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NZTA FUNDING REVIEW. ***** IMPORTANT *****

As you will be aware from conference, NZTA is in the midst of reviewing its funding structure. This is important for each and every group as it affects the fees NZTA will charge you, and the levies your groups will have to pay.

All FRONZ members who hold a rail operator's licence should by now have received the Rail safety regulator funding review discussion paper. We would encourage members to have a say on this topic, as it will have the potential to impact the ability of your organisation to use hard earned funds on developing your railway or tramway. Although we acknowledge the need for oversight of our operations by the regulator, this must be done at reasonable cost according to the level of risk presented.

Any amendment to the Railway Regulations regarding funding will be as a result of this consultation, so it is particularly important that members consider the suggested levels of charges that may apply to any given railway or tramway. The main point is, is it a reasonable cost for the level of associated risk?

The discussion document gives reference to a whole raft of supporting documents which are a part of the NZTA argument for raising the service rates.

FRONZ is supportive of continuous improvement in the management of safety on our railways and tramways, but it must be done at reasonable cost with a measurable benefit to our members in terms of greater efficiency which leads to high performance safety outcomes.

It would appear that the main driving concept of this review is attributable to the outcomes of a review of the NZTA Rail regulating performance conducted by ATRS, and Australian Rail research organisation. And a mixture of conclusions drawn by the Navigatus report conducted in 2016.

It seems evident that some decisions are based on raw data without any analysis of the large number of derailments for example resulting in minimal if any damage or injury.

Please treat this opportunity to have a say as a priority and get it to NZTA on or before 5pm on Wednesday 21 November.

**** When you make your submission, please CC trevor.burling@gmail.com into your response. This will help us act on your behalf and ensure we are all pass on a similar message. Any questions please direct to Trevor. ****

The link to the NZTA discussion paper is: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/consultations/rail-safety-regulator-funding-review/>.

Under the heading "How to have your say" there are links to completing the [online submission form](#) and/or completing the [downloadable submission document](#). You can either fill this out directly on your computer, or print it and hand-write your response

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LABOUR WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA IN THE SOUTH

Right: The first segment of the South Island activities was an excursion from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass and return. The red Steam Incorporated carriages are doing a South Island Tour.

Diesel Traction Group locomotives Di 1102+ Dg 772 and train crossing the Bealey Bridge on Wednesday 17 October. This could have been a scene from the 1960's. *Photo: D.L.A. Turner*



Left and Below: Diesel Traction Group from Facebook



Photo Left: Bobby Boulton





Above: Heading south on Labour Day just North of Lake Waihole. Photo Steve Watts



Above: David Oakley photographed the train in the Taieri Gorge at Parera passing the well-known railway house.

And finally, some "Behind the Scenes" photos from the DTG Facebook page.



The Waipara-CHCH-Arthurs Pass_CHCH-Oamaru crew.

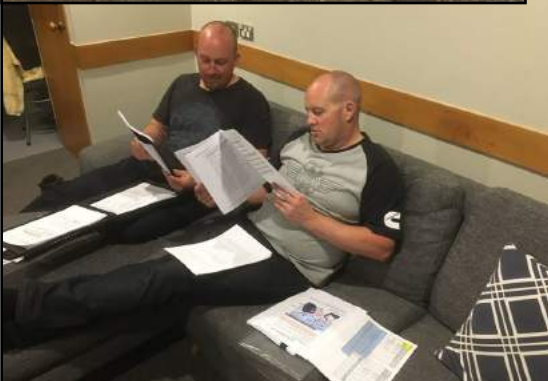


Canola fields south of Oamaru



Left: Parked up for the night after a hard day's work.

Right: Quenching the thirst for fuel, yet again, after arrival from Arthurs Pass.



Left: The ritual of night-time document preparation and familiarisation to be ready for the next day.

Right: LA's view of more wonderful South Island scenery.



MARKING 50 YEARS OF DJ LOCOMOTIVES

From "Otago Daily Times", 20 October.

About 120 lovers of diesel electric locomotives arrived in Dunedin from Oamaru by train yesterday afternoon, and hundreds of people are expected to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Japanese-built Dj locomotives in the city this weekend.

It is understood that Dunedin Railways owns seven of the nine operational Dj diesel electric locomotives in New Zealand.

The Dj class locomotives were built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and introduced to New Zealand in 1968-69 for the New Zealand Railways Department.

They were bought through a modernisation loan from the World Bank to replace steam locomotives in the South Island.

Railway Enthusiasts Society president Alan Verry, of Auckland was "excited" to arrive in Dunedin aboard red-painted heritage carriages pulled by Christchurch-based Dg and Di diesel electric locomotives yesterday.

Fifty-seven of those passengers aboard the train were mainly society members but also included 19 Australian train enthusiasts.

The remaining passengers included other train enthusiasts, many of them from the North Island, and two people from the United States.

Mr Verry said five organisations, including the society, had joined forces to make the weekend reunion a success: the other parties were Dunedin Railways; KiwiRail; Steam Incorporated, of Paekakariki, which had provided the red-painted heritage carriages; and the Diesel Traction Group, of the Ferrymead Heritage Park, Christchurch, which was providing two restored diesel electric engines.

Dunedin Railways operations manager Grant Craig said the anniversary was a positive event for Dunedin.

Anniversary-related train trips will run from today until next Tuesday, and a special excursion train pulled by Dg, Di, and Dj engines will depart from the Dunedin Railway Station for Middlemarch at 9.30am tomorrow. Details of the anniversary trip plans can be seen via Behind the Scenes Dunedin Railways on Facebook, and also through www.dunedinrailways.co.nz. Thanks to Ian Fischer (NZRLS) for this article.

OLD NZ TRAINS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

From Maori Television.

Three old Auckland Transport 'SA' carriages are being turned into 'AKS' support vans for KiwiRail in Wellington.

As passenger numbers on KiwiRail's tourist train market 'Great Journeys of New Zealand' grow, larger vans are needed to carry more luggage and a bigger demand on larger items such as bikes.

The new vans will have more space for separating and managing waste like recycling, helping the State-Owned Enterprise reach its goal of becoming a more sustainable and environmentally friendly tourism business.

But these **British Railways Mark 2** type carriages started life back in England for use on high-speed Intercity trains before being shipped to New Zealand in the late 1990's for commuters and heritage tourists.

The new AKS will include a separate crew rest area, a first for the onboard crew, along with dedicated racks. A mechanical lift will make the job of lifting bags easier too for KiwiRail staff.

There will be extra space as well to store chilled food and liquor which will make for streamlined loading of onboard supplies. The first van is expected to be available for crew familiarisation and training later this year and is expected to be ready for use in 2019.

The new vans will be slowly introduced on the Northern Explorer train first followed by the Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine trains.

KiwiRail expects the vans to be in service for at least 20 years.

But the current used AKL vans will still be used as when required, supplementing the new AKS vans.



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

MAINLINE STEAM



Above 4 photos. This time a year ago AO25 looked like this in the Christchurch depot. Check out before and after photos of both sides.

And from the Mainline Steam Plimmerton depot. *Left.* Ao 100 a few steps further along in its bid to be a mainline certified vehicle. All panels have been dry fitted, and the massive task of attaching them to the car finally paid off next step..... the roof! From Facebook.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY & LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

Report from D.L.A. Turner.

The Kowloon Print Factory, where the NZRLS published, *The Kaikoura Job*, book is being printed, ~ after the typhoon~ note all the roller doors blown in.

The bindery was wrecked, luckily the printed pages were not water-damaged.

But publication has of course been delayed away from the optimum marketing period.



SILVER STREAM RAILWAY

Some photos of the recent work undertaken on one of the bogies on Aa1235. An inspection picked up a few issues that required fixing and we then decided to give the bogie a major overhaul to ensure that it would not need doing again for a good few years. Work is now underway on overhauling a spare BP4274 bogie to replace the bogie in the other end of the carriage. *From Facebook.*

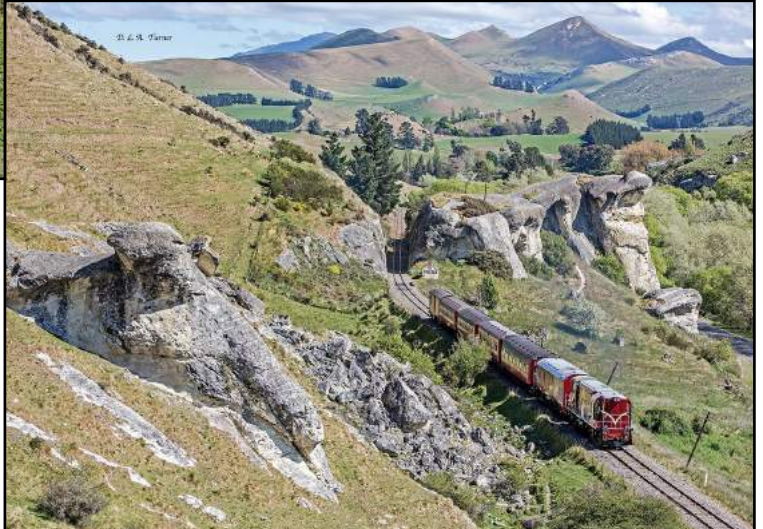


And that is the kind of work needed on just one bogie of one carriage on one heritage railway. Ed

DIESEL TRACTION GROUP AND WEKA PASS RAILWAY

On Saturday 6 October, Diesel Traction Group and Weka Pass Railway joined forces and held a special railfan photographer's day, which was to be the biggest live gathering of English Electric vintage diesels in operation in New Zealand rail preservation. DTG's entire operational fleet, being Di 1102, Dg 772 & DE 1429 all played a part along with Weka Pass Dg's 770 & 791 in the day's activities.

Photos: D.L.A. Turner.



TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ferrymead Tram Tracts highlights the COTMA conference held in Perth.

COTMA 2018: The attendees and their partners stand in front of Fremantle Tramways 29, restored by the Perth Electric Tramway Society as part of their collection. Photo: Mal Rowe .



WELLINGTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM

From Tramlines

The 2018 conference of the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia (COTMA), Perth from Henry Brittain

The 2018 COTMA Conference was held at the Perth Electric Tramway (PETS) in Australia between 13 to 18 September. Four members of the Wellington Tramway Museum attended: President Steve Porter, Secretary Henry Brittain and members Barry Ollerenshaw and Bryce Pender.

Conference members had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Whiteman Park where PETS is located with time divided between conference sessions, riding trams and generally enjoying the various attractions on offer. An off-site visit was made to the Nowergup EDI depot which services the local suburban rail network and we were fortunate enough to be able to ride right into the workshop in the train to see the various activities carried out there. After this we continued on to Mandurah where we embarked on a launch trip around the harbour including dolphin watching before returning to the City.



At the Conference dinner, the Wellington Tramway Museum was presented with the Chairman's Award for our effort in the retrieval and distribution of equipment from the Wellington Trolley Bus system.

Special thanks must go to Allan Neilson, Mike Flinn and Keith McGavin who undertook the major amount of work in recording and sorting the many pieces of overhead we acquired.

I was appointed as the New Zealand Liaison Officer for COTMA and my main role will be to liaise between the various Tramway Museums to provide continuity and support where necessary.

Photos by Keith McGavin of some of the Wellington Trolleybus equipment and other parts. Several other heritage operators have shown interest in using items not required by WTM.



BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY

Join the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway in our Steam Weekend - Celebration of 150 years of Rail on the oldest line in North Island!

See our engines and other rolling stock on display. Visit the shop and ride on our trains:

Seymour, a 0-4-2 Peckett, is the last new steam engine to be imported into New Zealand and has been kindly loaned for this event by the Whangarei Steam & Model Railway Club.

Seymour will be pulling Moa - a replica 1871 carriage created on site by our BOIVR skilled craftsmen.

Our normal service will be running throughout the weekend, with departures from Kawakawa Railway Station at 10.45am, 12 noon, 1.15pm and 2.30pm. Seymour & Moa will run short trips between the above train rides. As Moa only has 12 seats - it will be a first come, first served basis for this ride.

A great photo opportunity and a family-fun activity, whatever the weather!



REEFTON HISTORIC TRUST BOARD

From Facebook

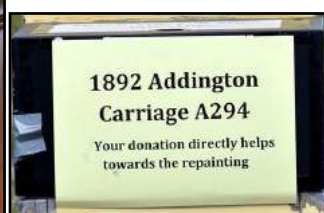


'We started dialogue 16months ago with Chris Barrett of 'Total Power' about how we might achieve a generator for the Reefton Engine Shed, so that we could light it, and use equipment for repairing and restoring our rail heritage items. Chris suggested that one of the Telcos might be able to help, because from time to time they replace their older standby generating sets with new sets. Chris suggested that Chorus might assist with a direct approach, and Dean Fraser, one of the Trust Board members did that recently, and to our delight we now have a 27kva Lister Generator. A BIG thank you to Paul Cross PBS Project & Asset Manager of Chorus and to Chorus itself for facilitating this valuable item of plant.

WAIMEA PLAINS RAILWAY



Labour weekend action from Mandeville.



MORE LABOUR WEEKEND ACTION

For so many of our members Labour Weekend is the start of the summer running season. Here are a few that had their season opening taken from assorted Facebook and other web sites.



Weka Pass Railway

Above: After almost a year out of traffic, endless hours of work/maintenance, and the help of countless volunteers and members of staff, A428 is set to return to the head of our public trains this Labour Weekend!



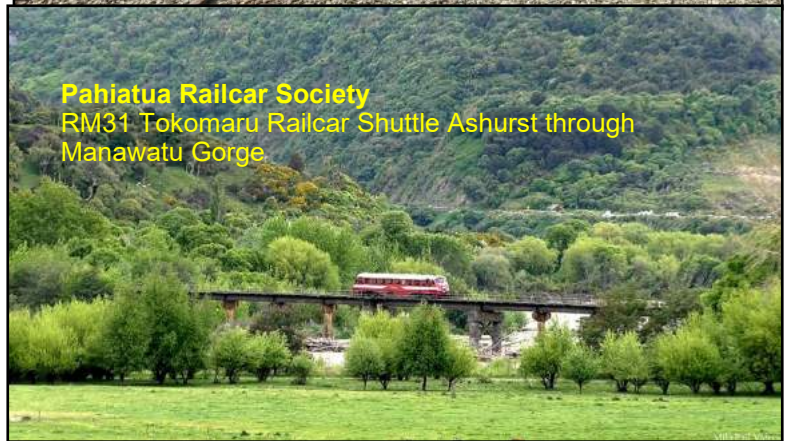
Pleasant Point Museum & Railway

Another glorious day in Pleasant Point. Bring the whole family down to the Steam & Crafts Fair. A6699 and the Model T Railcar are running until 4pm, every half hour from Pleasant Point Railway Station.



The Plains Railway & Historical Museum

This Labour Weekend is set to be one of our biggest in a long time. BIG steam locomotive 'Ja' 1260 will be running on our railway all day both days (Saturday and Sunday).



Pahiatua Railcar Society

RM31 Tokomaru Railcar Shuttle Ashurst through Manawatu Gorge.



Silver Stream Railway



Plains Railway



Glenbrook Vintage Railway

Come with us on a nostalgic 15km trip back in time through beautiful rural countryside to the historic town of Waiuku running this Labour Weekend!! Travel in style in our First Class Parlour Car this weekend!



CLASSIFIEDS

PRIVATE SALE

I have a number of New Zealand Steam books that have come my way, but I have no interest in them and I would like to sell them if possible.

Individual prices are:

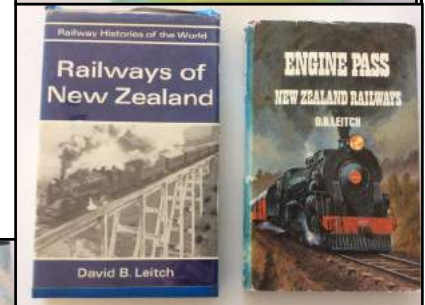
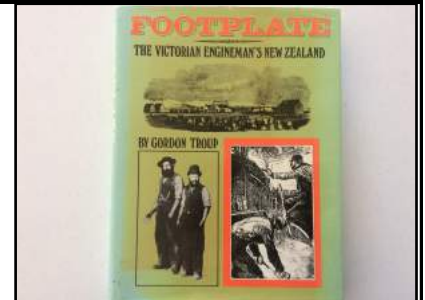
Footplate - The Victorian Engineman's NZ	\$35
Railways of NZ	\$25
Engine Pass - NZ railways	\$25
The Spirit of Steam	\$30
When Steam was King	\$25

Or collectively if anyone takes the whole lot, \$100.00.

I'm based in Tauranga and I'd be willing to post at buyer's expense if unable to arrange for collection.

Terry Estment

E-Mail estments@kinect.co.nz



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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

No trips advertised at this time.

Steam Incorporated

2 December	Christmas Grand Circle	(Diesel)
5 January 2019	Ekatahuna Express	(Steam)

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

10 November	Napier Flyer, Plimmerton to Napier return.
25 November	Tui Express, Plimmerton to the Tui Brewery for lunch.

Pahiatua Railcar Society

29 December	Manawatu Gorge Shuttles. Woodville-Ashurst
19-20 January 2019	Wanganui Vintage Weekend
23 Feb 2019.	One way trip Palmerston North to Auckland

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai—

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

10, 11 November	Feilding Depot Open Weekend
18 November	Feilding to Woodville return. "Mad Hatters Day" (KR Diesel)
9 December	Palmerston North to Feilding. Christmas Parade Train (KR Diesel)

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services plus rail tours.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



One final image from the Pleasant Point Museum and Railway's fiftieth anniversary.

After thousands of hours of volunteer work over a five-year period, the Pleasant Point Museum and Railway's number one steam locomotive, Ab 699, was fired up for the public to enjoy again on Sunday 23 September. Locals were joined by visitors to the rural town and nearly 900 travelled by train over the course of the day.

As part of the day's celebrations, and to mark the return of the Museum Railway to two working steam-engine status, D16 and Ab 699 were coupled together to "double-head" night runs between their Keanes Crossing terminus and the museum station in the Pleasant Point township.

At Keanes Crossing, the railway's vintage Model T railcar was passing the pair as they waited to follow into Pleasant Point with a spectacular performance of night steam with locomotive whistles echoing across the township. *Photo D.L.A. Turner.*

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