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### PRESIDENT'S PATCH: *Graffiti, Vandalism & Theft is sapping the morale of Volunteers.*

Up and down the country we are getting more and more frequent reports about acts of vandalism around our heritage rail sites. It has become endemic in both city and rural environs. Not only is the wanton destruction soul-destroying for our volunteers, but it takes precious and scarce funds away from planned development or maintenance. The cost of insurance is often prohibitive.

In the last few weeks, there have been reports of graffiti, looting, breakages and break-ins from as far afield as Glenbrook & Dunedin; Wanganui, Waverley & Paekakariki. It is demoralising in the extreme for volunteers to see these attacks, and the destruction of their property & handiwork freely given to a community sector which is short enough of skills and people.

FRONZ is considering writing to Government about this insult to our rail heritage and tourism community. It is not difficult to notice that the epidemic of graffiti and vandalism attacks is being felt by many other community organisations all over NZ..

The lowering of the age at which alcohol may be purchased seems to have coincided with the increase in these attacks. Other factors are the association of "rap music" and graffiti. Neighbourhoods adjacent to places where young seem to congregate, like skateboard parks seem to be suffering especially.

Break-ins and theft of metal parts and materials made from copper and other highly-priced materials are being reported more and more in the media

We'd especially like to hear from members who have experienced this problem lately. Drop me a line at [dillicar@ihug.co.nz](mailto:dillicar@ihug.co.nz)

*Paul*

## Community work, no fine for carriage arson

Ashburton Guardian 14 August 2007

A youth who lit the fire that destroyed an historic rail carriage at the Plains Museum in Tinwald earlier this year will not pay a cent for the crime.

Andrew Dean Wilson, 17, will instead serve 180 hours community work.

Wilson and three others were sheltering in the carriage one night last April and Wilson lit a fire to keep warm. Disturbed by security guards, the four made an attempt to stomp the fire out and left; but it continued burning and eventually engulfed the carriage.

The historic rail vehicle, bought for about \$23,000 and restored, was not insured.

Wilson later admitted a charge of intentional damage by fire and was sentenced to community work by Judge Phil Moran in the Christchurch District Court last month.

The judge made no reparation order because Wilson had no money to pay. He said Wilson had destroyed something not only valuable in terms of money, but historically as well.

"This was not just any railway carriage, this was a vintage railway carriage. It is worth some \$23,000 and it is uninsured, but more than that, it is an important historic carriage that has gone forever."

He said Wilson deserved credit for at least trying to put the fire out, and the fact he had no previous convictions.

Wilson has indicated he would like to meet the owner of the carriage to tell him how sorry he was.

The 1939 guard's van train carriage was owned by the North Island-based developer of the Ashburton Railway Station, Peter Hanson, who had spent plenty of time and money getting the carriage to Ashburton.

The carriage was to have been part of a themed restaurant in the town, but that plan was not realised and the carriage was on long-term loan to the Plains Museum.

It was bought to Ashburton from Dunedin.

Judge Moran said community work was an opportunity for Wilson to put something back into the community.

August 14 2007

**THERE'S****BAD NEWS**

*News from the "Wanganui Chronicle"  
28 August 2008*

Doug Rolston is sending out a message to weekend thieves. "Return my power tools and that will be an end of it". Nearly \$5000 worth of power tools including electric sanders, drills, base levels and skill saws were stolen from the Tramways Wanganui Trust Shed in Taupo Quay sometime between 3.30pm on Saturday and 9.30 yesterday morning. The tools were Mr Rolston's, the project manager's personal property. Just a few hand tools have been left scattered on the work benches, which nowhere near meet the needs of the restoration work underway on the old river city tram

All the work is done by volunteers, Mr Rolston said. "This project belongs to the citizens of Wanganui, so everyone in this city has been effectively ripped off." The thieves had forced their way in through a side window, he said. But apart from the locks forced on a few cupboards, there was no other damage, he said. "If they had damaged the tram then I wouldn't be responsible, I'm telling you. I don't think I could have stood that at all. That would be death."

The tools were all colour coded in green and orange and Mr Rolston's name was engraved into the casing of each one. "So they'd be darn stupid to try and get rid of them in this whole central district" Since the project began two years ago in January 2005, there has been no trouble at all, he said.

"And we've had a lot of people on community work through here from the courts. Well there's no work now. No tools, no work, it's a bloody shame I can tell you.

**AND GOOD NEWS**

*31 August 2008*

Welding gear, including helmets and tools from the Tramways Wanganui Trust Project burglary last weekend, were recovered from a car stopped in a routine police inquiry in Wanganui yesterday. Sergeant Tracy Patterson said the gear was part of the nearly \$5000 worth of power tools stolen from the trust. The tools were the personal property of Trust organiser Doug Rolston who had said on Monday that if his tools were returned it would be an end of it as far as he was concerned.

In the meantime all restoration work on the old Wanganui tram has come to a halt, Mr Rolston said. He told the Wanganui Chronicle he had recognised his welding gear amongst other tools that had brought into the police station and was thrilled to recover them. This week he had also been totally overwhelmed by the offers of help from people in the community who had offered to give and loan power tools.

Sgt Patterson said the two men in their 20s who had escaped from police custody on Wednesday but were apprehended a short time later, were connected to the Tramways burglary. "I can't say much at this stage except that we are investigating several leads.

"The welding tools were discovered in their car because of some very good police work."

**ON THE THEME OF SECURITY**

James Whyte of Weka Pass Railway, presented a very useful Paper on Security Cameras and systems at the 2005 FRONZ Conference, and which is available via the FRONZ Website

[http://www.railfed.org.nz/conference/2005/site\\_security.htm](http://www.railfed.org.nz/conference/2005/site_security.htm)

and additional info was expanded upon on page 6 of JOURNAL # 45 (June 2006).

James has reiterated his offer to advise any member organisation about the latest cameras and deals which are on offer, and notes particularly that not only has the equipment got better, but the options have expanded and the prices have come down! There might not be a better time for members to revisit this issue. You may be surprised how simple & enhanced systems have become, and how the cost has become much more affordable.

You can contact James Whyte at [jbwhyte@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jbwhyte@paradise.net.nz)

We also noticed this recent press report >

**Broadband Fire Alarm monitoring service approved**

Tuesday, 10 July 2007, 10:50 am

Press Release: Alarm NZ

ALARM NZ Broadband Fire Alarm monitoring service approved by New Zealand Fire Service  
On the 6th July 2007 the New Zealand Fire Service CEO/National Commander Mr Mike Hall, certified ALARM New Zealand Ltd ("ALARMNZ") as an Automatic Fire Alarm Service Provider (AFASP) giving it authority to connect Private Fire Alarms (PFA's) direct to the NZFS automatic fire dispatch system. Alarm New Zealand is a fully independent company and not affiliated to any other Fire Alarm contractor and therefore is a genuine alternative to the Tyco group.

**BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY**

*Mike Bradshaw writes*

Do you know if any member society would have a turbo generator they might sell / lend / donate to us?

Please contact Mike at

[mikethsteam@hotmail.com](mailto:mikethsteam@hotmail.com) or

phone : (09) 404 0450

**NZR & LS WMR CARRIAGE GROUP**

*Graeme Bennett writes*

My brief is to try to find details of the saloon window blinds. What colour would they have been, and how were they made.? What sort of fastenings were sewn into them at the bottoms to enable them to clip into two positions.?

Photos of some of the cars working round Auckland in late 30's shows that blinds were still in use then, but these would probably been replaced by ones made of NZR type material.

We need to look at where replicated ones could possibly be made, and here we are talking of about 60 blinds for the two cars.

Graeme Bennett [wgbttco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wgbttco@xtra.co.nz)

**WAIRARAPA RAILWAY RESTORATION SOCIETY INC ; CARTERTON STATION**

*Ken o'Reilly writes*

Our group is looking for old photographs of Railway Station gardens to form a small display celebrating Heritage Month 2007 called "Heritage Gardens A Spring Festival" (between September & November) This annual themed event is held by the Heritage Promotion Council within the Wellington region,

So we are looking for Railway Station Gardens anywhere in NZ, we are also happy to include gardens from Railway Houses. We know in years gone by many railway stations had some very well attended gardens & staff took great pride in their presentation, even had competitions. In our own area we know places like Mauriceville & Masterton had well attended small gardens.

We accept images by email or even photocopy's anyone providing photos will be acknowledged in our displays. Reproduction of images will be no larger than A4.

Our postal address is P O Box 202 Carterton 5743

Ken & Kath O'Reilly Email: [kannexphoto@infogen.net.nz](mailto:kannexphoto@infogen.net.nz)

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**CUSTODY OF DF 1501 TO GO TO DIESEL TRACTION GROUP INC.**



Subject to a satisfactory resolution to a formal Agreement, the FRONZ Executive have agreed to transfer custody of its locomotive DF 1501 to the Diesel Traction Group Inc based at Ferrymead, Christchurch.

It is not yet known when the loco will be leaving Otahuhu, its base for several decades.

The DTG put forward a comprehensive proposal for the transfer, care, custody and restoration of DF 1501 to Network operating Codes & Standards and we thank them for their willingness to undertake this huge task.

## SAFETY LEARNING ALERT : NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

### Passenger train derailment on the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway 12 May 2007

On 12 May 2007, a steam locomotive hauled passenger train, fully laden with passengers, was traveling from Dalegarth to Ravenglass when the leading wheelset of the trailing bogie on the third coach derailed at Hollin How near Fisherground. The derailment occurred while the train was traveling at between 5 and 7 mph (8 and 11 km/h). There were no passenger injuries or significant damage to the train or the track.

The cause of the derailment was *flange climb* of the leading right hand wheel of the trailing bogie on the third coach. This resulted directly from the prior collapse of the suspension on the left hand side of the leading bogie due to a *compensating bar* becoming detached, probably because the bar had not been fitted correctly when the bogie was reassembled three weeks earlier following safety inspections and the vehicle had entered service with the fault undetected.

The RAIB has made two recommendations regarding the implementation of independent checking of safety critical work not only on bogies but also, more generally, on other aspects of R&ER's operations.

The full report can be accessed on the Web at [http://www.raib.gov.uk/cms\\_resources/070830\\_R322007\\_Fisherground.pdf](http://www.raib.gov.uk/cms_resources/070830_R322007_Fisherground.pdf)

## RESTORING AN OLD TIMBER STRUCTURE ??

The Department of Conservation has a previously-published but still current helping document available on the Web at

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/templates/MultiPageDocumentTOC.aspx?id=44608>

Published in 2004, this manual describes operations that may need to be undertaken to prevent or slow down deterioration of old timbers in historic structures exposed to the weather

The downloaded PDF Version has just become available August 2007.

## SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENT FOR FRONZ OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ADVISER DR. DAVID BLACK

FRONZ congratulates Dr David Black on his appointment as Deputy Medical Convenor under Civil Aviation Act.

10 August 2007

Transport Minister Annette King today announced the appointment of Dr David Black as the Deputy Medical Convener under the Civil Aviation Act 1990, for a three year term commencing on 13 August 2007. The function of the Convener and Deputy Convener is to review decisions of the Director of Civil Aviation, or his delegates, regarding a medical certificate for a pilot or air traffic controller.

"Dr Black has long been involved with the aviation community through many aspects of his career including his previous roles as a medical examiner for aviation assessments, and as a Chief Medical Officer for Air New Zealand," Ms King said.

Dr Black is and a registered Specialist in Occupational Medicine and a Senior Lecturer at Auckland University. Whilst he is not currently flying, in the 1970s Dr Black attained his private pilot licence and was an active member of the Auckland Aero Club. He maintains an active clinical practice.

Dr Black will be working with the Convener, Surgeon Captain Alison Drewry.

For further information on the process the Conveners undertake, please refer to the [Ministry of Transport website](http://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/NewPDFs/guidelines-convener-process.pdf) <http://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/NewPDFs/guidelines-convener-process.pdf>

## CHANGE IN CONTACT E-MAIL : RACHEL TUCKER

Those wanting to contact Rachel regarding her offer of help with signaling and interlocking etc. should note a change of e-mail address to [xena2@clear.net.nz](mailto:xena2@clear.net.nz)

## IN FOR A PENNY .....

FRONZ Exec member, Nigel Hogg ( currently enjoying a heritage-rail-oriented holiday in the United Kingdom ) was ecstatic last month to report that the Canterbury Railway Society, Canterbury Steam Preservation Society, Midland Rail Heritage Trust, Tramway Historical Society, and Weka Pass Railway all received \$10,000 each in the Canterbury Community Trust awards. .

Nigel adds "It's interesting to note that all these groups were categorised under "Recreation and Leisure" rather than say "Heritage" or "Music and Culture" (the latter being under which museums received their funding). The rail groups received a healthy 13% of all funding in their category, or a less impressive sounding 0.4% of all available funding."

Also in the money is Greymouth's ShantyTown which received a healthy \$ 500,000 from Pub Charity and now has raised \$ 2 Million toward its "Blokes Shed and Steam School". ShantyTown, now 36-years old, is due to be completely updated and redesigned in a \$13.4 million project.

The Pub Charity money will be pumped into creating a steam experience; visitors will be able to watch the engineers at work while learning about steam power and invention, including extraordinary West Coast innovations. Shantytown backers believe it will be a world first. Pub Charity chief executive Martin Cheer said their committee was particularly impressed by Shantytown's future vision. "As a heritage project of the highest order, Shantytown provides a very important connection to and celebration of our past." The steam experience is a major component of the Shantytown redevelopment. It will combine history, science, technology, education and entertainment in an interactive experience, where visitors can immerse themselves in the world of steam machinery and locomotives. Design team Story! Inc has been appointed to develop the new interpretive experiences. There will also be a steam school, which will be developed in partnership with Tai Poutini Polytechnic. Apprentices will learn the skills to restore, maintain and operate steam heritage machinery, while utilising modern engineering equipment and practices. The programme will be marketed throughout Australasia. Polytechnic chief executive Paul Wilson said the grant was great news for the wider community on the West Coast and beyond. "We are working closely with Shantytown to develop a certified, entry level programme to the engineering trades so that we can actively assist the wider industry on the Coast. The opportunity to learn these skills while working on steam heritage machinery will give this programme a point of difference." The initial planning and concept development work for the steam experience is the result of funding received as part of the West Coast Development Trust's MRI (major regional initiative) funding, secured from the Government last year. In addition, the development trust has contributed \$1m towards the steam experience. Shantytown chairman Peter Reedy said without organisations such as Pub Charity taking an active involvement, the vision for the new Shantytown could never be realised. Other key funders are Lottery Environment Heritage and the Grey District Council. The Pub Charity money comes from pokie machine proceeds raised at the Union, Paroa and Kells hotels

## PLANNING A NEW BUILDING ?

The Government has floated a radical carbon measurement proposal to make new buildings and homes more environmentally friendly.

Building and Construction Minister Clayton Cosgrove has released proposals to measure the total carbon output of all new homes and buildings in an attempt to turn the industry from a carbon lead-foot to a lightweight.

If approved, the tough new code would examine the carbon cost of every nut, bolt, and four-by-two that goes into the construction of a new building – residential, commercial or otherwise.

The "embodied energy" concept – the total amount of energy used to produce a final product from raw materials – is being released for public and industry feedback in a building code review discussion paper.

One option is to set a carbon limit for the design of new buildings, assessing emissions associated with construction, operation, maintenance and demolition. Cosgrove admitted it was a radical idea, but one that needed to be explored with the world facing increasing threats from carbon dioxide emissions and global warming.

## ECONOMIC VALUE OF NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS MEASURED

Tuesday, 28 August 2007, 11:06 am

Press Release: Statistics New Zealand

Economic value of non-profit institutions measured

For the first time, comprehensive information about the economic contribution of non-profit institutions in New Zealand is available, in a report released by Statistics New Zealand today. The Non-profit Institutions Satellite Account: 2004 also features information on the income and expenditure of non-profit institutions, the economic value of volunteering for these institutions, and profiles of each of the twelve activity groups that non-profit institutions are classified by.

Non-profit institutions contributed \$3.64 billion or 2.6 percent to New Zealand's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2004. Over one million (1,011,600) volunteers gave more than 270 million hours of unpaid labour to non-profit institutions in 2004. When valued at a market wage, the value of this voluntary labour increases the economic contribution of non-profit institutions to \$6.95 billion or 4.9 percent of GDP. This is similar to the contribution of the entire construction industry.

The largest economic contribution from non-profit institutions was from the social services group, which includes services for the disabled, food banks and counseling services. Private education and research such as kindergartens, private schools or industry training organisations also made a large contribution, as did grant makers and fundraisers such as the community trusts and gaming trusts operating poker machines. Australian non-profit institutions reported a similar economic contribution to New Zealand institutions, at 4.7 percent.

Similar information has been released internationally for only seven other countries. This international work was initiated by the United Nations Statistics Division and Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore). Statistics New Zealand has also today released an abridged publication, QuickStats About Non-profit Institutions in New Zealand, which presents the highlights of the main report.

Both publications are available from the Statistics NZ website, [www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz). Cathryn Ashley-Jones Acting Government Statistician 28 August 2007



### FRONZ SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW (OVER)DUE

There are some "big names" amongst the 20% of members who have not renewed their subs despite reminders being sent. Officially, memberships expire at the end of September if unpaid and you could (if you use it) put at risk our free Public Liability insurance if you drop out. If you know you have our invoice in the "to do" basket..... please bring it to the top of the pile.!

### NATIONAL MUSEUM WORKSHOPS COMING UP THIS MONTH :

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER : MASTERTON : 1 day workshop on Museum Governance, presented by Dr David Butts.

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER : WHANGAREI : 1 day workshop on Forward Planning for Small Museums.  
: WEST COAST : 1 day workshop on Interpretation

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER : AUCKLAND : Forward Planning Workshop for small museums.

More information : [phoebea@tepapa.govt.nz](mailto:phoebea@tepapa.govt.nz)

**COMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS** : Keep an eye on this website :

<http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/TePapa/English/NationalServices/CalendarOfActivities>

## THE UNSOLICITED ELECTRONIC MESSAGES ACT COMES INTO FORCE ON WEDS 5 SEPTEMBER

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Are you prepared ? The full Act can be viewed on the web by going to [http://www.legislation.co.nz/browse\\_vw.asp?content-set=pal\\_statutes](http://www.legislation.co.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_statutes), then searching under letter "U" for the Act itself.

It would pay to familiarise yourself with the contents if you are in the habit of sending out e-mails soliciting for excursion train bookings, or offering publications for sale via e-mail .

Here's an article from the *NZ HERALD* of 8 August about the Act :

"New Zealand based spammers' days are numbered with the introduction of a new law that could see people sending unsolicited emails fined hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Unsolicited Electronic Messages (UEM) Act 2007 is to take effect from September 5.

The Act defined spam as 'unsolicited, commercial, electronic messages', and sets out the rules for sending commercial electronic messages legally. The Department of Internal Affairs has set up an anti-spam unit to investigate complaints about spam from the public and act against spammers in New Zealand who were deliberately flouting the law. Anti-spam unit manager Joe Stewart said that 99 per cent of spam originates from overseas so it was important to note that the UEM Act would not stop spam.

"What it does enable us to do is to prevent New Zealand becoming a 'spammer haven' by allowing us to fight New Zealand-sourced spam. "The Act also allows us to enter into international agreements to share information and pursue cross-border complaints." Mr Stewart said the legislation was just part of a range of undertakings to combat spam."We will also be actively involved in promoting spam education and awareness, encouraging industry liaison and monitoring emerging technologies."

The penalties for breaching the Act range from formal warnings to infringement notices and court actions - with a maximum fine of \$500,000 for an organisation or \$200,000 for an individual. The "spammer" could also be ordered to pay the victims compensation up to the amount of loss suffered and/or damages up to the amount of profit that was made as a result of sending the spam. Mr Stewart said if people wanted to send clients an electronic message the sender must have the consent of the recipient, clearly identify the sender and the sender's contact details, and include a free unsubscribe facility.

*and from an article published on 1 September >*

"If you've been communicating with customers via email, then you already have their consent, especially if you've given them opportunities to opt out. You don't need to go out and ask for it again."

However, Internal Affairs has advised companies to do a stocktake of their databases and said "express consent" was safest to prove a case. A spokesman said it was up to companies to make their own judgments on whether they already had consent, either direct or inferred, but warned against companies simply asking any consumers only to reply if they wanted to be removed from the list, and assuming the consent of any who did not reply.

Summary >

\* Bans commercial messages or messages with links to commercial websites being sent by email or text unless the recipient has given consent.

\* Consent can be express, inferred or deemed, depending on how the company got the email address. Each commercial message must include an 'unsubscribe' option and clear information identifying the sender and providing contact details.

\* Penalties range from warnings up to \$500,000 fines for companies and \$200,000 for individuals. You can do a do on the sender to Internal Affairs. Visit [www.antispam.govt.nz](http://www.antispam.govt.nz) for more.

**FRONZ WILL CONTINUE TO SEND E-MAILS TO YOU MAINLY WITH LINKS TO NON-COMMERCIAL SITES AND ASSUMES YOUR CONSENT UNLESS YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE . YOU MAY UNSUBSCRIBE BY ADVISING US – SEE OUR COVERING EMAIL FOR DETAILS ON UNSUBSCRIBING.**

## INTERIM AGREEMENT REACHED OVER CONTINUITY OF (PRESSURE VESSEL) SAFETY INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

Monday, 27 August 2007, 3:09 pm Press Release: Department Of Labour

The Department of Labour and the Certification Board for Inspection Personnel (CBIP) have entered into an agreement that will ensure CBIP continues to provide examination and assessments of equipment inspectors under the Health and Safety in Employment (Pressure Equipment, Cranes, and Passenger Ropeways) Regulations.

Earlier this year CBIP announced it would wind-up due to lack of adequate funding for its composite certification services. CBIP are responsible for the certification of inspection personnel involved in the inspection of a wide range of safety critical equipment such as boilers, cranes, and passenger ropeways.

The Department's Group Manager of Workplace Services, Maarten Quivooy, says the Department has recognised the important independent role of CBIP and agreed to provide funding to CBIP to enable it to continue to carry out its functions during the remainder of 2007.

"The safety inspectors that CBIP certificate are a vital factor in ensuring that safety critical equipment like cranes, industrial boilers, pressure equipment or ski lifts are safe to use," says Mr Quivooy.

"If equipment like this fails it can put many lives at risk. The Department of Labour has taken this interim step so that certification of equipment will continue as normal until we identify a long-term solution to the issue of certification of inspection personnel. This will involve working with interested parties to establish a clearer process for selecting a longer term provider. Taking these steps will also ensure that equipment operators continue to be clear about their regulatory duties."

Mr Quivooy says the Department will provide CBIP with a contribution towards the costs of services they provide, which will cover the period between 30 June and 20 December, 2007. These services include providing examinations; certificates of competence; standards of proficiency; the meetings of CBIP's application and approval committee; assessment of overseas applicants; and running of their disciplinary and appeals procedures.

CBIP Chairperson John Wilson says he was delighted that agreement had been reached with the Department for the continuation of these critical services: "This will allow us to continue in the short term as we talk with interested parties about ensuring a viable long-term future for CBIP, and in particular gaining International accreditation in accordance with ISO 17024."



### BACK IN ACTION :

Whangarei Steam & Model Railway Society's Peckett is back in action with a new boiler made by Easteel of Dannevirke – the 4<sup>th</sup> supplier of new steam loco boilers to prove their capabilities. Photo by Ray Palmer, July 2007.



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