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ANNUAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORTING DUE TO NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY 31 AUGUST 2019

There is a new version of the NZTA Safety Performance report. (A surveymonkey survey) and members should find it quick and easy to complete. Not like the first ones!

FRONZ operating members should have all received an e-mail (If they have a licence) from NZTA about the survey. The Safety Performance Report needs to be completed before 31 August. It is quick and easy to fill out (No big explanations required), and the only data you need to find is your passenger numbers, number of trains and KM's run.

Further to this after printing the information in the Journal last month we received the following information from Bev Davitt at NZTA.

Re the comment on not being able to use a decimal point, we realised this was a problem a few weeks ago so we've updated the survey to allow decimals. We also realised that there was a problem with the charity number field not allowing the "CC" prefix, so we have fixed this field to allow text and numbers. Could you pass this information on to your members, especially as the decimal point was noted in your article. Many Thanks!

HERITAGE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday 9 August was a red letter day for mainline operations. With the reset of the mainline operations Heritage Technical Committee part of which is having more certifying engineers available for certifying heritage rolling stock. FRONZ in association with Kiwirail invited a number of engineers to a meeting to discuss what is required as a railway certifying engineer under the new regime and invite them to become part of our new way forward.

A trip was organised later in the day to Steam Inc to look at a selection of rolling stock which included in steam Ab 608. We thank Emmett, Stewart, David and Chris for attending, Kiwirail and especially Steam Inc for allowing us to visit their site and not forgetting Mike Anderson for putting it all together. *Photos: Ian Cotton..*



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

TIM FISCHER 1946-2019

Many readers will be aware of the passing of our Australian friend, Tim Fischer, on 22 August. Fischer was a politician and internationally renowned rail-fan and supporter of rail transport.

For a number of years, I communicated with Tim and he finally agreed to attend the FRONZ Conference in Auckland in 2016. He was our keynote speaker and also joined some of our field trips and participated in our awards dinner, presenting a number of awards.

Following Conference, the following message was received from Tim and has been reprinted, abridged, here.

Greetings from Australia,

My salute to you all at FRONZ 2016 on a great Conference and visit to MO-TAT and all. I learnt much from the formal and informal meetings that took place and I thank the team for all the arrangements which were very well thought out.

Rail Heritage goes to the core fabric of most nations and helps underline history but also boost tourism and therefore regional jobs. In addition, remember a steel wheel on a steel rail has one seventh of the friction of a rubber tyre wheel on a bitumen surface!

Yes, I also enjoyed the Kiwi Rail premier product, namely the Northern Explorer (see photo on page 2), after a day full of sunshine and volcano vistas. It arrived five minutes early at the Strand within sight of Auckland but clearly a long way from Britomart.

Again best wishes, you have a diversity of rail heritage that is outstanding.

*Sincerely,
Tim Fischer*



Above: Tim speaking at the 2016 Conference. Photo: D.L.A. Turner.

ASBESTOS WARNING AG VANS

This asbestos warning has been circulated to FRONZ members. Several have AG class vehicles (old FM guards vans)

Zero Harm: Safety Alert		KiwiRail
DATE ISSUED	DISPATCH DATE	
31 JUL	31 JUL	
SAFETY ALERT		
Asbestos – AG, AKV, AKL carriages		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACM discovered on underside of carriage Asbestos contained in bitumen underseal 		
IRIS No.:	TBA	Date: 31/07/2019
Business Unit:	Mechanical	Division: RSAS - National
Description of the Incident/Event:		
Repair work was being undertaken on a leased AG van by a third party. They became concerned that a bitumen type under seal may contain asbestos.		
The test results show the presence of asbestos in the bitumen underseal.		
Immediate Actions to Prevent Employee exposure to Asbestos:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice to all RSAS staff and lease holders to notify of potential asbestos containing material on the underside of the carriage (bitumen underseal) All mechanical / maintenance work in these areas is to be stopped immediately. All AG, AKL and AKV carriages to be tested for Asbestos and cleaned if required prior to any mechanical / maintenance work in these areas. Any other areas of carriages – if in doubt – STOP WORK and arrange for testing of area. That if any urgent work is to be undertaken then established procedures for working with ACM is adhered to as per Asbestos regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPE (Approved mask) Safety eyewear Gloves Disposable overalls Any waste is disposed of appropriately. 		
Approval		
Approved By:	James Poff	RSAS – ZH Manager
Name		Date
Contact Person	James Poff	
Safety Alert Number		
<small>This Safety Alert is to be placed on all HSE notice boards and discussed at pre-shift and toolbox meetings. Please remove 90 days after issue date.</small>		
<small>Ref: KNS-21026-TP001 Rev: Date 13-July-18</small>		

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PROSECUTES DAILY FREIGHT LTD

The August 2018 Journal issue reported that NZTA were prosecuting Daily Freight over a rail incident. Here is the outcome of that as a follow up to the original article in Journal:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/nzta-successfully-prosecutes-daily-freight-for-runaway-wagons/>

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12245014

Daily Freight was fined \$234,000 for the serious safety breach, which occurred in its Auckland railway yard in January 2017, for an incident where two rail wagons uncoupled on a busy track, endangering the Auckland metro rail system, and rolling more than 400 metres before derailing.

RAIL SAFETY WEEK 12—18 AUGUST



No doubt many readers will have seen the videos of “Near Misses” featured in this year’s Rail Safety Week publicity shown on many media outlets.

The website nearmisses.co.nz features all the video clips. Look for the one entitled “Boy on bike” which features a steam loco.

Information from Police on reporting near misses:

There is a change to the contact email address for NZ Police to receive rail level crossing complaints. These complaints predominantly come from locomotive engineers across New Zealand but can certainly be made by heritage rail operators on their own lines as well as mainline operators on the Kiwirail Network.

The below message was sent to Kiwi Rail staff advising of the new email address for submitting any future rail crossing complaints from Monday next week. This message, is equally applicable to members of your organisation and associated groups, who utilise the rail network and may experience near misses at rail crossings from time to time. I have also attached an updated rail level crossing complaint form with the new email address recorded on it for use by your members when needed.

To coincide with Rail Safety Week, New Zealand Police is transitioning the rail complaints process to a new 24/7 contact centre based on the Kapiti Coast in Wellington. From 10am Monday 12 August 2019, Kiwi Rail staff wishing to report non-emergency near miss incidents on the rail network will be required to please use the new email address DCKapitiFMC@police.govt.nz. This email address replaces the previous rail complaints email which will no longer be in use from Monday.

The only visible change for stakeholders is the change in email address. The processing of near miss reports, information requests, and general support will continue to be managed the same way as it is currently. The difference is that the new email address will be monitored 24/7 by Police staff.

Police would like to take this opportunity to thank all Kiwi Rail staff for their commitment to rail safety. We would also like to emphasise the importance of Locomotive Engineers continuing to complete the ‘Rail Level Crossing Complaint’ Form when a near miss has occurred and obtaining as much detail as possible for inclusion on the form.

It is also important to note that rail staff continue to call Police on 111 (or alternatively notify train control immediately if it’s unsafe to call) to report an incident which is occurring where there is a threat to life or property. This ensures emergency services are notified immediately, and that inspections and repairs to the infrastructure are arranged quickly. Train Control should also be notified of all incidents as soon as possible along with any witness details recorded in IRIS.

Additionally New Zealand Police have advised Kiwi Rail that historic intentional damage complaints can now also be lodged online via the Police 105 non-emergency internet site <https://105.police.govt.nz/home>. This portal is for incidents where damage has occurred to the network and Police are not currently investigating. Again, it is important to note that this site is for non-emergency reports. Always call 111 if the event is happening now, someone’s in danger or badly injured, there’s a serious risk to human life or property, or you see a major public hazard such as trees blocking a road or rail line etc.

If you have questions about a report you wish to make to Police, or you need to talk to someone about what you are reporting, please call Police on 105 to discuss 24/7.

Message ends.

If you are able to please distribute this message across your network of groups along with the updated complaint form, that would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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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

WELLINGTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM

From "Tramlines"

The Board recently authorised two projects. The first was the commissioning of a design that will see the Ackley hand brake mechanisms incorporated into Tram 17. The second is seeking outside help with the completion of a Conservation Report and preparation of a Restoration Plan for Tram 207, with a view to an early Funding Application to kick start this project. After considering various ways of moving these two projects along the Board decided to employ Leyton Chan for both. He has already visited the site and is working on both projects. He is giving priority to the Tram 17 Hand Brake Stand design as requested but has carried out preliminary site work on both trams.

In 2018 long-time member and past Secretary Les Stewart kindly donated to Wellington Tramway Museum a steel framed two roomed building surplus to his needs and on his property at Peka Peka, Kapiti. The Museum determined that the building would be ideal for the twin purposes of serving as a much needed replacement for the current "Palace" amenities building – which is a "Skyline" shed that is 49 years old and well past its use-by date – and as well provide suitable space for establishing, for members, a room for our extensive library of tramway-interest books and records built up over the years.

Members set about with a will carefully dismantling the building and arranged for the components to be moved to the Museum where everything is now stored.

Annual Figures

For the 12 months ending 30 June the Tramway recorded 10,635 passenger journeys which are 5% less than the previous year.

However, tram kilometres for the year were 4,437, an increase of 83kms.

Grand Pacific Tours

We are now counting down to what will be the biggest ever event at the Tramway. Yes, on September 13 we will be hosting the first of up to 67 groups of people touring New Zealand on a Grand Pacific Tour. The majority of the tour groups will have a maximum of 50 people while others will be a smaller group of up to 20. The tour groups are scheduled to arrive at the Tramway around 3.15 pm for a "cuppa" and then have a look around and a tram ride before leaving for Wellington by 5 pm.

Beyond The Page

While the museum was not open during the week days during the School Holidays, we had a charter on Wednesday 17 July for a programme being run by the Kapiti Coast Library.

Beyond the page was a story time on the tram for young school children. It was very popular and hopefully made families aware of the tramway with, hopefully, return visits in the future.

Tram 17 Restoration: Excellent progress is being made by A&G Price Ltd. on the two 22E trucks, with an inspection by our consulting engineer Leyton Chan on 25 July and electrical testing carried out.



Photo: Keith McGavin



Above: One of the two Brill type 22E trucks at A&G Price Ltd. 22nd July 2019.

Photo: A & G Price Ltd

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

From Ferrymead "Tram Tracts".

At 10:00am on August 31st the Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust's cable car current museum will receive the recognition of an official launch. The present tram barn will be opened by Dunedin's Mayor Dave Cull, and two restored cable cars will be wheeled out to the sound of bagpipes. A Victorian tea party is proposed to follow.

Trust Chairman Neville Jemmett is to foreshadow the next development of a bigger Stage Two museum on the present Eglinton Road site, and is to speak on behalf of the whole cable car project. Don McAra will give some idea of the work that goes into restoring the vehicles on display. A framed certificate of the COTMA top Australasian Award for the restoration of Mornington Trailer 111 will be presented to the Trust.



LUMSDEN HERITAGE TRUST

Work is progressing on the shelter being built by the Lumsden Heritage Trust to protect their 0-4-0 shunter and carriage A525. Photos from Facebook.



TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From Ferrymead "Tram Tracts".

HILLS CAR 24 RESTORATION. The Society's July General meeting discussed the restoration of Christchurch 'Hills' car #24, its direction and its future. Christchurch Tramway Limited (CTL) has indicated that they want to undertake a long term lease of this tram once restored, but would also want some changes to the planned appearance of the tram to better meet their operation needs.

The result was the membership agreed to the long term lease of #24 to CTL, and agreed to alter the restoration so that it would be restored to its appearance "as new", from 1920 to 1926.



BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB

From newsletter "Pukemiro Junction"

July open day was pretty well attended but August was largely a washout – literally!! For July, we carried 350 passengers, well down on June but never the less was quite a good day.

The next open days are: 1 September, 6 October, 3 November. Many FRONZ members now offer extras such as refreshments on their railways which is beneficial as an extra income earner and also an attraction to the public that are seeking a little more on their heritage rail experience. *Photo: Marlene has been doing a roaring trade with pots of tea & homemade cakes on the train: R. Ellis.*



We employed our contractor, Dean, to rectify some track problems. A Club working bee in mid-July had laid out all the sleepers that needed replacing. Dean came for the week before our July open day. He replaced the sleepers that were laid out, re-gauged our track in numerous places & replaced 6 x 30ft rails that had corroded through in the web. Since this work, we have re-gauged another 4 areas & have laid out more sleepers to replace. As a lot of our replacement sleepers are on curves, we are fitting bed plates. All our bed plates are left over from our railways' original hardwood sleepers so the screw holes in them must be drilled out to take the larger screw spikes needed for the pine sleepers. *Left: David Mann hard at work using Dean's equipment to refurbish the track. Photo: J. Soffe.*

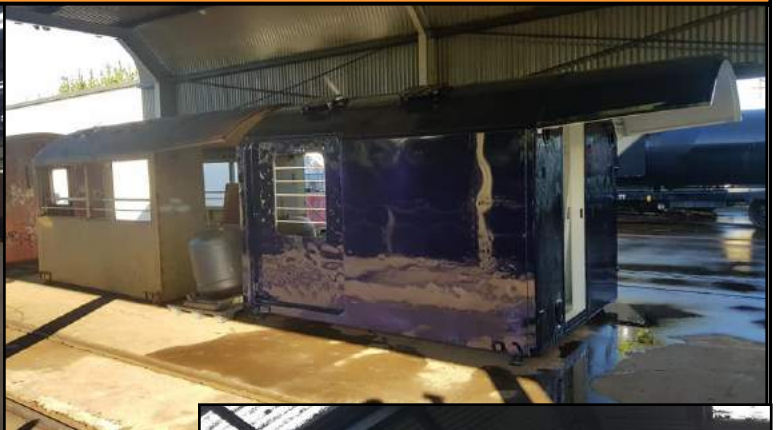


FEILDING AND DISTRICTS STEAM RAIL SOCIETY

Open days at the Feilding depot on 16, 17 August attracted visitors. Attractions included a beautifully cooked scone for morning tea, a chance to wander around the depot and enjoy a short ride behind F163. KiwiRail ambassadors were about the depot spreading the message about safety around the railway. *From Facebook.*



MAINLINE STEAM



Some recent pictures of work at Plimmerton and Christchurch depots from Facebook.



CLASSIFIEDS

THE RECLAIM

The place where FRONZ members can place buy, sell, swap, wanted requests.

This is distributed to the FRONZ Journal mailing list for free.

To place you request, please sent details to djmaciulaitis@gmail.com.

DUNEDIN TRAM BOOK

Dunedin's Microfilm Cable Tram

Ever wanted to know about the second last cable tram network in the world? At 120 pages, this book takes you on a journey on the cable and electric trams of Dunedin, New Zealand, in mainly colour pictures and words.

Special offer for readers of 'The Bay Wire'... \$50.00 inc P&P

Available from...
PO Box 114, Canterbury, VIC 3126
Phone: 03 9836 3338
Fax: 03 9836 2647
e: hballment@bigpond.com

This book is now available from Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust for sale at \$NZ50 for the book and \$5 postage in NZ. Contact Neville Jemmett by e-mail at nkjemmett@xtra.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

No trips currently advertised

Steam Incorporated

8 September	Daffodil Express	(Steam)
1 December	Christmas Grand Circle	(Diesel) - Cancelled
4 January 2020	River City Express	(Steam) - To Be Confirmed

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. 2019-2020 season commences 6 October 2019.

Marlborough Flyer trip to Kekerengu 10 October.

The two-hour outbound journey from Blenheim departing at 1010, winds its way through the Dashwood Pass and majestic Awatere Valley, then taking in magnificent coastal views of the Pacific Ocean en route to Kekerengu. Disembark at The Store, Kekerengu, NZ to enjoy lunch, refreshments or join a tour of the renowned Winterhome Garden. The Marlborough Flyer then departs "The Store" in Kekerengu for the return journey, arriving back in Blenheim at 1715.

Bookings and further details are available at www.marlboroughflyer.co.nz/train-trips/kekerengu-train-trip

Mainline Steam

Tui Brewery future excursions (postponed).

Pahiatua Railcar Society

No excursions currently advertised.

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai
 26 October 2019
 27 October 2019
 27 December 2019
 28 December 2019
 16 February 2020
 16 March 2020
 12 April 2020
 13 April 2020
 10 May 2020

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

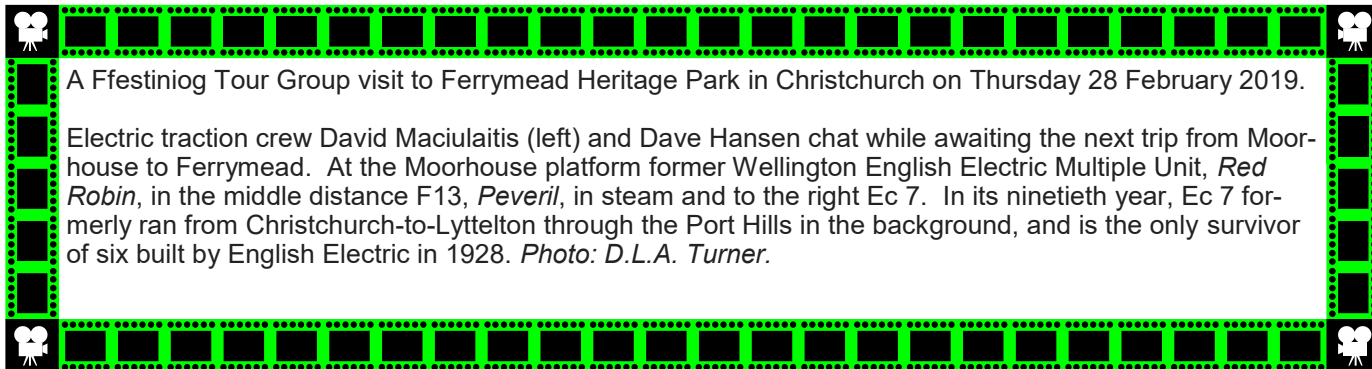
15 September 2019	The New Plymouth Express	KR Diesel
2 November 2019	Around The Block to Wellington	KR Diesel
1 December 2019	Around The Block to Wellington	KR Diesel

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services plus rail tours.

Rail Touring details at <https://www.dunedinrailways.co.nz/our-journeys>

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**FRONZ CONFERENCE GISBORNE
29 MAY– 1 JUNE 2020**

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