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FRONZ CONFERENCE 2019

We are pleased to announce that the Pleasant Point Railway & Historical Society have agreed to host the 2019 FRONZ Conference which will be held in Timaru from 31 May to 3 June 2019. We are busy selecting a venue and accommodation and will have more news as plans are developed. It is 50 years since the Fairlie Branch was closed and 2.5 km of it saved by our hosts, who will help us ensure we have an excellent weekend.

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY LAYS CHARGES AGAINST DAILY FREIGHT LTD

Press Release: NZ Transport Agency

MEDIA RELEASE

1 August 2018

The NZ Transport Agency is prosecuting Daily Freight (1994) Limited for alleged breaches of the Railways Act 2005, following an investigation into an incident in Auckland on 25 January 2018 involving runaway rail wagons which the Transport Agency believes resulted in potential risks to rail safety.

It has charged Daily Freight (1994) Limited with five charges alleging breaches of the Railways Act 2005. The charges were filed in Auckland District Court.

The charges relate to alleged failures relating to compliance with the company's safety case, compliance with the terms of its licence, and alleged failures relating to training, supervision and notification requirements.

These are the first charges brought under the Railways Act 2005.

As the matter is now before the Court the NZ Transport Agency will not be commenting further.

Note to editors:

The NZ Transport Agency has primary regulatory responsibility for rail safety in New Zealand.

The Rail Safety team is tasked with assuring stakeholders and the public that the country's rail networks are being managed safely. This is achieved through regulation of the rail industry in accordance with the Railways Act 2005.

For more information: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/rail/>

NORTH ISLAND MAIN TRUNK OR TE ARA-O-TURONGO RAILWAY?

Name change proposed ... ("Dominion Post" – Fri 3rd August 2018)

A promise made in 1885 could lead to a name change for a section of the North Island Main Trunk railway line.

The NZ Geographic Board is seeking public submissions on a proposal to change the name of a 112-km section of track, between Taumarunui and Te Awamutu, to Te Ara-o-Turongo. The application was made by the Office of Treaty Settlements on behalf of Ngati Maniapoto. The proposed name translates to "the track of Turongo" or "Turongo's Pathway". Turongo was tupuna, or ancestor, of many Tainui iwi.

The North Island Main Trunk is the railway that connects Wellington and Auckland. During a ceremony in 1885 to mark the beginning of construction of this railway, the Crown agreed to name the section Turongo but the title was never officially adopted. Public consultation on the section of track – located north of Raurimu Spiral - will run until October 26. Submissions will be considered in 2019.

See <https://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/place-name-consultation/15486>

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

LETTERS. SLEEPER DATE NAILS.

I have been receiving your FRONZ Journal for some time now. It is sent to me by a friend in New Zealand and I enjoy reading the activities of your organization as well as the events occurring half way around the world. My wife and I had the opportunity several years ago to visit both islands in a leisurely manner and truly enjoyed that trip. I was even able to get a locomotive cab ride on the TranzAlpine run from Greymouth to Christchurch.

The purpose of this email is to see if your membership might know something about a date nail used over there in 1912. I research, write about and collect date nails from all over the world and have written a couple of books on the subject - New Zealand and Australian date nails being one of those. If you are not familiar with the date nails used in New Zealand, they were a steel nail with a single or double digit number on the head indicating the year the tie (sleeper) was placed into service. The set of nails used in New Zealand ran from 1904 to 1927. The only date not used or made was the 1918. There is a 1918 on exhibition at the Pleasant Point museum, but that was "created" to fill the void and complete the series. So it is not genuine but looks like it belongs!

There are two years where a variety to the date exist - 1910 and 1912. I have all of the nails with the exception of a variety of that 1912. The purpose of this email is to see if I might inquire as to the legitimacy of this 1912 variant and see if any of your members have actually found it in situ in a sleeper or can verify its use as a rail related date nail? Obviously I would like to get the nail to complete my personal set, but more important I would like to find someone who actually has the nail and can attest to its legitimacy. It is the 12 without the dot or the underline.

I do not know if you have any interest in running a small article asking these questions or not? But I thought I would just inquire. Below please find a scan of the set of New Zealand sleeper nails. The 12 is included and the particular variety I am trying to research of also shown separately as well as in the composite. Again, the 18 is not genuine but has been manufactured to fill the series out.

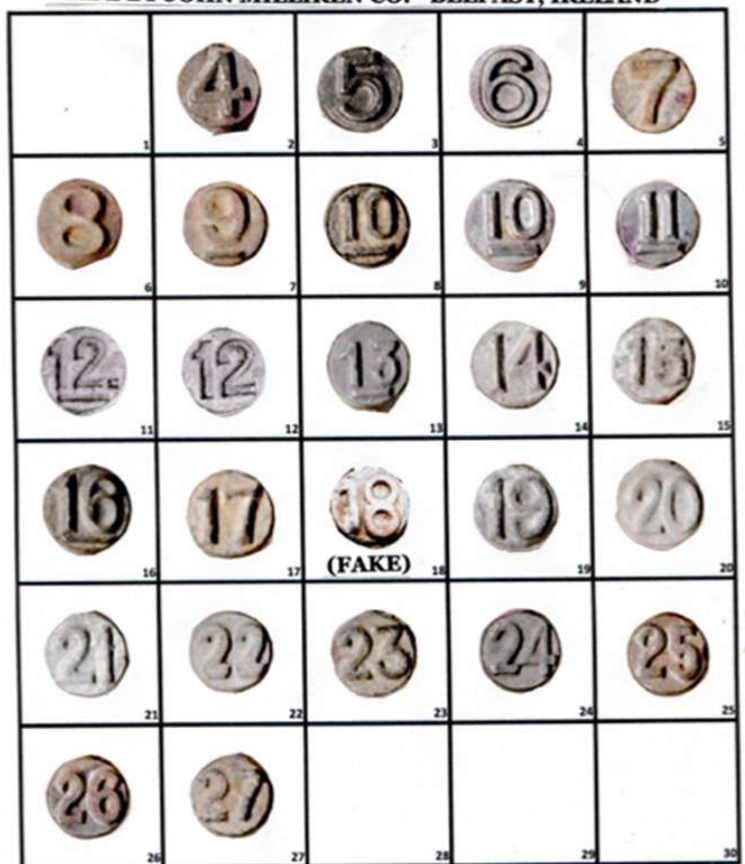
I look forward to any reply and appreciate any help. I have included the URL for the book I put together on the date nails used in New Zealand and Australia.

<http://pages.uindy.edu/~oaks/Book/RollandAustraliaNewZealand.pdf>

Regards,

Rolland Meyers
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Oakland, California 94611

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NEW FRONZ MEMBER—TARANAKI PIONEER VILLAGE

The Taranaki Pioneer Village in Stratford have joined FRONZ. www.pioneervillage.co.nz. At the village there is a popular three carriage, 2-foot gauge railway, around the site over approximately 500 meters.



ROSLYN GRIP CAR 95 ON THE MOVE AGAIN

Restored grip-car 95, that once ran on the Roslyn cable car route, will soon be back in Dunedin to be displayed alongside its unrestored sister car 97. It will be the third of four cars (Mornington grip car 103 will follow in a few years) to be brought back to Dunedin by the Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust.

It is hoped that when Mornington 103 is ready to transfer from Ferrymead that the Mornington Cable Car Museum will have been funded and built.

Built by Cossens and Black, grip-car 95 passed its Ministry of Works tests in 1906.

The grip car spent its working life on the Rattray Street cable line between Rattray St and Ross Street, terminating in Fraser's Road in Kaikorai Valley. Originally Number 4 on the Roslyn Tramway Company's Cable Car line, it was re-numbered to 95 when the line was taken over by the Dunedin City Corporation Tramways (D.C.C.T.). It was written off on 26 October 1951.

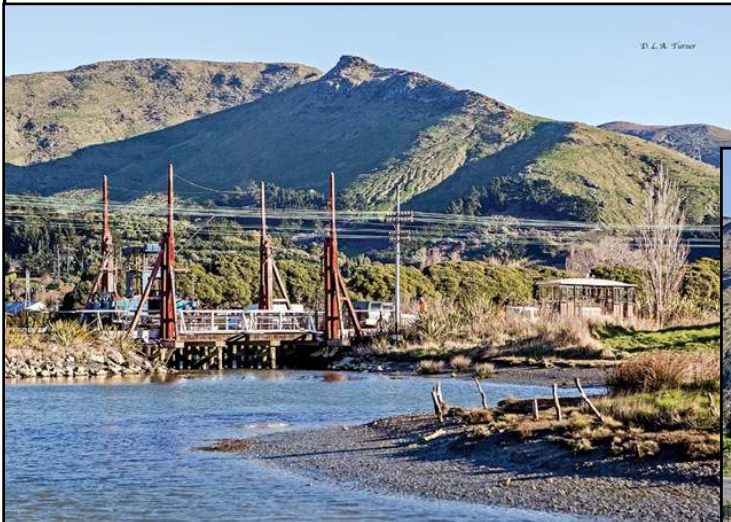
After finding it in use as a shed near Waihola, 95 was acquired in 1969 by the Tramway Historical Society at Ferrymead, Christchurch where it was rebuilt by Trevor Craib, with help from Barry Marchant and other THS volunteers. It was restored to its complete 1940s form. This involved the manufacture of replica parts, including a top-jaw gripper and the brake mechanisms.

On Thursday 26 July 2018, grip-car 95 was removed from the *Hall of Wheels* in the Ferrymead Heritage Park where it had been on display since the 1970s.

Back outside in daylight, it began its first long tow for many years (albeit this time not by rope) to the Tramway Historical Society's tram barn and workshops. It will have some repairs done underneath, and hopefully a clear coat over the paint work to give it a final sparkle and some more protection in the Mornington Park barn where restored Mornington trailer 111 awaits its arrival.

The tow was hauled by THS's home-made service vehicle #5, *The Beast*, assisted by road vehicle and by human two-legged puff in places.

Photo Essay by D.L.A. Turner.



Left Crossing the former Ferrymead Lift Bridge over the Heathcote Estuary overflow.



Right. With the Port Hills as backdrop, Jonathan Day rearranges the strop attached to 95 and linked to Alan



Left. Passing the track gang's ballast wagon in the loop, Ken Henderson tows 95 with The Beast at the barn end of the Ferrymead Tramway. Alan Hinman on the step of 95 supervises the tow over the approaching point work.



Left. Alan Hinman checked the positioning of the towing stop. Watching on anxiously from the other side was Don McAra.

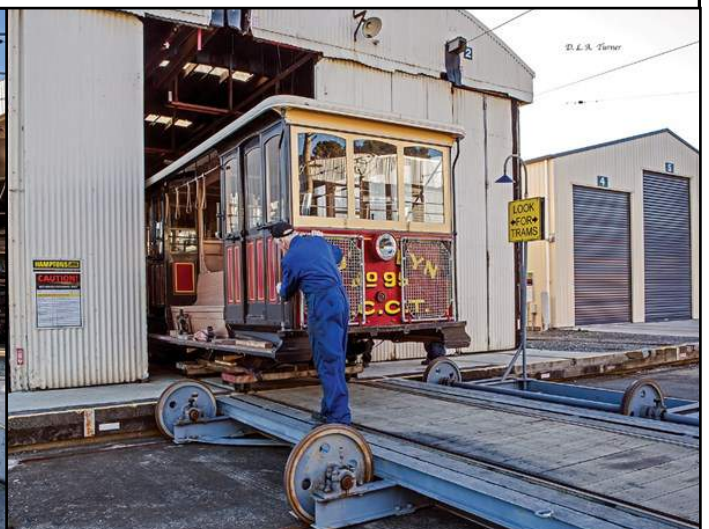
Right: The Beast towed Roslyn 95 mounted on its standard-gauge cradle around the point work leading up to the Traverser into THS's barns and workshop area.



Left . Watched by tram restorers (from the left) Don McAra, Brian Fairbrass and Graeme Richardson, 95 was eased on to the Traverser.

Below Left. As Don McAra and Graeme Richardson watched on in the background, Ken Henderson used The Beast to position 95 on the Traverser.

Below Right. Ken Henderson pushed 95 into its temporary storage road in the THS's Ferryroad tram barn #2.



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

AUCKLAND DOCKLINE TRAM

Only in Auckland would you see the demise of trams not once but twice. In 1956 and now in 2018 we have seen the second loss of trams. The latest Dockline Tram just got in the way of downtown development so the Council Controlled Organisation, Panuku Development Limited, responsible for the Wynyard Quarter development, just told it to go away. Of course the tram could and should have been extended to run a route from the rapidly developing Viaduct Harbour Area to Britomart Transport Centre and it would have been used by visitors as well as many workers in the area, but no, it wasn't to be. So on Sunday 5 August Auckland again farewelled trams.

Auckland Councillor and ex Auckland Regional Council Chairman, Mike Lee, who championed the tram and has also supported Auckland's rail renaissance was present as well as well-known tram aficionados and a good number of public for the last day of operations.



Above. Mike Lee, ?, Charles Richards, Susan Walker, Michael Leefe, David Maciulaitis, James Duncan and Alan Curtis.

Left. Mike Lee at the controls for the last run back to base.

Photos. Sean Heenan.

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

The Society's two leased Dunedin cable cars—partially-restored Roslyn grip tram 97 and restored Mornington trailer 111—have now settled into their new home at the cable car barn in Mornington Domain. Photo Robert Moreys Reprinted from August Ferrymead Tram tracts.



WESTERN SPRINGS RAILWAY

MOTAT held their annual live rail day with locos working three trains on 19 August. Special starring role was to the newly restored F180 "Meg Merrilies". F180 worked for 90 years from 1875 to 1965 for NZR the last 30 as a shunter at Eastown, Wanganui.

In the picture the fireman is exchanging the tablet with the crew of Y542. *Photo: Jacob Stuart.*



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Saturday 6th October
Weka Pass Railway, North Canterbury

Passenger 1102s depart Glenmark at 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm

The Largest Live Display of English Electric Diesel Traction in New Zealand Railway Preservation History!

Join in with the action this October on the Weka Pass Railway. Five English Electric Diesel Locomotives all in one place – all on show for one afternoon only! 6th October, mark the date on your calendar. Commemorating 40 years since the closure of the Waiau Branch in 1978...

The first passenger train – departing Glenmark Station at 1:30pm – is expected to be doubleheaded by Diesel Traction Group's Di 1102 and Dg 772. There will be two photographic run pasts en route to Waikari, where the train can be captured in action for posterity. After a short stopover at Waikari, the duo will haul the return train back through the scenic Weka Pass.

Passengers on the second passenger train of the day – departing Glenmark Station at 4:30pm – will endure fine evening views along the line. Quadheaded with 4 locomotives on the drawbar (an insane 3,500 horsepower lashup), this trip will be one to be remembered. Two run pasts in the late afternoon light are planned, as well as a 'false departure' photo shoot at Glenmark Station. A recreation of this train is unlikely to occur again in the foreseeable future, with 1102 and 772 heading back onto the mainline after the event.

The evening train will have an extended stopover at Waikari village. The Star and Garter Hotel, Pam's Cafe and the Waikari Tearooms will be opening their doors for you to experience some quality Hurunui hospitality. These outlets are all an easy 5 minutes walk from Waikari station.

Prior to the departure of the first train, there will be plenty of opportunities for photography around Glenmark featuring all locomotives, period road vehicles and a demonstration goods train (more details will be released closer to the time)

Locomotive Lineup
DE 1429 (De 512), Dg 770, Dg 772, Dg 791, Di 1102

Tickets available now from <https://wekapassrailway.co.nz/ee-showcase/>

Right: Diesel Traction Group, Di 1102, recently on the Weka Pass Railway. Photo: David Oakley



PLEASANT POINT RAILWAY AND MUSEUM

23rd September 2018: Recommissioning Ab699

A special steaming day, when Ab699 will enter service after its big 10 yearly inspection plus work that needed doing on it. Ab699 has been out of service for around 4 years. It will be great to see it operating on our railway line again. Dowall McLeod will cut a ribbon as it enters service again and also during the day. Marking 50 years since the Fairlie branch line closed in 1968, Ab699 dressed up as Ab718 will be piped out of the Pleasant Point station at 12 noon and at 1.45pm, Ab699 will be piped into the Pleasant Point railway station where Dowall will cut the ribbon. Ab718, the first locomotive on the final excursion train on 2 March, 1968, was cut up for scrap many years ago. Thanks to the Mackenzie Highland Pipe Band who will be in attendance for this. Night running will run from 7pm to 9pm and, Ab699, D16 steam locomotives will be operating along with the Ford Model T Railcar, RM4. The first time, the 3 have operated at night time.

From. Gazette, August 2018



Ab 699 celebrating its 90th birthday on 19 August, 2012.

Photo Bryan Blanchard.

Golden Wedding Bells

Bryan and Marian Blanchard, both original members and stalwarts of the Pleasant Point Railway and Historical Society and the Pleasant Point Museum and Railway, were joined in Christchurch by family and friends on Saturday 25 August 2018 to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. At the gathering in the Christchurch Art Gallery's cafeteria were many of Bryan and Marian's siblings with their partners, their four children and their partners, members of the original wedding party, and their seven grandchildren. *Photo and text from D.L.A. Turner.*

Congratulation Bryan and Marian from FRONZ. Both of you have made a huge contribution to New Zealand's rail heritage. The varied attractions, not only rail related, at Pleasant Point are unique and a credit to the work you both have put in there over the decades.



CLASSIFIEDS

DARGAVILLE RAIL & RIVER TOURS REQUIRE JIGGER/LOCOMOTIVE.

Dargaville Rail & River Tours are looking for a jigger or even a small locomotive that we can use for a work unit on our line and have no objection to them needing work as we have fifty kms of line the golf carts are not really suitable.

Contact John Hansen johnerichansen57@gmail.com. 021 238 7869

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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

8 September	Silver Fern Otahuhu to Helensville
13-27 October	South Island tour

Steam Incorporated

9 September	Daffodil Express	Wellington to Carterton (steam)
14 October	Heartland Flyer	Paekakariki to Woodville (steam)
17-23 October	South Island Rail Tour	
2 December	Christmas Grand Circle	(Diesel)
5 January 2019	Ekatahuna Express	(Steam)

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. 2018-2019 season runs from 3 October 2018 to 21 April 2019.

Mainline Steam

25 November	Tui Express, Plimmerton to the Tui Brewery for lunch.
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Pahiatua Railcar Society

20 October	Manawatu Gorge Shuttle. Woodville to Ashhurst (return)
21 October	Manawatu Gorge Shuttle. Ashhurst to Woodville (return)
19-20 January 2019	Wanganui Vintage Weekend

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai—

Sunday 21 October 2018
 Thursday 27 December 2018
 Friday 28 December 2018
 Saturday 5 January 2019
 Sunday 6 January 2019
 Sunday 27 January 2019
 Sunday 17 February 2019
 Saturday 2 March 2019
 Saturday 20 April 2019
 Sunday 12 May 2019
 Sunday 2 June 2019

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

7 October	Feilding to Te Kuiti return. (KR Diesel)
10 November	Feilding Depot Open Weekend

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services

7-12 September	Silver Fern . Dunedin to Greymouth return.
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15-21 September	Silver Fern . Christchurch to Invercargill return.
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22-28 September	Silver Fern . Christchurch to Invercargill return.
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20-21 October (Labour Weekend)	Middlemarch trips featuring Di1102 and Dg772.
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22 October	Dunedin to Invercargill return featuring Di1102 and Dg772.
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



This month we feature the closure of the Fairlie Branch 50 years ago.

On its way home from Fairlie to Timaru, the final excursion train which consisted of 16 passenger carriages and a guards van, enters Cave with about 850 passengers. Ab718, with a headboard and flags on, followed by Ab798 hauling the heaviest train seen on the branch line for a number of years, on 2 March 1968.

Photo: Wilson Lithgow, reprinted from Pleasant Point Railway and Museum and Gazette, August 2018

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