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FRONZ CONFERENCE 2018

Conference Plans for 2018.

We will be in Wellington where our host group will be Steam Incorporated. Our conference venue will be the West Plaza Hotel at 110 Wakefield St in the city. Selected so we are handy to the night life nearby for those that want to enjoy the social side of our time.

So far our plans include:

Friday 1 June: An afternoon visit to the Wheelwright Shop at Gladstone in the Wairarapa. Visitors can take a scheduled train from Wellington where we will have a coach transfer us to and from Carterton to Gladstone, followed by return train from Carterton.

Saturday 2 June: Conference sessions all day with a free evening.

Sunday 3 June: Morning conference session and in the afternoon we will travel by coach to visit some of our members sites (including host group Steam Incorporated) in the Kapiti area.

Monday 4 June (Queen's Birthday Holiday): Coach to the Hutt Valley where we will visit more member sites before returning to Wellington and the airport for visitors to fly home.

Final arrangements are being made for the usual opening of registrations in April.



"NEW" MAIN LINE OPERATOR – GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY/RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS SOCIETY

Recently Grant Craig, FRONZ President, and Trevor Burling, FRONZ Executive Officer, visited Glenbrook Vintage Railway/Railway Enthusiasts Society to review the operations of the GVR, particularly its systems and processes, to confirm that they were robust and fit for purpose for proposed mainline operations. The GVR successfully received the approval from FRONZ for the issuance of a Mainline Licence. This means that officially the GVR/RES can now operate its own services on the national network, certainly an important and milestone event. Completion of relevant paperwork and input into Kiwirail systems is now the only outstanding item. Congratulations to the GVR team particularly General Manager, Tim Kerwin, Aaron Wong and others who have contributed to the achievement of this milestone. Credit must also go to Alan Verry GVR/RES Chairman, who has lead the organisation back to its recognised place as a Mainline Operator, after several years without a mainline licence.



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OVERSEAS VISITORS AT DUNEDIN RAILWAYS

FRONZ President, Grant Craig, had a recent visit from Sir Peter Henty, CBE, who happens to be the Chairman of Network Rail UK. Sir Peter has a soft spot for heritage rail and sees a place for it on the UK's national rail system, unlike New Zealand. His philosophy is that steam locomotives create huge amounts of publicity which is good for rail overall. He was impressed with New Zealand's scenery but hasn't seen many trains while here in New Zealand. His preference would have been to use rail to get around New Zealand but that wasn't possible. He travelled from Dunedin to Pukerangi on Dunedin Railways on Wednesday 31 January as he had heard very good things about Dunedin Rail before his visit.

A little information on Sir Peter and Network Rail:

Sir Peter was appointed Commander of the British Order of the British Empire, (CBE), in the 2006 New Year Honours for his work in keeping public transport in London running during the 2005 London Bombings. He was Knighted for services to transport and the community in the 2013 New Year's Honours.

Sir Peter, in his spare time, owns an original and road worthy London AEC Routemaster bus.

Network Rail's domain is immense. It owns 20,000 miles of track, 40,000 bridges and all the stations on the network. It also runs all London's major hubs. Last year, there were 1.65 billion journeys on the network. The network is in the process of the most ambitious expansion and development programme since the Victorian era.



Left: Sir Peter Henty (left) welcomed to Dunedin Railways by FRONZ President and Dunedin Railways Operations Manager Grant Craig.

Above: Sir Peter Henty's London AEC Routemaster bus.

On Friday 9 February the FRONZ President had a visit from another two esteemed visitors, one from the UK and the other from Australia. First to arrive was David Buck and his wife. The Buck's are owners of a number of locomotives, the most famous being the mainline operated LNER B1 1306 "Mayflower". David and his wife spent most of their time in Waimate with friends. He was disappointed to hear of all the hassles we have in New Zealand with manning steam locomotives and finds their operation in the UK has become much easier with rail companies being very cooperative in their running.

The other visitor who turned up unannounced was Robert Cochrane Chairman of the Emerald Tourist Rail Board, owners of Puffing Billy in Melbourne. Both these gentlemen and their wives travelled on Dunedin Railways and thought highly of the scenery and the train.

Below: Grant Craig and David Buck (right). Right: David Buck's mainline locomotive LNER B1 1306 "Mayflower".



APHTRO, ASIA PACIFIC HERITAGE AND TOURIST RAIL ORGANISATION

Conference & AGM 2018 in Qianwei, Sichuan, China

Unfortunately, conference 2017 has been postponed to 2018 due to problem of preparation process and getting participants. It is planning to be held in Qianwei, Sichuan, China. Everyone with an interest in heritage railways and museums will be warmly welcomed.

Venue & Schedule

The venue of the conference is Qianwei, Sichuan, China. Two hours' bus ride from Chengdu, capital of Sichuan.

Expected schedule of the conference programme (TBD) is;

15 Oct Mon – Visit Giant Panda research and breeding centre in Chengdu (optional)

16 Oct Tue – Move from Chengdu to Qianwei

17 Oct Wed – Visit and Ride Shibanzi Railway steam train

18 Oct Thu – AGM and business session

19 Oct Fri – Visit Leshan Giant Buddha and Luocheng Ancient Town (optional)

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

COTMA CONFERENCE 2018



The 2018 Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia (COTMA) Conference is to be held in Perth from Thursday 13 September to Tuesday 18 September.

The conference venue will be Seasons hotel in Pier St., Perth and a special accommodation rate is available for conference participants.

The Partner program has developed and partners are most welcome to join us and do some non-tramway things while in Perth.

Event details, timings, costings will be available on the booking form planned to be available late March early April.

The organisers have arranged for the WA State Manager of the National Rail Safety Regulator to speak to update us on Rail Safety. As part of the excursions, a tour of the railcar workshops at Nowergup Depot has been arranged. It is hoped that a set of cars will be raised on the jacks so that an inspection of the underside of the

train can be made. The Perth suburban system has grown extensively since the last Perth Conference in 1992

A post Conference Tour will depart Perth Wednesday 19, and return to Perth on Sunday 23 September including a day at Dwellingup for the Hotham Valley Railway Steam-fest on Sunday 23rd. The planning of the tour will allow participants to travel on The Australind train ex Bunbury at 2.45pm on Saturday 22, stay overnight in Perth and then catch the east bound Indian Pacific from Perth on Sunday 23 Sept.

UK HERITAGE RAIL ACCIDENT REPORT

FRONZ monitors reports of rail accidents regularly and a recent incident in the United Kingdom is of interest and has relevance to New Zealand heritage railways.

Mid last year a child nearly fell through a missing piece of floor in a carriage on the UK's South Devon Railway. The floor had been removed from the toilet area to fix a leaking brake pipe. The toilet door had been secured shut and the carriage put back into service but this failed and the child was able to open the door.

The full Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) report is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/report-022018-child-nearly-falling-through-a-missing-toilet-floor-south-devon-railway>

Important findings in the report are:

The risk associated with the absence of the toilet floor was not sufficiently appreciated nor adequately managed after the carriage was allowed to enter service. The RAIB also found that the South Devon Railway had no formal competence management assessment for staff involved in carriage maintenance. Both of these factors led to no-one detecting that the door had become unsecure.

The RAIB observed during the investigation that the South Devon Railway's maintenance regime did not identify the extent of the deteriorating condition of the carriage structure, and the railway's fitness to run process was not being correctly applied.

Recommendations:

The RAIB has made one recommendation to the South Devon Railway to commission an independent review of the actions it has taken since the accident to address the deficiencies in its processes.

The RAIB believes that the investigation has also identified an important lesson likely to be applicable to other heritage railways, about applying appropriate standards for vehicle maintenance, to ensure that the examination regime which they have in place will identify the foreseeable deterioration of vehicles, before it reaches a stage that may affect safety.

KINGSTON FLYER UPDATE

It's been confirmed the Kingston Flyer steam train will be remaining in its home town beside Lake Wakatipu. There were concerns the classic train set might be broken up, after being sold to mystery buyers.

A mystery consortium of local investors bought the operation this year, but the gates have remained closed. And while there was talk of relocating the heritage trains, it's been confirmed they'll definitely be staying.

Engineer Neville Simpson has been employed to assess the condition of the two steam locomotives and seven heritage carriages.

"The work that needs done to get them done to get them back up and running is reasonably substantial, but achievable," he says.

He's working with a small group of volunteers to clean up the classic train set.

It's hoped to have one locomotive "in steam" by February - the first anniversary of the death of longtime driver Russell Glendinning.

The full restoration bill could run into the millions, but investors are working on a business plan for a new tourism operation.

There's certainly a long way to go, but there is hope that one day the ticket office will again be open for business.

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/12/kingston-flyer-steam-train-will-stay-at-home.html>

Newshub. 22 December 2017

Right: Ab 795 in steam on 21 January 2018. Kingston. Photo Mike Kilsby.

A Kingston Flyer Open Day was held on Sunday, February 18.

This was a commemoration day for Russell Glendinning, drop in for a family day with food, coffee & entertainment. Kingston Flyer locomotive Ab795 in steam. Ab778 locomotive and heritage carriages were on static display. Funds raised will be used towards the preservation of the Kingston Flyer.



Above: The 3 wise men, Neville Simpson, Lindsay Challis and Mike Kilsby

Below L to R.: Mike Kilsby, Gavin Mortimer, Phil Jones, Gary Kupe, Neville Meek. All four on right are original Flyer firemen from Lumsden and have now all retired.



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 scottosmond54@gmail.com

BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY

From January Newsletter

Following Resource Consent approval for the new station at Opuia, an appeal was received which had to go to mediation. There was a hearing which went over 2 days. We are pleased to advise that a settlement was reached which enables us to proceed to gain funding and to advance our plans to work towards the building of the station and completion of our plans to restore and operate a steam railway experience between Kawakawa and Opuia. This was the North Island's first railway, and the Trust's plans will not only restore this historic gem but will, in conjunction with the Coast to Coast Cycleway and several other activities, bring very considerable economic and employment benefits to the region.

We at BOIVR are looking forward to an exciting 2018 as it certainly is the year with just one more tick needed to complete the journey. The first tick was the completion of the Longbridge contract in November. The second tick was the successful mediation settlement for the Resource Consent reached 22nd January for the Station Development at the Colenso Triangle. The third tick is the big challenge for 2018 and that is for the funding for the track rebuild and the Colenso project. Discussions have already been held with Northland Inc. Other options are currently being explored. However, we do expect to start the track recovery from Longbridge in March.



Above: The proposed Opuia Station.

Left: The completed "Longbridge" restoration.

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

From January Newsletter.

Interim Cable Car Building

Work began in October 2017:

The storage container was delivered to site.

The Security fencing was erected around the entire construction area and securely locked.

The building area was marked out in readiness.

After several false starts a company has been found to complete the laying of the boxing, working with the reinforcing suppliers and the various concreting contractors, laying of the tracks and finally erecting the building through to completion.

Trust members have been in talks with the Tramway Historical Society regarding the lease arrangements for the return to Dunedin of trailer 111 Roslyn Cable Cars 95 from their Museum and 97. After some fine tuning and additional requirements, it appears, that the two groups will sign the lease and the cable cars uplifted some time in February. A date will be determined once the building has been completed and site prepared for opening.

Right: Don McAra's impression of how the Cable Car building will look on Mornington Park



TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From February "Tram Tracts"

We held a 2-day event over the weekend of 6 and 7 January to commemorate 50 years of the operating of trams at Ferrymead. Saturday 6h January 1968 was the day of the first tram run. We re-enacted the first run using the same vehicles which were Kitson 7, trailers 115 & 10. Unfortunately the Kitson was not serviceable due to needing a boiler replacement so 22 was used to propel them over the same piece of track. We were also lucky in having the original crew of Don Spicer on Kitty and Dianne Hobbs (nee Bettle), Murray Sanders and Alan Roi conductors on the trailers. On Saturday night we had a spit-roast meal in the Friendly Society Lodge. Several people spoke of the original day and how the Society has progressed since then. On Sunday there was more tram riding. It was a very successful weekend which everyone seemed to enjoy.



Above: Saturday 6 January 1968 - CTB GM John Fardell cuts the ribbon, with THS President John Bettle, and Ferrymead Trust Chairman Guy Evans looking on. Photo: THS Collection.

Right: Saturday 6 January 2018. Performing the ceremonial honours on behalf of John Fardell, Max Taylor cuts the ribbon watched by Don Spicer, Graeme Belworthy and John Shanks. Photo: Dave Hinman.



WELLINGTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM

From "Tramlines"

Well our summer holiday running is over and with the weather playing its part it has been a good time for the tramway. From my observations, and comments from others involved, we have had a lot of happy visitors and hopefully this will show up with return visits and them telling others of the good time they have had.

The down side to the January Holiday operations has been the extreme difficulty we have had getting members to assist. It can be a long day with only two members running the tramway in a busy period. With some mem-



bers spending three or more days per week in order to fill the roster it has been hard going at times.

The trams available for services over the summer period have been double-saloon No.159, plus "Fiducias" Nos.239 and 260. Photos: Tommy Secker.



PLEASANT POINT MUSEUM

Journal previously covered the visit for filming of locomotive D16 to Oamaru. An article on the filming is reprinted here from the Pleasant Point newsletter.

A TV show starring our "D16"

On the 21st November, 2017 I received a phone call from Oamaru Steam and Rail saying they wanted to borrow D16 to be used in an episode of the T V series "COAST NZ" with Neil Oliver. This was confirmed through emails and phone calls from Great Southern TV, the production company that this is what they wanted. It was a bit of a rush getting permissions, authorities, costings and transport arrangements sorted as well as the paper work done but it was all sorted and D16 was loaded onto a trailer and transported to Oamaru on Tuesday 5th December ready for filming on Thursday 7th.

I travelled to Oamaru early on the 7th to drive D16 for the day. Arrived there before 7am and we had a bit of a problem getting steam up but it was already to go at 11am. I had a quick trip as a passenger along their track in their Husky shunter to learn the track layout etc., and then it was coupling up to the train ready to go. We had a quick meeting with the filming team and sort out what they wanted, gave a portable radio to the director so she could talk to the train crew and progressed around to The Red Shed which is at the end of the line. We then operated back and forwards from the

road crossing filming different bits. One trip was Neil Oliver talking to Harry Andrew about what he loves about steam engines and another trip was Neil Oliver shovelling coal into the firebox while the camera man was hanging onto the outside driver's side step. Neil wasn't too bad at being a fireman. You might see my arms and legs in this scene as I had to sit on the coal bunker and reach over them to get at the controls.

We were then treated to lunch and did some more filming in the afternoon with some more up and down train movements on different parts of the line and a small session of my hands operating the controls like the reverser and the brakes to finish off. We were congratulated by the film crew as they didn't require any retakes and generally had a good day. I know myself and Harry enjoyed ourselves immensely.

The episode will probably be shown about May or June this year.

D16 remained in Oamaru to be used on their running day 10th Dec. and reports came back they had a very successful day. D16 came back home on Monday 11th a bit dirty thanks to the coal burning but safe and sound. *Leon James.*



*Railcar Rm4 and Steam Locomotive D16 at Keane's Crossing on 14 January 2018.
Photo: Bryan Blanchard*

THE PLAINS RAILWAY

THEFT: In some less happy news this week, it has been discovered that several items have been stolen off the work wagon which has been being stored in the new shed. Items stolen are a large electric drill, a Makita electric chainsaw and - most importantly (and expensively) - our generator.

The generator weighs quite a bit so this would have had to be a multi-person job to a) lift the generator off the wagon (the deck is currently sitting almost 1.5m from the ground) and then to b) carry the generator out of the shed.

If you have seen anybody hanging around after hours, anything else suspicious or perhaps know someone who has recently acquired a generator, drill and electric chain saw, please contact the Ashburton Police on (03) 307 8400 or report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 *Facebook 8 February.*

NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND

National Railway Museum of New Zealand has a new web site.

Take a look at the latest progress at <https://www.nationalrailwaymuseum.nz/>.



The NRMNZ Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/NationalRailwayMuseumofNewZealand/>

SILVER STREAM RAILWAY

Silver Stream Railway celebrated 50 Years of Preservation with a special display day on 4 February to mark their start into preservation with the purchase of Ka935 from the NZR back in Feb 1968. *Pictures from Steam Incorporated Facebook Page.*



STEAMRAIL WANGANUI INC.

From February-April Newsletter

On January 20, 21 & 22: SteamRail Wanganui was once again involved with the Wanganui Vintage weekend. This year we had our doors open to the public on the Saturday and Sunday only, with some of our gear outside on display. On the Monday we gave Jigger rides as well. We also had a KiwiRail truck and some of the track tools on display, and the Wanganui Model Railway and Engineering Society Inc had a layout on show advertising their club also. Mainline Steam were in town offering short shuttle runs to East Town and Kai Iwi with their Jb loco on the first two days. We were hired to do the security of the train overnight.



We were well supported by the local public and we thank members once again for all your help. Mainline Steam also sends out a big thank you to the club for all our help. Members, you once again did our club proud. We must also give a big thank you to the Wanganui Fire brigade who came out twice to fill the Jb up with water for free.

Right: SteamRail Wanganui personnel on their "jigger train" which offers public rides in the yard. Photo from SRM Facebook page.

CANTERBURY RAILWAY SOCIETY

From "Branchlines"

From the General Manager, Michael Hobbs

We are near the end of our busy summer running period. The first few weeks of February were also busy; with the railcar operating on the 3rd for the Ferrymead Park night market, Steam Sunday (with Unit charter) on the 4th, and the Nostalgia Festival on the 10th before we return to normal running. The Park has notified us that from March our monthly Steam Sunday will be moved to the second Sunday of the month to avoid competing with the running days of other rail groups.

In recent months there have been various reports of suspicious behaviour and thefts from around the main park and tramway workshop.

For the three main projects the following work has been completed:

- 1) Construction of a secure compound for ways and works and signals material
- 2) Completion of the Moorhouse water vat
- 3) Construction of a railcar storage shed

F13 entered the workshop in December to prepare for its yearly boiler survey. This culminated in F13 being passed out and ready for service for the first weekend in January. Work on D140 has ramped up again. Both coupling rods were shipped to a blacksmith for straightening, and have since been returned allowing work on the brasses to recommence. Progress on A1177 has taken a leap forward, with the seats and doors reinstalled to one half of this carriage. This is to be followed shortly by the luggage netting. Work to prepare F372 for re-painting is ongoing. Work also continues on E844 which has had both side runners installed and fitting of the new deck is underway.



For the Lyttelton Tunnel 150th anniversary, TV1 were looking to mark the event in some way. We talked a little about what might be possible and explained we had one of the original locos that worked through the tunnel so it would be an ideal backdrop for an interview.

Thanks especially to Wayne McClintock who was our interviewee. Thanks also to Dave Hansen who sorted the electrics and crew.

Photos: Above left. Ec7 all polished and cleaned up for her appearance on TV1. 9 December 2017. Right: Wayne is interviewed by Donna Marie Lever. Ec7 provides an historic setting. Photos: Kevin Prince.

DIESEL TRACTION GROUP

The Diesel Traction Group's Di 1102 was removed from the group's shelter and repositioned in the Ferrymead Railway's main workshop to allow contractors to carry out the final repaint.

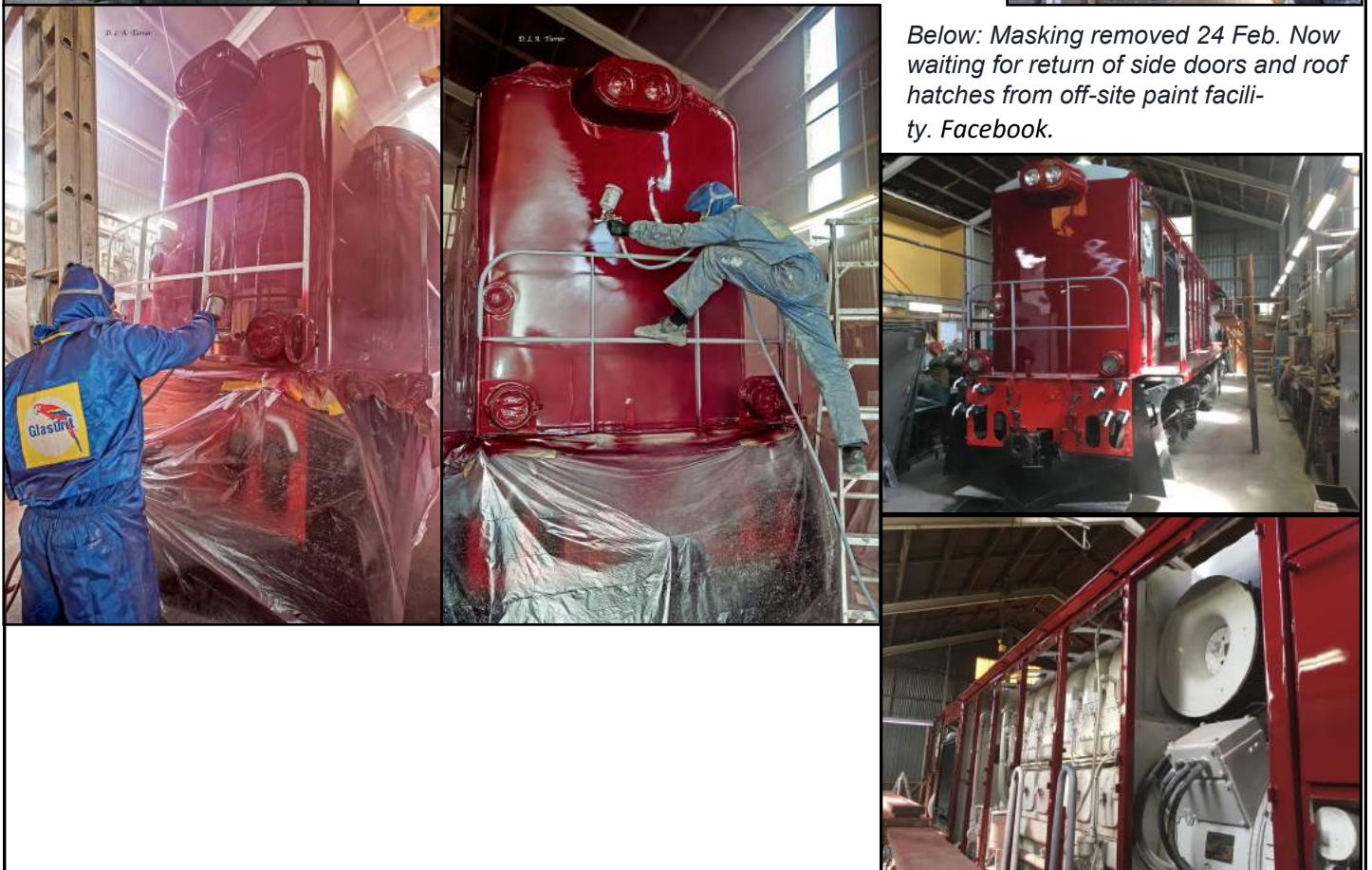
The initial images were taken by D.L.A. Turner on Monday 12 February 2018.

They show the locomotive side on, its front (cab) end, and its rear end.

In the photo of the Di's back end, a contractor, Chris Lyngard, is preparing a fairing compound to fill in the bumps, crevices and other blemishes in the metal surface, before sanding and then painting.



Below: Spray painting the cab end and rear end of Di 1102. 22nd February 2018.



Below: Masking removed 24 Feb. Now waiting for return of side doors and roof hatches from off-site paint facility. Facebook.

STEAM INCORPORATED/POUNAMU TOURISM GROUP

The Marlborough Flyer will run an 'End of Season' excursion on Sunday, 8th April 2018 to conclude a successful operating season.

*Below Right: On the last day of 2017, Ab608 hauls a morning run of the **Marlborough Flyer** out of Picton and over the Waitohi Viaduct. Photo Cameron Carter.*

Below Left: Wayne Mason having his knowledge of railways enhanced by one our young travellers. Photo: Jack Dolman Facebook



Below: Some photos by John Bovis of the day excursion from Paekakariki to Napier for the 30th annual Art Deco Festival. The 15th participation at this event by Steam Incorporated.



Train F02 at Dannevirke

Crossing Pahiatua Railcar Society RM31 also travelling to the Art Deco event at Awatoto.



Left: The abandoned road is the State Hwy 2 route through the Manawatu Gorge that is to be re-routed as maintenance has become too difficult after frequent slips.

MAINLINE STEAM HERITAGE TRUST

Mercer Update

MLS has been successful in negotiating the access to the site via the KiwiRail land. The agreement is for a period of 52 years which takes us to 2070. This now allows MLS to negotiate contracts for filling the site and drainage work that will need to be completed. MLS are also progressing the requirements for the turnout into our site off the Mercer Loop track.

DJ1229

Richard Head's DJ1229 passed a major milestone on its path to registration to main line certification with the endorsement by the Heritage Technical Committee. Next step is a trial run on the main line, confirmation by KiwiRail and then application to NZTA for the loco to be added to the Main Line Heritage Trust's Safety Case. A great achievement after 15 years restoring what was a derelict hulk to mainline standards. Depot Manager (L) Graham Wilson, Assistant Mechanical Engineer Steve Falvey enjoying the moment with Richard (R). *Facebook.*



Tui Express Mainline Steam ran a sell-out excursion from Plimmerton to the Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka, and return on 25 February. Here we see J1236 + DJ1229 at Paekakariki. *Photo: Ethan Calder*

MOTAT RAIL SECTION

F 180 has been the main restoration project inside MOTAT's Western Springs Railway's workshop for many years and is finally almost completed. F180 named "Meg Merrilies" built by Yorkshire Engine Co was in NZR Service from 1875 to 1932. Worked as a shunt locomotive at East Town Workshops, Wanganui from 1932-1965 and has been at MOTAT since that date.

*Photos:
"Bobby Bobster" Bouillon*



CLASSIFIEDS**TRAIN SEATS FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Antipodean Explorer (NZ) Ltd (the company that has purchased ex Auckland SA/SD carriages to refurbish them in to a luxury train) have kindly offered free to FRONZ members up to 1800 seats ex their recently purchased SA/SD carriages. The seats are only up to 6 years old and overall they are in good condition and are available in any numbers required so if you are interested please contact:

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**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Due to FRONZ "Journal" generously promoting our 2018 Great Rail Experiences Tasmania tour without charge, we have two New Zealand couples booked for our March tour. Your support of the tour is very much appreciated!

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SUNDAY STAR TIMES RAIL TOURS

Once again this year two FRONZ members, Steam Incorporated and Dunedin Railways, are providing the rolling stock for the Sunday Star-Times 14-day tours of the North and South Islands. All details are available at: <https://www.readersrailtours.co.nz/>.

FUTURE MAINLINE EXCURSIONS

This feature in Journal is a list of forthcoming mainline excursions by our members. Hopefully all are covered from newsletters and web sites but if any members have excursion plans please send them to Journal at scottosmond54@gmail.com.

Glenbrook Vintage Railway Scenic Rail

24,25 March. Railcarts to Whangamomona.
26 May. Silver Fern. Auckland to Putaruru, Tokoroa.

Other planned trip dates. Details to be advised are:

14 July
11,12 August.
8 September.

Steam Incorporated

24 March	Mangaweka Express	Paekakariki to Taihape (steam)
22 April	River City Express	Paekakariki to Whanganui (steam)
13 May	Heartland Flyer	Paekakariki to Woodville (steam)
18 May	Main Trunk Night Limited (One Way)	Hamilton to Kapiti (diesel)
10 June	Kapiti Family Express	Paraparaumu Paekakariki shuttles (steam shuttles)
28 July	Spiral Snow Express	Kapiti to Taumaranui (diesel)
9 September	Daffodil Express	Wellington to Carterton (steam)
October –Labour Weekend. Possible extended trip in South Island using DTG Di1102, Dg772.		

More details of Steam Incorporated trips at <https://mailchi.mp/d045072a13af/rail-excursion-update>

Marlborough Flyer

Readers looking to ride the new Marlborough Flyer, a joint arrangement between FRONZ members **Steam Incorporated** and **Pounamu Tourism**, should see their booking site at www.marlboroughflyer.co.nz for their regular summer excursions between Picton and Blenheim

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai—
Saturday 31 March 2018
Sunday 1 April 2018
Sunday 13 May 2018
Saturday 2 June 2018
Sunday 3 June 2018

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

4 March 2018. Feilding– Taumaranui return. (KR Diesel)
15 April 2018. Palmerston North—Napier return. (KR Diesel)

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services

29 April to 12 May 2018 Silver Fern Railcar Christchurch to Invercargill and return.

No excursions currently advertised for:

Mainline Steam

Pahiatua Railcar Society

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



How important is it that we do not forget the human element in attracting patrons to our rail heritage sites? This photo appeared on the *Steam Incorporated Facebook Page* of a "cutie" and her pet lamb standing in awe beside Ka935 at the Silver Stream Railway special day to celebrate 50 Years of Preservation on 4 February

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