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NEW FRONZ WEB SITE

To all FRONZ member groups

At the recent FRONZ conference we had a short session where I talked about a new FRONZ website aimed at getting more people to visit members' event. Here is a lot more about that and how we need your help.

The current FRONZ website is aimed at encouraging rail groups to join FRONZ and serving members. This means it's not really appropriate or helpful for the general public. What we've done is to create a new website that IS aimed at the public and lets them know about rail-related sites and activities around the country.

Members are grouped by region so that someone living in or visiting Wellington, for example, can see all the members in the Wellington region. Links are set up to send the public to your websites to get more information about who you are and what you do.

We have also set up a new Facebook page where we'll post heritage rail news AND it will be set up so that it will display new content that you post on YOUR Facebook page as well. With news from all groups displayed in one place this should be as very popular Facebook page!

You can see the new website at: <http://www.new-zealand-trains-and-trams.org.nz/>

Have a look around and see what you think. For those using a mobile device the page is set up to automatically redirect you to a mobile-friendly version, and if the auto redirecting doesn't work there's a link for mobile device users at the top of the page.

The new Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/NewZealandTrainsAndTrams>

Now, what you can do to help. As the success of any website is determined by visitors and referral links we would appreciate it if you could please add a link to the new website on YOUR website and/or Facebook page. We would appreciate it if you'd use the following wording:

"Click here to search for more **New Zealand trains and trams.**"

With the actual link being the words **New Zealand trains and trams.**
and the link being: <http://www.new-zealand-trains-and-trams.org.nz/>

We would also ask you to ask your members to visit the website and the Facebook page and give us a "Like". That will really help.

All of these things will help get the website and Facebook page good positioning in Google and the other search engines. This in turn will drive more visitors to your websites and should get more people coming to your events.

As always your feedback is welcome at secretary@fronz.org.nz.
John Peterson, FRONZ Secretary

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

NZTA RAILS SAFE NEWSLETTER

The NZ Transport Agency's Rail Safety Unit has circulated the latest RailSafe Newsletter. It is a very informative newsletter which explains succinctly how the safety assessment programme will work, introduces the newest unit members and puts health and safety on the agenda. The newsletter is available online at <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rail-safety-news/docs/rail-safety-update-issue-16.pdf>

We encourage all member groups to ensure the newsletter is distributed widely among their membership. The publication helps to dispel misgivings that lead to rumour and speculation.

FRONZ is committed to working with our members to ensure their risk assessment processes are robust and that those in critical roles including management are kept informed.

We also encourage member groups to use the WorkSafe guidelines, <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance> as a good tool to establish efficient understanding of the principles of the Health and Safety in the Workplace legislation and its relationship to the Railways Act and other acts or regulations that affect the day to day operation of a heritage railway or tramway.

Accidents and Incidents

Had an accident or incident?

Accidents and incidents must be reported to the NZ Transport Agency as soon as practicable using the accident or incident notification form:

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/rail-incident-accident-form/

If the accident or incident is significant, call the 24/7 reporting number

04 499 1858
0508 RAIL 555
(0508 7245 555)

Please note: Advising KiwiRail does not constitute a notification to the NZ Transport Agency.

IF IN DOUBT, CALL US

LETTER FROM JAPAN

The following e-mail was received from Kyoichi Oda who attended the FRONZ Conference for the second time this year.

It was very nice to see you and I enjoyed your brilliant conference. I returned home after visiting New Delhi, Amman and Manila.

As I talked to you with No-i, Railway Cultural Society Taiwan has much experience to persuade government and raise social movement.

Some years ago, Taipei Railway workshop was closed. Taiwan Government and Taipei city council decided to demolish it and build condos and office buildings. It has many historical buildings and equipment, RCST started their activity to save it. They worked to mass media to appeal to public opinion.

They did a lot they can do, finally they succeeded to change government's decision.

They did same at saving Chungsha depot roundhouse, reopening closed scenic mountain line for tourist trains. They have strong political and social power, are very good at negotiating government.

Of course social system, people's thinking way, and business style are different. However I suppose some part of their experience could help you.

Indian Railway is considering to start their new business, overhaul and restoration steam engine and rolling stocks. Probably first case will be Cambodia, then The Philippines. It takes some years they will accept any request, but if it will go well, the price would be less than 20% of in your country. This is also possible benefit for you.

Our Indian host opened conference booking on following site. Any your members are very welcomed. I hope Scott would put on your news letter if it's possible. <http://aphtroindia.org/conference.php>

We also hope your members join our inline forum as Facebook group. It seems we need some idea to raise thrive discussion. It is helpful if someone in your organisation has idea.

I hope we will be in co-operation to improve our activities, for the future of our heritage railways and tramways.

Best regards,
 Kyoichi Oda
kyoichiodasteamloco@yahoo.co.jp

RAIL SAFETY WEEK 2016

Rail Safety Week is fast approaching, with just over a month until the annual awareness week launches on 15 August.

TrackSAFE NZ Manager Megan Drayton says this year's campaign will extend on last year's theme – "Expect Trains", focusing on reducing distraction and complacency around level crossings.

However this year there will be an additional focus on pedestrian safety in urban areas. "Vehicle collisions are actually continuing to decline, however we're starting to see more serious injuries and deaths occurring at pedestrian level crossings. Distraction caused by the use of mobile technology appears to be an emerging problem," Megan says.

Social media will also play a big part of this year's campaign. "We are always grateful for the support we receive from FRONZ members through social media, and hope that as many of you as possible will "like" and share

our posts again this Rail Safety Week."

Please contact megan.drayton@tracksafe.co.nz if any organisation would like any Rail Safety Week badges. More information about activities during the week will be available on the TrackSAFE website in the coming weeks.

Follow TrackSAFE NZ on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrackSAFENZ/>

Follow TrackSAFE NZ on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TrackSAFENZ>

**RESULTS FROM NAVIGATUS WORKSHOP AT 2016 FRONZ CONFERENCE**

Navigatus is currently undertaking a research project for the New Zealand Transport Agency on rail safety risks and as part of this research had already visited a number of tourist and heritage operators. The results from this workshop will help inform this research.

Navigatus held a workshop at the 2016 FRONZ conference to get a better understanding of the risk capabilities and attitudes of the tourist and heritage rail sector. The full report on the survey has been posted separately by a FRONZ Broadcast to all FRONZ members. Below is a copy of the summary of the survey.

Discussion and Conclusions

In general there seemed to be a good understanding of safety risk and most participants identified a good attitude to safety at their organisation (eg 'we have a duty to care so far as is reasonably practicable...'). This may have reflected to some extent the number of participants attending who had a governance role at their operation.

Despite this, many participants did not think all operators had the capability to meet current (and increasing) expectations in terms of risk and quality management. The issues raised with meeting expectations were not surprising for a sector that has many small organisations heavily reliant on volunteers (eg funding, guidance, training/experience, and administrative burden).

While participants were theoretically on board with reducing risks so far as is reasonably practicable, there also seemed to be reluctance to make any changes that could affect the heritage value of carriages. Given many participants passion for heritage carriages, this position could be anticipated, and this response appeared to be supported by the belief that carriages (and current standards) were safe enough.

Former approaches to safety in rail (ie prescriptive standards) seem to still be entrenched but are at odds with current health and safety legislation (is flexible, performance based). Elements of heritage operations (eg preservation) may conflict with the intention of health and safety legislation (eg continuous improvement and progressively higher standards).

It can be inferred from this survey that the risk management capability of the tourist and heritage sector is generally lower and that some operators may struggle to meet rising health and safety expectations despite good intentions.

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List of office holders following 2016 Conference and AGM

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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.

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

WAITAKERE TRAMLINE SOCIETY INC.

Update from President Jim Eyre from "Dam Tram News"

The Rainforest Express and Waitakere Tramline Strategy Committee met on 11th March and discussed protection of the huge heritage value of the lines, and a better fit model of managing and maintaining these public assets that have historical and recreational purposes. Also discussions took place on becoming a Trust to help implement those roles, among other things.

The new HSE Act 2016 (Health and Safety) has been in effect since 3 April, and has had already a significant impact on all of our operations to date, with Watercare being the responsible leaseholder of the rail corridor we operate under.

Watercare has disallowed public running on both Nihotupu and Waitakere lines to minimise the risks to themselves as leaseholder. It has also banned staff from entering any of the tunnels unless a confined space induction / register has been completed and signed.

Watercare issued a brief statement to WTS management dated 18 April stating:

"Our conclusions are that the Watercare Dam Tramlines are not safe for use, for example to operate trams. Access will remain closed for such operation. In addition, due to safety

concerns, Watercare's own use will be restricted. Non critical forms of access will not be undertaken. We trust you understand the position reached. As you may be aware, separate discussions are underway regarding the future use of the Trams in other locations."

The Strategy Group are at the stage that, when we meet again on 20 May, we will fill out application forms to become the Waitakere Ranges Tramlines Trust.. After the Trust has been formed, the Strategy Group will be under the Trust's name. It will enable us to apply for funding for a variety of plans in the future.

OAMARU STEAM & RAIL

A couple of photos taken by David Maciulaitis. Tr35 on train at Oamaru Steam & Rail - Sunday, 24 April 2016



CANTERBURY RAILWAY SOCIETY



The only remaining Wellington GANZ unit (EM 1373 and ET 3373), known as the "Super Ganz", back under the wires briefly on delivery to the electric traction section of the Canterbury Railway Society at Ferry-mead. This unit was given a major overhaul and upgrade before it was decided that buying a number of additional "Matangi" units new would be more cost effective, so all the GANZ units have now been disposed of.

SILVER STREAM RAILWAY

Interesting comments from editor of newsletter "Pantograph", Darryl Longstaffe on how SSR operates and looks to the future.

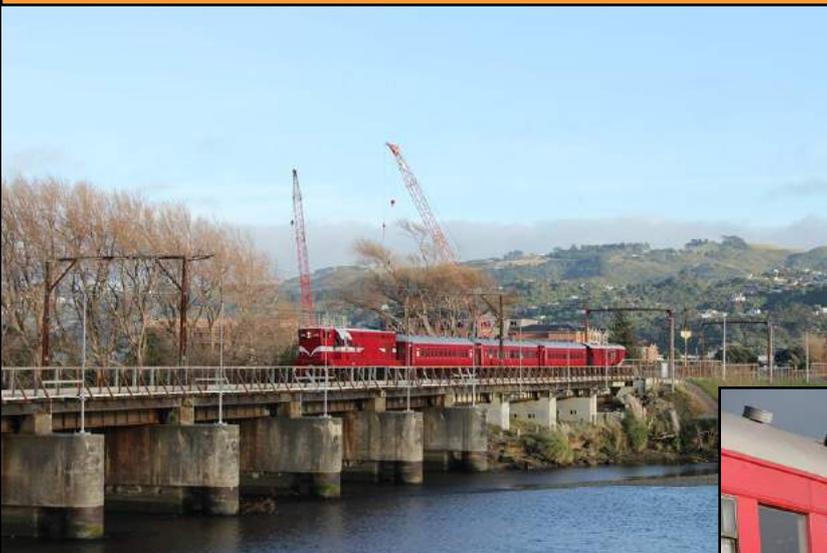
While most of us enjoyed one of Wellington's hottest and driest summers on record it was inevitable that a Hutt valley wide total fire ban was going to be enforced - and... no steam. This bought the De's (and Standard Railcar) into play for a number of months and got me thinking how fortunate we are to have a mixed stable of heritage operational locomotives of both steam and diesel power to call upon as circumstances dictate. It also proves a point to some sceptics that you can still attract visitors to the railway without a steam hauled train (based on consistently strong sales figures with diesel powered trains). The overall experience of a 'heritage train' and station precinct, combined with a shed full of treasures to visit, friendly and helpful volunteers, will ensure that our visitors keep showing up at the gate.

Looking forward it is hoped that when the north end of the site is developed further there will be a real destination where passengers can alight and walk through the new North End display shed, further adding to the experience.

And so, we continue as others have before us, chipping away at our goals and projects (the new display shed being the latest milestone). And with each week, month, year, our collective efforts make this railway a better place for those who follow. It would be interesting to see what the future SSR looked like in another 60 years.



STEAM INCORPORATED



On Saturday 18th June Steam Incorporated ran an excursion train via Wellington to the Wairarapa and Woodville. Destination options were the Pahiatua Railcar Society, Tui Brewery at Mangatainoka and Woodville. DA 1431 looking better than it ever did in NZR service.



*Above: Crossing the Hutt River at Ava.
Photo: Jeran Petersen-Clarke*

Right: Ngawapurua. Sunshine, black clouds and fenceposts – Photo: John Bovis

BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY

On 1 May we kicked off with the Concert at the Station . Postponed from January , due to bad weather, it was decided that , for the first time, the Concert would be held in the Workshop. The venue was such a success that it has been decided that this will be the venue for next year's concert.

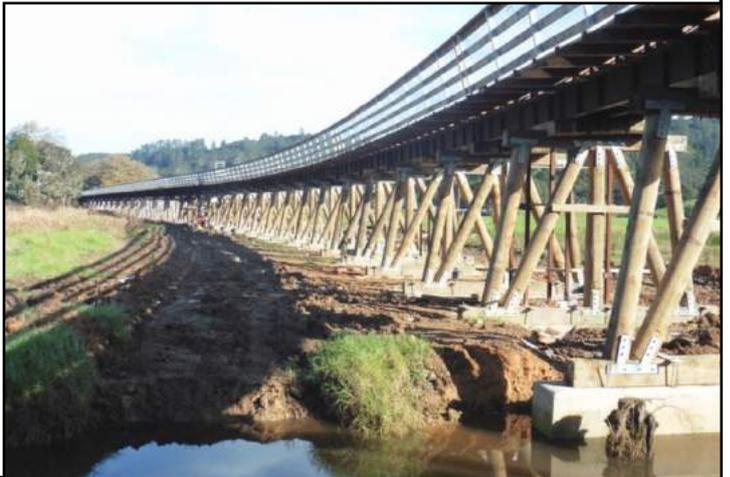
22 May and it was time for this most unique event; the annual Puff N Pull Carnival.

In between these two great events May become the month of the new volunteer . Was great to "Welcome Aboard" a number of new volunteers and the work they have done /are doing is fantastic.



Work on the Opuia development, which includes restoration and building work at Kawakawa and the new cycleway, as well as the exciting and forward-looking new station complex at Opuia, is continuing very well.

Longbridge - A special meeting was held at the offices of Far North Holdings in Opuia comprising members of the Rintoul Group, Far North Holdings, Haig Workman, BOIVR , Ian Hutchinson of Hutchinson Consulting Engineers Orewa , and Wallie Titchener. The purpose of the meeting was to review and assess technical issues related to the Longbridge Contract. The meeting then adjourned to Longbridge itself to continue the discussions and identify exactly the options available and to make recommendations which will be considered by all parties and resolved collectively.



BLenheim RIVERSIDE RAILWAY

Our new steam loco Donald during a test run under it's own power to the bottom end of the line.



THE TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From Ferrymead Tram Tracts

The decision to acquire prototype 'Standard' trailer No. 126 from its long-term rest as a holiday home on Banks Peninsula met with majority support at last month's meeting. The body of No. 126 moved to Ferrymead shortly after on 26 May 2016 and is now on short-term outside display pending available covered space in the longer term.



Above left: On 26 May 2016, No. 126 was on the move, bound for Ferrymead as a formerly 'grounded' body-cum-holiday home. Photo: Dave Hinman.

Above right: No. 126 and an unidentified sister 'Standard' standing at the end of the line at the Fendalton terminus with what appears to be a 'Boon' tram on 6 January 1950. No. 126 had only a few years' service left at the time before being retired.. Photo: Graham Stewart.

AUCKLAND DOCKLINE TRAM

The Dockline Tram is off the road for an extended period while the final stage of road redevelopment in Wynyard Quarter is completed.

Former Melbourne Tram SW6 881 is undergoing refurbishment at the Auckland Dockline Tram shed in the Wynyard Quarter. Alongside X1 257, with SW6 on left. 6 June 2016. *Photo David Maciulaitis*



GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY INC

From The Goldfields Express

Chris Hale and I have met with Hauraki District Council's mayor, who has offered to assist us with getting a well-presented strategic business plan formulated. I believe that John Tregidga is keen for Goldfields Railway to be the premier tourism operation for Hauraki, and Chris and I have spent considerable time in preparing information for his team to use in the business plan.

Chris and I have also been getting things organised with regards to the Waitekauri Bridge. The original bridge structure may be removed for use at the Waihi-to-Waihi Beach section of the Rail Trail, and discussions continue with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council's consultant to investigate the practicalities of repurposing the old bridge.

Peter Cooper - Committee Chair, Goldfields Railway



BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB

A couple of images showing recent work at BTC from their newsletter..

Next open days

Sunday 7th August

Sunday 4th September

Right: The Mamaku jigger joins the exclusive list of vehicles to make it to Glen Afton once more. (Image: I.J.)



Left: Mixed goods shunting with the Peckett at the end of the June Open Day. New green paint on show. (Image: C.M.)

BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB

From: Dam Tram News

Presidents report:

I have had a meeting recently with New Lynn MP David Cunliffe, and Raveen, C.E.O, and Rob Fisher of Watercare to discuss a new alternative line. With options to re-open public running, Watercare have put

forward some possibilities that we are considering, and the Strategy Group has been looking at various sites around the Waitakeres to run the tramlines. They have agreed that a specific Project Team needs setting up, comprising of representatives from Watercare, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), and the RFE/WTS Strategy Group.

For ATEED to be involved as a firm supporter of the new operations, any line must firstly and foremost have commercial and economic viability, so to get a foothold in the door we would have to share the tracks a commercial operator, but that hopefully wouldn't present us with a problem.

Cathy Bentley is formatting an application to make both lines officially recognised and protected as heritage assets.

CLASSIFIEDS**KIWI RAIL HI-RAIL CAMPERVAN**

2012 Mitsubishi Canter HiRail Campervan (see photographs).

Reg No DQW138.

Latest odometer reading : 58,235km.

No kitchen facility, has dual air conditioning in the cabin, Large 12VDC - 240VAC Inverter, bench seats in rear facing each other with table, 11 seat belts. Dual bus type seat in forward compartment facing forward. Similar to mobile meeting/board room. Certified to carry 11 passengers on road and 13 passengers on rail.

Contact: Chris Paice, KR Contracts Manager Chris.Paice@kiwirail.co.nz

**NEWMARKET SIGNAL BOX**

Advertised earlier the Newmarket Signal Box is still available to a heritage rail group.

KiwiRail wishes to dispose of Newmarket Signal Box free to a good home. It is currently in storage in Auckland, and needs to be moved in order for Kiwirail to move the old Newmarket Station building to its new site at the new Parnell Station late this year. There is also a 20ft container which is full of railway items including furniture and documents which were taken out of the Newmarket station before it was moved.

The contact is Aiman Grace, 09 363 8270, mobile 021 865 255, aiman.grace@kiwirail.co.nz

**LOS ANGELES STREET CAR**

The Poway Midland RR near San Diego, California, have a Los Angeles street car that is 42 inch fully operational for sale. Please advise of your interest . Photos available at www.powaymidlandrr.org.

Robert (Bob) Kaplan
H 001 858 521 9456
C 001 619 840 256

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

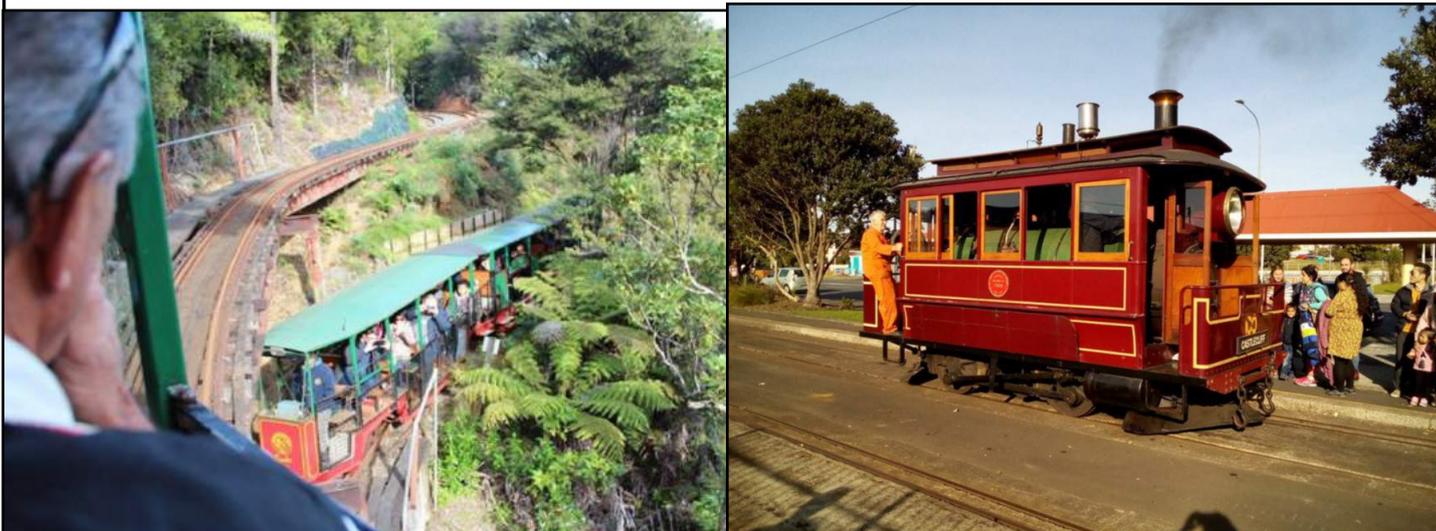
ASIA PACIFIC HERITAGE AND TOURIST RAIL ORGANISATION

From Newsletter "Loco Shed".

We are currently supporting following members' projects:

- Transforming former Taipei Railway Workshop into a Railway Museum in Taiwan;
- The steam train revival plan by Manila Railroad Club in The Philippines;
- Steam locomotive boiler inspections at Royal Railways in Cambodia; and
- Boosting custom for steam charter services at Jordan Hejaz Railways

Kyochi Oda took these great pictures on his trip to Driving Creek Railway and the Museum of Transport and Technology during the FRONZ Conference he attended in June. It is reproduced from the APHTRO newsletter along with others from Glenbrook Vintage Railway.



WEST COAST STEAM TRAIN 'NEAR MISS' FIRM FINED £200K

From Rail Page

A steam train driver has been given a suspended sentence and his employer fined £200,000 over a near miss at a busy main line railway junction.

West Coast Railway and the driver pleaded guilty after safety equipment was bypassed and a locomotive passed a signal at danger in Wiltshire in 2015.

Legal proceedings were brought by the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) following the incident at Royal Wootton Bassett.

The driver received a four-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months.

He was also ordered to do 80 hours of unpaid work. The company was fined £200,000 and ordered to pay costs of £64,000.

The Tangmere locomotive was being operated as a charter service by the West Coast Railway Company (WCRC) between Bristol and Southall.

On 7 March 2015 the locomotive stopped across a busy junction about a minute after a high-speed train had passed over the Great Western main line junction.

An ORR investigation found the train's driver had directed a colleague to turn off an essential safety system, designed to automatically apply an emergency brake.

Investigators said WCRC had not implemented "appropriate procedures, training or monitoring of staff" to stop intentional misuse of protection and warning systems equipment.

Both WCRC - which is based in Carnforth, Lancashire - and the train driver were charged under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Ian Prosser, HM Chief Inspector of Railways at ORR, said: "WCRC's ineffective management led to their train driver deliberately misusing a key safety system on a train travelling between Bristol and Southall "This prosecution has led to WCRC taking significant steps to improve its management of safety, with support from the regulator."

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

Mission Bush Line Excursion - 30 July 2016

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

Manawatu Gorge Steam Excursion – 7 August 2016

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

Taranaki Extravaganza - Sat 30 July to Mon 1 August 2016

Spiral Snow Express - Sun 21 August 2016

Daffodil Express - Sunday 11 September 2016

Wanganui - 16 October 2016

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

No Mainline Excursions presently advertised for:

Mainline Steam

Gisborne City Vintage Railway Society Inc

Diesel Traction Group

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Ab 608, *Passhendaele*, alongside Wellington Harbour below the Horokiwi Quarry. 25 April 2016.
 Photo D.L.A. Turner

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