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Brief FRONZ 2008 CONFERENCE REPORT

According to feedback from delegates after the Conference concluded, this must have been our most successful Conference yet. Attendees were unusually forthcoming in their praise of the quality of the subjects, speakers, venues and field trips. And all of it positive !

My thanks to those who were part of a sell-out list of delegates, and to all the presenters who approached their subjects with enthusiasm and professionalism. There was a wide variety of subject matter which held interest for all.

At the AGM, the same Executive was recycled into the next year. A list is included here, along with contact details, for completeness. The Convenors List also remained essentially unchanged except that >

- * We disbanded the Future Heritage Network portfolio due to lack of cohesive support from members.
- * Nigel Hogg, being relieved of that work, has been elected to put a team together to consider with some urgency the question of the supply of competent inspectors for Certification of heritage boilers (a matter of increasing concern) and any other issues around Boilers. Grant Hjorth will now concentrate his efforts on Mechanical Engineering matters and his role as Chair of the Heritage Engineering Committee under NRSS-11
- * A Tramway Convenorship was re-established as the need again seems apparent. Dave Hinman was elected to that portfolio
- * There was no appointment made to judge the A&G Price Steam Locomotive Award as the meeting accepted the advice of Dr David Black that A&G Price Ltd's connection with the award had run its course, and we would seek a new Sponsor with new Rules before appointing a new Convenor when that task is completed. The Df 1301 Convenorship was also disbanded in view of our Agreement with the Diesel Traction Group. Rm 56 was gifted to the Canterbury Railway Society as per the notified Motion.

Subscription Rates were held for the 5th year, though the President pointed to the likelihood of a contribution being sought next year from those members who currently enjoy free Public Liability Insurance at the expense of the Network Operators - due to their premiums being raised. He also observed that the reduction in air fares, travel and accommodation costs that we have enjoyed in the last few years was clearly under pressure from rising fuel and food costs and an adjustment was predictable.

The AGM agreed that we would hold the 2009 Conference in Christchurch and that it would be hosted by the Canterbury Railway Society. Due to the success and support of the extra Field Trips held on the Friday preceding Conference, we will probably repeat that next year.

Our thanks goes to Goldfields Railway & Victoria Battery Tramway for hosting delegates on Friday 30 May and to the Bush Tramway Club for their contribution to accommodation arrangements, and hosting such a sizeable crowd at Pukemiro on Monday, together with a fabulous Country Feast at the Blue Rooms in Glen Afton.



OUR BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB HOSTS
Pukemiro : 1 June 2008 : *Photo* : Allan Neilson



OUR BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB VISIT
Pukemiro : 1 June 2008 : *Photo* : Daniel Garland



VICTORIA BATTERY TRAMWAY VISIT
Waikino : 30 May 2008 : *Photo* : Nigel Hogg



GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY VISIT
FRONZ Special crosses SH2. *Photo* : Paul Dillicar

GRAFFITI, THEFT, VANDALISM PLAGUE CONTINUES

THE UGLINESS CONTINUES

Railway museum volunteers in Upper Hutt are disappointed someone would steal from them.

When Silver stream Railway Museum workers arrived to open up this weekend, they found the perimeter fence had been cut to gain access to the museum. More than \$5,000 worth of metal fishplates and bedplates have been taken. Fishplates link the rails together and bedplates are used on top of sleepers.

President Jason Durry is disappointed someone would steal from a hardworking non-profit group. He says members put in a lot of effort to keep the era of the steam train alive for present and future generations.

Mr Durry says it would have been a heavy load to take away, with four pallets stolen. Mr Durry is asking scrap metal dealers to be alert.

THE COMMUNITY FIGHTS BACK

Reward money totalling thousands of dollars will be up for grabs later this year for sharp-eyed Tauranga people who dob in taggers. Tauranga City Council's graffiti action plan includes a reward-based 'dob in a tagger' scheme. It will get \$5000 a year from the Ministry of Justice.

The nine-point plan to combat taggers grew out of the city council insisting that more needed to be done on the ground to combat graffiti. Council environmental monitoring manager James Jefferson said this week that police had agreed to take a zero-tolerance approach to tagging by temporarily dropping diversion as an option for those who had no previous criminal record. The system in which first offenders escape getting a criminal record for lesser crimes will be dropped for six months for taggers and then reviewed.

The biggest weapon in Tauranga's crackdown against taggers will be council spending \$100,000 a year to employ a person whose sole task would be to combat graffiti. The action plan also calls for the council to tap into the Government's \$6m fighting fund to supply graffiti removal kits to Tauranga neighbourhood support groups.



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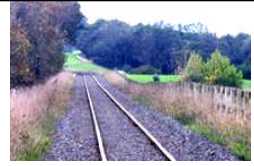
2008 FRONZ AWARDS WINNERS

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ONTRACK AWARD FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT :

BRICKELL TROPHY & \$ 2,500 CHEQUE :

GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY FOR HEAVY TRACK UPGRADE
BETWEEN MORLEY ROAD & GLENBROOK



A & G PRICE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE RESTORATION AWARD

TROPHY & CAST PLATE

WHANGAREI STEAM & MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY
FOR REBUILDING WITH NEW BOILER, PECKETT # 2157 (1955)



DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE RESTORATION AWARD

CERTIFICATE & CAST PLATE FROM UNITED GROUP LTD

GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY
REBUILD OF DSA 243 (GVR # 10)



TRAMWAY RESTORATION AWARD

\$ 500 TRAVEL AWARD SPONSORED BY THE MOTAT SOCIETY
WELLINGTON CABLE CAR MUSEUM
FOR RESTORATION OF GRIP CAR # 3



P J DILLICAR AWARD FOR INNOVATION

TROPHY & \$ 500 TRAVEL AWARD SPONSORED BY MOTAT SOCIETY

IAN WELCH & MAINLINE STEAM TRUST for
IMPORTATION OF STEAM LOCOS & CARRIAGES
TO ENHANCE RAIL TOURING IN NZ



P S HEIGHTON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

TROPHY & \$ 500 TRAVEL AWARD SPONSORED BY MOTAT SOCIETY
STEAM INCORPORATED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EQUIPPING
& OPERATING NATIONAL HERITAGE RAIL TOURS WITH
THEIR OWN EXCURSION TRAIN & STAFF.



PASSENGER TRAIN VEHICLE RESTORATION AWARD

TROPHY & \$ 500 CHEQUE SPONSORED BY TAIERI GORGE RAILWAY

NO ENTRIES = NO WINNER = NO \$ 500



FREIGHT VEHICLE RESTORATION AWARD

Certificate

OTAGO RAILWAY & LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY INC
'OCEAN BEACH RAILWAY'
BOGIE CATTLE WAGON T 175



WETA WORKSHOP CREATIVITY IN RESTORATION AWARD

TROPHY from WETA WORKSHOP

STEAM INCORPORATED for TRADITIONAL HERITAGE TRAIN



RAIL HERITAGE TRUST OF NZ AWARDS

RHTNZ PLAQUE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION "DENNISTON" PROJECT

plus RHT NZ Merit Awards >



-1- NELSON RAILWAY SOCIETY 'TUI' STATION

-2- 'SPUD' LANGLEY FOR STATION RESTORATION
IN HAWKES BAY
AT ESKDALE, WAIPUNGA, OPAPA & MATAMAU



FRONZ STATISTICAL UPDATE : ++++ IMPORTANT +++

It is 5 years since FRONZ carried out a Statistics review through its membership to quantify the rail heritage and rail tourism market/industry. Having these figures on hand when making submissions to Legislators, Select Committees, Government Agencies (like OnTrack, LTNZ, etc) makes it a lot easier for us to scope the market quickly when we are often under time restraints with deadlines. We are therefore sending out a form which will arrive in your mail soon, along with our Subscriptions Invoices and we ask for your cooperation in filling it in and returning to Paul Dillicar by 31 July.

We know that several of our members have achieved phenomenal growth in their ridership in the last 5 years and it is timely to update that information and also to get the latest figures on membership, staff and volunteers. We also have a couple of questions to define the size of fuel consumption in order to measure our carbon footprint and to determine the likely cost of Fuel Taxes should they be considered.

As before, we **GUARANTEE** not to disclose **ANY** individual figures. In fact they don't leave Paul's office. **ONLY SUMMARY** numbers will be used in our submissions. We have honoured that undertaking for 5 years now. Please help us to help you, by completing this exercise on time.

A1 'TORNAO' NEARS COMPLETION

Here's an encouraging read for steam enthusiasts >

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1023166/index.html>

And for more about the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, their website is at

<http://www.a1steam.com/>

