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EDITOR'S TRAVELS

It's time for a break so your editor and his wife are off to Perth in a few days to catch the Indian Pacific train from there to Sydney. Realising a lifetime goal! Three days and nights of rail travel luxury. We are also looking forward to a complete lack of all the usual electronic means of communication with the world. No laptops, tablets, e-mail, texts or even mobile phones. Bliss!

So this edition of Journal is a couple of weeks early and the next one should be out usual time late September, with a full review of our trip.

Scott

COUNCIL OF TRAMWAY MUSEUMS OF AUSTRALASIA (COTMA)



The 2016 Conference will be held in Christchurch, commencing Thursday 13 October through to Monday 17 October 2016.

Planning for the conference is now well advanced, with bookings now open for the conference and the accompanying partners programme, and with expressions of interest being sought for pre- conference (North Island) and post- conference (West Coast South Island) tours). All the information is now available on the COTMA website - go to www.cotma.org.au/conference.

APOLOGY

In the last issue of Journal I omitted to credit this photo of the GANZ unit arriving at Ferry-mead. The photo was taken from the Canterbury Railway Society newsletter, Branchlines and was taken by Dave Hansen. I do make an effort to acknowledge all photographs when I know the photographer. Sorry about the slip up.



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

HYDE RAILWAY STATION

From "Otago Daily Times"

The future of the 122-year-old Hyde Railway Station is assured as the last of the \$15,000 needed to ensure the heritage building and its rolling stock remain on site for renovation was secured yesterday.

Otago Central Rail Trail Trust chairwoman Kate Wilson said the trust was "thrilled" enough money had been raised to buy the station before today's purchase agreement deadline.

The trust welcomed the final financial contributions from people across New Zealand and overseas.

Department of Conservation Central Otago operations manager Mike Tubbs said the department gave money yesterday because the station was "important" rail heritage and once it was refurbished would add "real value" to the trail user experience.

"DOC saw merit in contributing to secure the purchase, as it is one of our most important visitor sites and is highly valued in our community."

Mrs Wilson said after the fundraising target was met, the Combined Lions of Central Otago gave money, which would be used to make the station building secure and would result in it being open sooner, most likely for the next trail season.

Mrs Wilson said now the money was raised, the trust had shifted its focus to working with the community on ways to use the station, such as an exhibition space, information area and museum.

The upgrading of the wagons was a priority and the trust would work with the Rail Heritage Trust of New Zealand to advance the work.

"We are very fortunate to have special supporters who value the trail and its amenities and we thank them sincerely," Mrs Wilson said.



OHAI RAILWAY VEHICLES FIND NEW HOMES

Ohai's historic railway carriages will be rolling their way to new homes in the South Island.

The Southland District Council voted to lease the railway rolling stock to several railway organisations, which will see some of the stock restored to their former glory.

After seeking proposals from organisations to lease the carriages and locomotive, that were once utilised by the Ohai Railway Board, the council received several responses. The council stipulated they must be displayed for public benefit so the heritage value and history of the board could be enjoyed. The guards and plough van, which has a high heritage value, will be leased to the National Railway Museum in Christchurch.

Councillor Lyall Bailey said he supported the van going to Christchurch, even if it was outside of the Southland district. "The guard's van is a pretty unique piece of heritage and I think it needs to be in a place where it's exposed to railway people," he said.

The DSB Mitsubishi locomotive will be leased to the Otago Railway and Locomotive Society, where it will be restored to active service.

Carriage A294 will be leased to the Waimea Plains Railway Trust to be restored to operational status and carriage A525 will be leased to Lumsden Heritage Trust to be situated as part of their static railway display of heritage rail assets at the Lumsden Heritage Precinct.

Every 12 months, the organisations will be required to send photos of the stock back to the council to make sure they are being used for their planned purpose. If not, they will be moved on to another group.

Councillor Neil Paterson was supportive of the stock finding a new lease on life. "Obviously the residents of Ohai and Nightcaps don't want them anymore," he said. "I think it's enthusiasts that want them and I'm sure that they will take care of them."



Councillor Stuart Baird said Paterson was "totally incorrect" in his assessment of how the townships felt and it was a case of financials which determined the outcome. "They fought tooth and nail," he said.

Baird said there had been rail enthusiasts asking why the council was "giving away" the railway stock, but Mayor Gary Tong reminded Baird "that debate's been had".

- Stuff

Left: John Titter of the Lumsden Heritage Trust with an engine once owned by the Ohai Railway Board. Robyn Edie

NZR ROLL OF HONOUR BOARDS

The NZ Rail Heritage Trust, together with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, is researching NZR Roll of Honour Boards for both World Wars. It is hoped that the present whereabouts of these Boards can be identified. If any readers have any information contact Barry O'Donnell at NZRHT. railheritage@railheritage.org.nz, Ph 04 498 3089.

Newmarket railway workshops Roll of Honour board

NZ History website: 21 July 2016

In mid-1915, members of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants employed at the Newmarket railway workshops in Auckland unveiled a roll of honour board listing fellow members absent on war service in their social hall. Constructed by D.M.A. Bodley, the board was made of rimu and featured a shield surmounted by a crown and flags of the allied nations.

At this point it contained 11 names, with none marked as having been killed. His colleagues were yet to learn that painter Edward Lambert had been killed in action at Gallipoli. The board is pictured in mid-1917, by which time it contained 32 names, four of whom had been killed.

In 1920 the Railways Department considered erecting a board at Newmarket as part of its post-war plans to commemorate all railwaymen who died. It was proposed as one of a group of 15 boards around the country commemorating men from each rail district, the five main railway workshops and head office. A number of these were erected but apparently not the Newmarket board, perhaps because the 1915 board already existed. The Railways Department commemorated all railwaymen who had died in a roll of honour board at the department's head office in 1922.

It is not known what became of the 1915 board.

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East Town railway workshops Roll of Honour board

NZ History website: 21 July 2016

Credit: [1] 'Roll of Honour boards', ADQD 17422 W2381 34/1915/3312/1, Archives New Zealand

On Anzac Day 1918, workers at the East Town railway workshops in Whanganui unveiled a roll of honour board listing staff members on war service. It listed the names of 37 men, six of whom had been killed. When in 1920 the Railways Department proposed erecting 15 boards around the country as part of its post-war plans to commemorate all railwaymen who died, it considered not replacing the 'very fine' East Town board. [1] It is not known what became of this board. The department commemorated all railwaymen who had died in a roll of honour board at its head office in 1922.

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NOTICE FOR MAINLINE OPERATORS USING KIWIRAIL NETWORK RADIOS

I have recently been supplied with the KiwiRail replacement document for the old S/RA 003 "Rail Vehicle - Radio Communications Equipment" document, namely: S-ST-RA-2122 "Rail Vehicle Operators Radio Equipment(.pdf)

This document was released on 1-July-2016, and is apparently available on KiwiRail's "iKon" system, which some FRONZ Members will have access to.

All Network Operating Groups (NOGs) need to have their radio service persons / radio technicians made aware of this new document,

For the record: Document S-ST-RA-2122 incorporates and builds on the old S/RA 003 document (which is now some 6 years old). The biggest changes include the recent updates to the KiwiRail Network Control Operator's radio system, to include: - TX (and RX) CTCSS to be used on VHF Channels: 1, 2, 3 and 4.

- the new listing of optional UHF Channels: 41, 45 and 46.

- some minor revisions to the VHF SelCall / ANI ID coding requirements, etc.
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There is no change to the 12 monthly requirement for Rail Vehicle - Radio Equipment to be certified for use on the National Network Control radio system, but a simpler revised Annual Test Sheet is presented for use.

Any questions, please contact me on my email address below.

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KINGSTON FLYER LATEST

From Stuff Business

"Several" potential buyers have made offers on the Kingston Flyer, but its present owner is "not concerned" what happens to the iconic train.

Vendor David Bryce, of Renwick, said he was "not concerned at all whether it stays there [in Kingston] or not", despite Tourism Properties broker Adrian Chisholm saying keeping it in the Queenstown area was something that would be taken into consideration when weighing up offers.

Listed for sale at \$2 million and on the market since May, Bryce would not say how much had been offered, but said he would get at least the asking price.

Chisholm believed it was the "vendor's wish" to pass it on to someone who would get it back up and running in the area and "take it to the next level".

"The vendor is at the point where he's got several contracts [and] we're negotiating with various parties at the moment," he said. "We're happy with progress. It's going better than we thought."

Chisholm would not disclose whether most buyers were overseas-based, but said there was "widespread" interest. "I would expect the transaction to be completed within the next couple of months," he said.

Bryce bought the steam train in 2011 and it had been sitting idle for several years. The Queenstown Lakes District Council removed the two steam locomotives and seven wooden carriages from the Heritage Register in the 2015 District Plan. The council sought legal advice and was told it was inappropriate to have historic protection on items that could be moved and relocated.

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

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

Dunedin City Council has unanimously agreed to the Trust's application for a lease of reserve land on Mornington Park, allowing them to erect a 72Sq metre, three bay temporary museum building in order to house and display up to 4 cable cars and trailers. A Trust member and an avid supporter sat in the council chambers for over 4 hours awaiting the decision.

This decision by the Council marks a way forward for the Trust to press on and plan, promote and fund raise the necessary capital to erect the Mornington Cable Car building on the same site. The Council were made aware before their decision that this building will, once funding has been procured, be replaced with the Cable Car building, thus completing stage 1 of the greater plan, the re-establishment of the Mornington to Exchange cable car route. But that did not deter their decision.

The Trust has sprung into action and are currently preparing a programme of events for the purchase and construction of the museum.

First on the agenda is planning consent, Council have approved the Trust applying for this before the lease arrangements have been signed to eliminate delay, and that will begin in the next few days.



Trust members will be in talks with the Tramway Historic Society in Christchurch regarding lease arrangements for trailer 111 (above left) and possibly Roslyn Cable Cars 95 (above right) and 97 from their Museum. These three we hope will form the main display in the temporary museum on Mornington Park

TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From "Tracts"

As this issue was being written up, we heard that there had been no new funding confirmed for the Christchurch Tramway in their plans for this year despite several submissions from THS and other interested parties and individuals. While that might be the case, it has been great to see work underway on completing a 'missing link' in the new tramway loop, by the construction of the curve into Poplar Lane that was still to be laid in February 2011.

At Ferrymead, the main focus has been 'Hills' car 24 which is now entering the final stages of reassembly. Stephen Taylor has confirmed that fittings are now being permanently installed on the body.

Dunedin trolleybus No. 1 has finally left for its new home in its city of origin.

Graeme Richardson presented his proposals for a membership drive to the June Management Committee meeting, supported by his analysis of the personnel issues which the Society faces and some of the steps which we, as a Society, need to take.

FEILDING STEAM RAIL

Feilding Steam Rail has an addition to it's fleet, TR701 (A & G Price 1960) has been leased to FSR by it's Napier based owner.

With the closure of Kiwi Rail's Napier workshops TR701 was purchased by a local collector to prevent it from being scrapped. FSR are very fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to have the use of this loco and in turn provide a good home for it.



Wab794 rounding Milson Junction with a Feilding and District Steam Rail Society train to Masterton 17 July. *Easternline 751 Photography*

PLEASANT POINT RAILWAY



Left: Dave & Heath Gander working on Tr18's engine. Above: Hilary the Hough driven by Bill Noble, while Daniel Smith & Alf Dowall work on chaining up the railway line, ready for the lifting of it. Photos Bryan Blanchard

OCEAN BEACH RAILWAY

From Ocean Beach Railway NEWS

Ocean Beach Railway has a new General Manager. Mike Kilsby was appointed at the last committee meeting, replacing Shane Murray.

Junior Members Jack Scurr and Bradley Hill have quietly been repainting LC44448.

The YF ballast wagon has had some work of late. de rusting the wagon's hopper and coating it in rust kill primer and top coat.

YC ballast wagon. Jonathan has removed the bottom ballast discharge doors as they had rusted to the point where they would not close. A repaint of the hopper and wagon frame the lubrication of moving equipment should see this wagon looking good soon.

Dsa 252 has been removed from service and is having a repaint due to rust and the paint being in a bad condition.

Dsa 256 / 592 - After 17 years of being stored outside this loco has finally found a place in the work shop where work has started on cleaning up the under frame of the loco and removing brake equipment. The brake cylinders have been found to be in very good condition and an engine has been acquired for the locomotive.

Kerr Stuart - This loco has been removed from service due to a number of small equipment issues found with the loco after its return to service late last year.

Ds 203 - Graeme Fyffe has started work cleaning up the loco's hood doors. These doors are aluminium and have a number of bends in them and bent edges. So far he has managed to straighten the doors on one side of the engine (as well as making the locks function). Graeme will then continue to clean up the body for repainting.

Track - Ten 70lb track sets have been built and are stored in the compound of the railway. These track sets have been built to be placed on the hill section of the main line (Stadium Bank). Two 91lb turnouts have been purchased from Kiwi Rail and will be used to replace the two 70lb turnouts that are in place on the main line at the bottom of the hill section.

LITTLE RIVER RAILWAY STATION



I found these images of Little River taken by Andrew Hamblyn on Facebook. We don't see much of this FRONZ member but they do show how nice a station precinct can look.



Railway Station Opened
1886 - Vogel Style

Last Train Departed
1962 - Locomotive 704 Class Ab462

First Station Master -
Mr Thomas Grange jnr.

The first NZ made locomotive
constructed by Scott Bros, ChCh,
made the run from ChCh
to Little River with 5 carriages
carrying leading businessmen
on 24th February 1888.



DUNEDIN RAILWAYS

The financial year for the last season is now over. The TGL showed some good growth - for the whole year we carried 53,837 passengers compared to 47,584 last year. This is an increase of 13.14%. The Silver Fern carried 11,850 passengers compared with 6,300 passengers last year - this is an increase of 8.09%. Excursions and charters (includes cruise ship visits) were down on the previous year the total number of passengers carried on all trains was 86'473 in total - up by 9.08%. Well done to all staff.



Photos: P, Q and S cars are getting a facelift. Top picture is Car S with its new livery, looking a real picture. Above: The new FRONZ "Presidential Limo". Right: DJ1227 has had its motor transplant and all going well the motor will be tested on the 28th July. Plans are already in the works for repeating the exercise on another DJ next year.

PAHIATUA RAILCAR SOCIETY

"Wairarapa" railcar RM 5 getting closer to mainline running again. Still plenty of work to do but looking good. Photo Doug Johnston



Doug Johnston

CANTERBURY RAILWAY SOCIETY

Cleaning wheels of D140 — with Nigel Hogg at Ferrymead Railway. Even the general Manager gets to do the dirty jobs! *Photographer not recorded.*



STEAM INCORPORATED



Ab 608 led a weekend excursion to Taranaki late July. Here the train is crossing the Wain-gongoro viaduct on the Kapuni branch. *Photographer not recorded.*

WELLINGTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM

WTM have mounted a sign on Fiducia Tram 260 for the public to share their pride in winning the FRONZ Tramway Restoration Award this year. *Photo Trevor Burling.*



CLASSIFIEDS

Z WAGONS- MATAMATA

Matamata Historical Society have two Wagons which were mentioned in June Journal. We now have some images of the wagons. They do need some maintenance on the Superstructure.

Attached photos give an accurate "description" of the two carriages involved. I would expect that they will be available in at least 6 months' time as we have yet to construct their replacement display area. Presently they contain model trains plus a display depicting the construction of the Kaimai Rail Tunnel. Signal and sign are not included.

Ernie Keene, President erniekeene@xtra.co.nz



KIWIRAIL WAGONS

Following the abandonment of the line and customer from Kauri to Otiria, Kiwirail have the following wagons have become surplus to KiwiRail requirements.

Anyone interested should contact Chris Paice, KiwiRail Contracts Manager, chris.paice@kiwirail.co.nz for further details.

| Wagon Class | Used | No of Active Wagons | No of Condemned | No of Total Wagons |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| LPA | Loose Logs | 44 | 2 | 46 |
| LPF | Loose Logs | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| LPL | Short Logs | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| LPM | Short Logs | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| LPS | Loose Logs | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| SH | Loose Logs | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | | 96 | 3 | 99 |

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TEXAS CITY TRIES TO SELL HISTORIC 108-FOOT STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

An interesting story from Railpage about a clash between volunteer workers, bureaucracy and heritage locomotive status.

Weighing in at nearly a million pounds, the 108-foot historic Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe 5000 went from having rust holes the size of basketballs and gathering dust in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Depot yard to being moved to the corner of Southeast Second Avenue and Lincoln Street by a group who loved her, whether they owned her or not, said Sam D. Teague, president and founder of the Santa Fe 5000 Railroad Artifact Preservation Society.

The engine's legal owner since 1957, the city of Amarillo, now wants to sell her.

The *Amarillo Globe-News* reports the preservation society has a big problem with that, Teague said.

The society invested more than \$800,000 in goods and services to move the engine to its museum site in 2008.

Starting in 1930, Madam Queen chugged up and down the Santa Fe railroad lines between New Mexico and Kansas via the Texas Panhandle. The locomotive retired from service in 1953, and was donated to Amarillo four years later.

Then she sat and wasted away until volunteers stepped in, he said.

The engine's restoration odyssey was documented on an episode of "Mega Movers" on the History Channel. After the move, Teague said, his organization spent tens of thousands of dollars more painting and restoring her during 1,800 volunteer hours. Their goal is to restore the Madam to a functioning locomotive and pull passenger cars around the city.

"Can you imagine how attractive that would be for our city?" he said. "But the way the RFP (request for proposals) is written, there's no way we can even submit a bid for it."

Sonja Gross, spokesperson for the city, said she didn't know exactly whose idea it was to put the engine up for bid. She said parties had approached the city, so the city decided to make the locomotive available for sale.

"City management was approached by various groups that expressed interest in the locomotive, and because of that interest they, along with the city council, decided it was best to go ahead and issue an RFP to find out what the real interest was out there, in case other groups that hadn't approached them were interested as well," she said.

Gross did not say exactly when the Amarillo City Council voted to sell the engine.

"That was done earlier this year and there was one bid submitted," she said. "When it was opened, the job of purchasing was then to go through the criteria set forth in the RFP, and it turns out the criteria were not met. That made that bid a non-responsive bid, so the process was opened up again."

Although the preservation society would like to own and operate the engine, he said they didn't bid previously and will not bid this time either.

"The city is refusing to do what it takes for us to get it," he said.

"The RFP requires that whoever takes ownership of it have \$3.5 million general liability insurance and workers compensation.

We have no employees. We're all volunteers. We have all the knowledge and understanding to maintain and restore it, but we will have to ignore the RFP. I doubt there's anyone who will accept it under those terms."

Teague said even if the group were to gain ownership of the Madam Queen, they don't have the funds to move or restore it right away, and the RFP does not specifically address how long the buyer would have to move it, because the city owns the land where she rests.

This article first appeared on www.foxnews.com



FUTURE MAINLINE EXCURSIONS

A new feature in Journal is a list of forthcoming mainline excursions by our members. Hopefully all will be covered from newsletters and web sites but if any members have excursion plans please send them to Journal at scottosmond@xtra.co.nz.

Railway Enthusiasts Society

Whangarei Seatrain - Saturday 1 October 2016. Auckland to Whangarei train/boat.
Okahukura to Whangamomona. Rail Carts. Saturday 26 March 2017

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

A Day in The Bay. 25 September 2016. Feilding to Napier
Wellington Experience. 15 October 2016. Palmerston North to Wellington
Open Weekend 2016 . 5-6 November 2016
Night with the Stars. 12-13 November 2016

Pahiatua Railcar Society Inc

Taranaki Tourer – 22-24 October 2016

Steam Incorporated

Spiral Snow Express - Sun 21 August 2016 SOLD OUT
Daffodil Express - Sunday 11 September 2016. Wellington to Carterton.
Rivercity Express. - 16 October 2016. Paekakariki to Wanganui
Christmas Grand Circle - 4 December 2016
Christmas Twilight Express – Sun 4 December
Eketahuna Express – Sat 7 January 2017
Art Deco – Feb 2017

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services
West Coast Silver Fern Excursion - 5-10 September 2016
Buller Gorge By Train - 07 Sep 2016
Southern Rail Tour - Dunedin - Bluff - 27-29 October 2016

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai - 22 and 23 October 2016

No Mainline Excursions presently advertised for:

Mainline Steam
Diesel Traction Group

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



An historic Christchurch tram photo this month. More than seventy years ago when Papanui Road cut through Victoria Square, a photographer at the intersection of Victoria and Armagh Streets captured 'Hills' car 168 on a Route 2 working heading back to Cathedral Square. Most of the buildings in this picture are now since gone with the exception of the brick building to the right of 168, which is now awaiting strengthening and restoration works. Photo: Graham Stewart collection. Reprinted from Ferrymead Tram Tracts. *What struck me about this photo was the apparent peacefulness of the scene with very few vehicles (by the look of them I would say its very early 1930s) and a look of quiet and restfulness despite being in the central city. Editor.*

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