners of this amazing collection of steam engines

and locomotives

Property Details
Land Area - 4.7905 hectares (more or less)
Land - Tenure Freehold
Zoning - Multi-use in Utility Services

For Sale by International Tender Closes 4pm, Thurs 26th November, 2015 176 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North



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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

STEAM SCENE



Geared loco, Price V 148 on a night running evening at the Mcleans Island Bush Tramway, Christchurch. 5 Sept 2015

WAITAKERE TRAMWAY SOCIETY

Despite the present closure of the tramway by Watercare, the Waitakere Tramway Society are still battling for reinstatement of their services. Here is the latest update from their newsletter:

The talks with Watercare and Auckland Council are still in progress and due to the sensitive nature, all I can really divulge at present is that they have been more positive than that we've been used to. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Robert Graham and Brian Cripps, Rupert Gamlen, Chris Roper and John White for their roles in doing the groundwork. We, as a Society, intend on following through until a positive result has been achieved for our specific line. There has been lots happening behind the scenes with both RFE and Waitakere Lines, and rarely a day goes by that it isn't very far from my mind. How sad is that?? I know I am repeating myself, but thanks for everyone's support and patience. If you support us by monetary means, the Society is hugely grateful. If you know someone or a company that may like to support us in any way, please direct the leads to the GM, Brian Cripps. Also on the positive side, I spoke with the Western Districts Community Foundation recently and, as long as we update them on overall progress, they are happy for their generous donation to be kept by us and used for the extension WHEN we are able to proceed.

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

The Trust have been steadily working through the required processes with the Dunedin City Council reserves department in order to obtain permission to erect a three bay building on Mornington Park for the housing and display of the fully restored Trailer 111 and partly restored Grip Car 97.

The public meeting to discuss the formation of the High Street Cable Car Society Incorporated was a great success. There were 35 people in attendance and all eager to see the formation of the society.

RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS SOCIETY

The Railway Enthusiasts Society ran a special train on September 20, to celebrate the last run of a diesel suburban train in Auckland (except the Papakura-Pukekohe shuttle). The train ran over all lines and is seen at Papakura in a photo taken by David Maciulaitis.



WELLINGTON HERITAGE MULTIPLE UNIT PRESERVATION TRUST

Winter Round-up from Cyclops. It has been a long cold wet winter but we've made some progress. The roofs of the three cars has been the sole priority over winter. This has involved grinding and scraping rusted sections of roof, cutting out rusted sections and welding new plates in place. A safety plan has been developed and scaffolding has been sourced. By mid-summer we anticipate that all holes will be repaired, bogged and primed, and the roofs then given a complete paint-over. The trust has constructed a scaffold trailer which allows easier access to the roof and sides of the cars, for cleaning, scrapping, welding, bogging and painting.

The next task after the roof is to address the side panels. This will start in late summer 2016.

A draft business plan has been prepared and approved by the board.

A conservation plan to guide preservation is still being developed.

The Ganz-Mavag units have a limited life left in Wellington and the GWRC has sold most of them to see further life in Africa, however GWRC wish to have one retained here and as such WHMUPT have registered a formal Expression of Interest with The GWRC to obtain one to possibly reside with their existing unit at Maymorn. Your support and help is needed, please donate via the bank account or via the Give-a-little page on website www.cyclopsemu.com or www.facebook.com/WellingtonHeritageRailwayMultipleUnitPreservation.

Volunteer Days are held once a month, on Sundays.

RAIL HERITAGE TRUST

New Executive Officer

The RHTNZ Board has appointed Barry O'Donnell as its new Executive Officer. Barry joins the Trust on Monday 28 September as replacement for Mike Mellor, who is retiring on Friday 16 October. Amongst Barry's accomplishments is a book on the Nelson Section, *When Nelson had a Railway*. He currently runs a graphic design business, Schematics Ltd, and will continue that part time.

Contact details for Barry are:

Phone: 04 498 3089 Mobile: 027 242 4817

E-mail: railheritage@railheritage.org.nz

DUNEDIN RAILWAYS - ROYAL TRAIN

Thursday 5 November saw the first Royal Train in New Zealand since the 1960's, carrying Prince Charles and Camilla from Mosgiel to Dunedin. The train was run by Dunedin Railways.



MAINLINE STEAM, FIELDING & DISTRICTS STEAM RAIL SOCIETY, PAHIATUA RAILCAR SOCIETY

A combined effort by three FRONZ members and the great weather on Labour weekend Sunday was a real bonus for the AB 663 hauled excursion train to Pahiatua, utilising Fielding mainline rolling stock. RM 31 provided yard runs for the 150 plus folk who arrived on the train and a barbeque lunch was provided along with the depot being open, to view progress on the railcar projects.



FELL LOCOMOTIVE MUSEUM

We do not hear a lot about the Fell Locomotive Museum but they recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Rimutaka Tunnel as the article below from the Wairarapa Times Age states.

Featherston historian and rail buff Pat Flynn can remember the buzz in the air at the Rimutaka Tunnel opening like it was yesterday.

That was six decades ago next week -- and Mrs Flynn and the Fell Locomotive Museum are organising an open day event to commemorate "the momentous occasion".

In honour of the tunnel's 60th anniversary, the museum will be open to the public free of charge this Saturday, with visitors invited to peruse a display of photographs, published accounts and memorabilia from the Rimutaka Tunnel's early days.

There will also be exhibits acknowledging the famous Engine H199, now housed in the museum, which made its final journey 60 years ago this Thursday.

Former Featherston mayoress Mrs Flynn, who attended the ribbon cutting with her "rail fan" husband and baby daughter, can vividly recall the exhilaration in the community leading up to the tunnel's opening.

"Everyone was terribly excited -- we were all so sick of that long journey up the incline and it was the start of a new era," Mrs Flynn said.

The Rimutaka Tunnel was officially opened on November 3, 1955, to replace the difficult-to-navigate Rimutaka Incline railway.

The open day will also be paying tribute to the crew who drove HI99 on its final journey between Cross Creek and Summit on October 29, 1955.

"That day, they took the engine up to summit, and didn't come down for several hours," Mrs Flynn said.

"I think there was quite a party."

The Fell Museum has hosted several reunions for the crew, but most have since died -- save for firemen Ron Eustace and Bill Rossiter.

Both live outside the district -- Mr Eustace is still driving trains in Western Australia -- but calls in to the museum when in town.





After three years of hard work a new tourist adventure - Rail Carts Dargaville - will be ready to roll within the month.

The new venture is the only one of its kind north of Rotorua and it is hoped it will encourage tourists to consider the west coast during their travels in Northland.

"Kaipara has plenty to offer," says co-director Dave Selby.

Patrons will be able to travel the 15 kilometre section of the rail track from Dargaville to Tangowahine and back. Departure will be from the refurbished rail station at Dargaville now resplendent with fresh paint, a new platform and picket fence.

The self- drive carts travel around 25kmh and the return journey takes about two hours.

"We are in the process of completing the turntable at Tangowahine and building a shelter area where passengers can have a cup of tea and refreshments before making the return journey," Selby says.

"It has been a lengthy process to date and reliant on a shoe string budget. We have done most of the work ourselves with the exception of the fine engineering requirements. We've even made the rail carts by converting golf carts," he

says.

Signage is currently being installed including warning signs at rail/road intersections. Water lines and fencing is being finalised at the station, the lines are being levelled following the tightening of the "fishplates" and the rail bridges will likely be inspected this week.

"Once everything is checked off we are ready to go," Selby says.

Open seven days a week, the five seater, four seater and one two seater carts are available twice a day, at 10am and 2pm or by arrangement. The driver of each cart must hold a valid driving licence, or a driver will be provided at extra cost.

"Daylight permitting we may consider an early morning run or after work runs should there be enough demand."

STEAM INCORPORATED SOUTH ISLAND RAIL TOUR 2015



Special Feature status this month deserves to go to the Steam Incorporated AB608 centennial South Island Rail Tour over nearly all Kiwirail South Island lines, as well as heritage lines, in October and November.

This massive undertaking included a huge team of volunteers who had to manage not only the day-to-day train running operation but also such tasks as organising the distribution of 56 tonnes of coal in to bags and stored at various locations throughout the tour route from Picton to Bluff and the West Coast, to organising hundreds of beds for passengers and staff.

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Tour Preparations

Testing the GEVIS tracking system. The unit (yellow case) is on loan from Ki-wiRail and plugs into a power supply and antenna fitted to a suitable piece of rolling stock of a heritage operator. In our case will be in our buffet car. Will enable Train Control to easily track us during our South Island Tour. Our train is represented by the steam loco icon on the map.



To prepare for supplying coal to AB 608, four of the team visited Rolleston, near Christchurch, in September to bag 56 tonnes of coal. Eight hours later it

was in 123 bags ready for distribution around the South Island. The coal is from the Cascade mine adjacent to the Denniston Plateau near Westport. Pictures: Mike Brown











Under a dark sky at Weka Pass Railway, Waipara. Photo Dion Mckenna

STEAM INCORPORATED 2016 EXCURSIONS

Not content with the busy year of mainline excursions in 2015, which included the massive job of organising and running the South Island Rail Tour, Steam Incorporated are already well into planning their early 2016 series of excursions utilising both steam and diesel locomotives from their fleet.

CHRISTMAS GRAND CIRCLE RAIL CRUISE – Sunday 6th December Departing Paekakariki the train will head north

to Palmerston North, then travel through the Manawatu Gorge to Woodville before heading down the Wairarapa to Masterton and onto Wellington via the Rimutaka Tunnel. From Wellington it is back up the west coast to Paekakariki and to Palmerston North. This trip will be ideal for our Horowhenua and Manawatu supporters as we will drop you back to stations from Paekakariki to Palmerston North in the evening. Option of stopover at Mauriceville Country Fair or Paper Road Vineyard at Opaki for a Christmas Lunch. Train fare Adult \$139, Child \$99. Departs Paekakariki 7.10am (P.Nth 9.15am), arrives back at 5.45pm (Palm Nth 7.45pm)



TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS EXPRESS – Sunday 6th December A relaxed evening out by train to enjoy a sumptuous buffet meal at your destination. Diesel hauled train from Paraparaumu or Waikanae to Levin. Fare includes train and meal only \$75. Departs Paraparaumu at 5.55pm, arriving back at 10.30pm.



THE EKETAHUNA EXPRESS – Sunday 3rd January 2016 Our traditional Xmas/New Year trip into the Wairarapa and is always extremely popular, and it makes an excellent Xmas present! Runs from Paekakariki to Masterton via the Manawatu Gorge. You can select from the Pukuha Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre (and Middleton Model Railway) near Eketahuna, an Opaki vineyard, or Masterton as your destination. Departs Paekakariki 8.35am, arrives back at 9.45pm.



DECO DELIGHTS EXPRESS – Saturday 20th February 2016 A great way to experience Art Deco. Ride the rails in heritage carriages and hauled by an imacuately restored diesel locomotive on a special day adventure from the Kapiti Coast to Napier. Marvel at the construction of the spectacular Manawatu Gorge and travel over many high viaducts on the journey to Napier. Option of joining at main intermediate stations enroute including Palmerston North. About 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours in Napier to sample the Art Deco activities. Train fares Adult \$159, Child \$109. Departs Paekakariki 6am, arrives back 10.30pm.



ALSO COMING IN EARLY 2016

- Mangaweka Express March 2016
- Wanganui Date To Be Advised
- Grand Circle Mothers Day

Right: Ab 608 and A 428 double heading up the Weka Pass, photo by Robert Boulton



MEMBERS CLASSIFIEDS

RAIL HERITAGE TRUST. TANK WAGON UC20

The Rail Heritage Trust have let us know that KiwiRail is disposing of tank wagon Uc20. Currently the wagon is at Aotea Quay, Wellington, and is available at scrap value.

Please note that the tanker is full of "sludge", it was used as a pump tank on the ferries and has a mixture of liquid and sediment in the bottom, which could have contained fuels, oils, and any other manner of stuff. KiwiRail will arrange to clean it prior to disposal.

Please contact Barry O'Donnell at the RHT for more information. His contact information follows.

04 498 3089 027 242 4817 railheritage@railheritage.org.nz

SILVER STREAM RAILWAY, FLANGE LUBRICATION GREASE.

For Sale. Flange lubrication grease. The top of container has been opened allowing moisture to get in however the grease is ok. The grease is electrically conductive and is suitable for tramways. Price by negotiation. Transport your care. We are able to load. Enquires to Jason Durry, General Manager, Silver Stream Railway, Phone 0274596688, or e-mail jasondurry@clear.net.nz



OAMARU STEAM RAIL - WHEEL PATTERNS

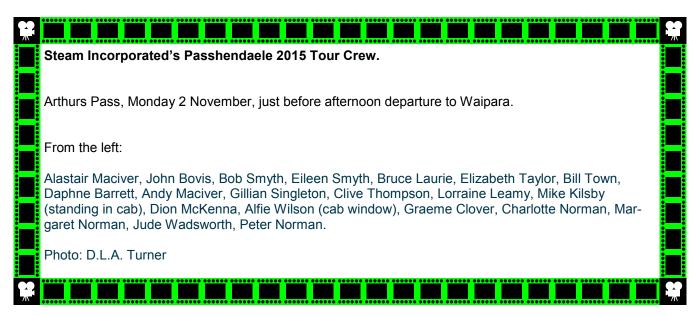
As part of the Fowler restoration project we need to have a couple of new wheels cast. For this we need patterns made. If you are, or know of, a retired (or not so retired) pattern maker looking for something to do in their spare time, please get in touch.

We have the plan for the wheels on hand as well as the original wheels for reference.

If you can help, please get in touch, email info@oamaru-steam.org.nz

PICTURE OF THE MONTH





FRONZ CONFERENCE AUCKLAND 3—6 JUNE 2016

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