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OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

*The Team at  
FRONZ wishes you and your  
Team a Joyful  
and Happy Christmas & a  
Healthy & Safe  
2009*

### 2008-2009 COMMUNITY HELP DIRECTORY

This directory (now in its 17th edition) has been compiled for people in both rural and urban communities. It includes

annually updated descriptions of the full range of services available in NZ together with national, regional and where appropriate, local contacts. Its sections cover: emergency services and crisis help; community information services and directories; agriculture and other primary industry services; business development, industry and trade; transport and communications; consumer issues, legal advice and police; education, employment and training; the electoral system, immigration and NZ citizenship; land, natural resources and energy; taxation, finance and insurance; personal family and community welfare; health; housing and accommodation; tourism, recreation, sport and culture; Maori and Pacific Island organisations, central government - departments and organisations; Parliament; and local government.

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### INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB BAN LIFTED

New Energy Minister Gerry Brownlee has asked officials to look into the proposed phase out of incandescent light bulbs.

In Opposition Mr Brownlee was a vocal opponent of the Labour government's plan to implement a new standard for light bulbs which would see old incandescent light bulbs phased out by the end of next year. A newspaper has reported a National staffer saying the phase out would not go ahead but Mr Brownlee would not confirm that.

Mr Brownlee said officials at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority were doing some work on the issue. "We'll be making an announcement about that in due course," Mr Brownlee said.

Labour Party climate change spokesman Charles Chauvel hoped National would go ahead and adopt the new standard.

Meantime, Keith Hamilton, a GVR volunteer of Auckland has written to advise that National MP & Cabinet Minister Wayne Mapp, tells him the decision has been overturned, and the 1 October 2009 ban no longer applies.

### NEW TRANSPOWER COMMUNITY CARE FUND LAUNCHED

Transpower has a new funding programme called "CommunityCare Fund". This offers support by funding projects that add value and benefit to a community.

Projects close to new Transpower works or upgrade plans will be priorities. Transpower will assist 23 community organisations with \$598,300 in grants through its CommunityCare Fund this year. Information and application forms are at <http://www.transpower.co.nz/communitycare-fund>

### FRONZ ADDRESS BOOK AMENDMENT

Please note a change of E-Mail address for Hon Secretary, Weka Pass Railway :

Scott Eastwick : [sdeastwick@clear.net.nz](mailto:sdeastwick@clear.net.nz)

### ENGINEERING HERITAGE CONFERENCE

IPENZ, together with Engineers Australia and the University of Otago are combining to hold this Conference in Dunedin, from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

A detailed flyer is available here >

<http://www.ipenz.org.nz/IPENZ/nzecal/conference.pdf>

### WIRING PLAN WANTED

Wanganui SteamRail Society are restoring Van F 733 and would like to know if anyone has a wiring diagram applicable to this work. If you can assist, please contact Blair Jordan : [buzzz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:buzzz@xtra.co.nz)

### REVISED DRINKING WATER STANDARDS for N Z

NZ's drinking water standards were recently revised and a new document called "Drinking-Water Standards for NZ 2005 (Revised 2008)" has been published for owners and operators of public and private systems.

This outlines the requirements for drinking-water safety by specifying the maximum amounts of substances/organisms that are allowed to be present in drinking-water. It also sets out the criteria for demonstrating that the standards are being complied with, and action that needs to be taken if they are not.

The requirements in "Drinking-Water Standards for NZ 2005 (Revised 2008)" come into force on 31 December 2008. For more information and a copy of the publication go to

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/8534>

### FREE TO A GOOD HOME : Carriage Seat

Heritage supporter Grant Pendergrast of Hamilton has a railway carriage seat free to a restoration project.



To discuss this offer, get hold of Grant at a reasonable hour of the day on Cellphone 027 352 6315. Freight will be the new owner's responsibility & cost. Thanks for the offer Grant !

### SCRAP METAL THEFTS DROP AS FAST AS PRICES

The Scrap Metal & Recyclers Association says that the global economic melt-down has had a drastic effect on scrap metal pricing, so much so that recycling itself is becoming unprofitable.

Last year the scrap industry was reported to be the 14<sup>th</sup> biggest business in New Zealand. Hero to zero in a few months.

Maybe now the scrap thieves will leave heritage rail alone.



## TOWING OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES ON THE ONTRACK NETWORK

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From time to time, FRONZ members (some of whom not already signed up to the Heritage Access Agreement [ HAA ]), ask to have a locomotive or wagon towed on the OnTrack/KiwiRail rail network for one reason or another. An example might be a locomotive which is normally confined to a heritage railway, being towed to a place where the wheels might be skimmed or turned, or where some major repair is being done under contract. Not being a signatory to the HAA is not necessarily an impediment to the transfer of these vehicles, but, due to the number of such requests which OnTrack have had to deal with (with considerable effort on the part of their engineering officers), a new Protocol has been put in place which clearly assigns the risk assessment and mitigation process to the responsibility of the vehicle owner prior to discussion with the network access provider. (In other words if you can't get it past the Regulator, don't bother KiwiRail/OnTrack with it !

The new protocol is attached to this issue of JOURNAL. **Please keep it on file** for future use.

*NOTE : The Protocol suggests 5 working weeks may be required to complete the process, so requests for urgency will not be appreciated.*

THE NEXT ISSUE OF 'JOURNAL' WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY



MOTAT'S TRAMWAY & POHUTUKAWA IN BLOOM  
31 DECEMBER 2006 Photo : Paul Dillicar



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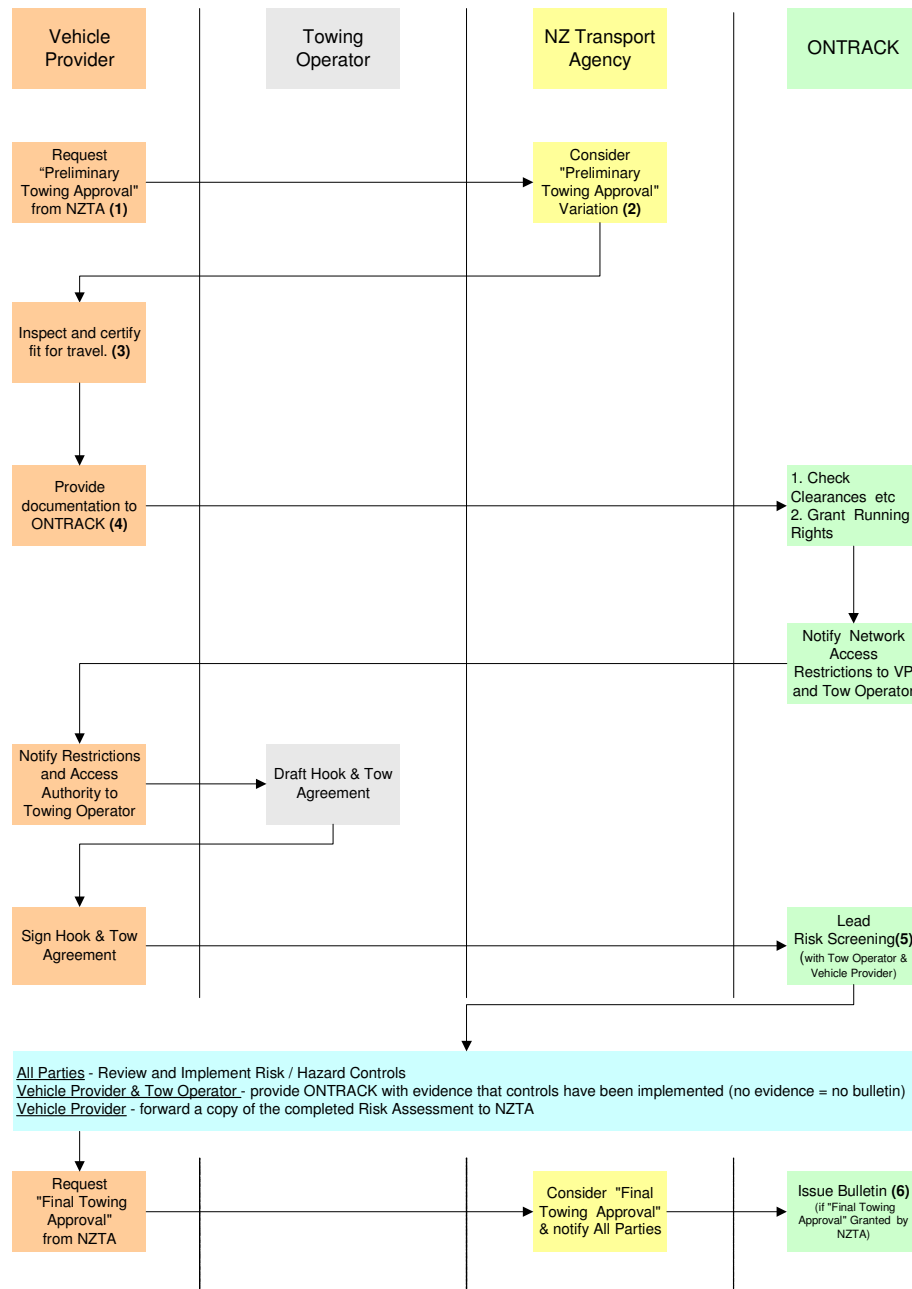
**CANCELLATION**

Bulletin No.964 (Semi-permanent) dated 24/11/2008, re towing of un-registered vehicles is **cancelled**.

Commencing **forthwith** and continuing until further advised the following instruction will operate.

**Towing of an Unregistered Rail Vehicle on the National Rail System**

The time to complete the process will vary dependant of requirements.  
For guidance allow at least five (5) working weeks.



**(1) Vehicle Provider - advise NZTA the mechanical standard that will be applied:**

- A. FRONZ, or
- B. KiwiRail

**(2) NZTA - consider if the requestor is competent to assess mechanical fitness?**

If Yes, grant conditional approval subject to:

- ONTRACK running rights
- Risk Screening & implemented hazard / risk controls
- Hook and Tow Agreement
- Compliant with NRSS 6&7.

**(3) Vehicle Provider - Gain Fit for Travel Certificate from an Approved Assessor for the mechanical standard being applied .**

- A. FRONZ Assessor
- B. KiwiRail Assessor

**(4) Vehicle Provider - Provide documentation to ONTRACK:**

- A. Rail Vehicle specifications
- B. Operating and mechanical restrictions
- C. Preliminary risk assessment

**(5) Vehicle Provider, Tow Operator, ONTRACK, - Risk Screening Must Consider:**

- running restrictions
- hazards
- movement plan
- insurance
- copy of running rights
- interoperability

**(6) ONTRACK - Bulletin to include:**

- hazard warnings & applicable controls from risk assessment
- operating restrictions

This instruction will apply until consultation with NRSS Category B members is completed

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