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CONGRATULATIONS

To the team from the Diesel Traction Group who achieved the faultless transfer of FRONZ locomotive DF 1501 from Auckland to Christchurch over the weekend of 16 - 18 January.

The planning and execution of this epic task is a credit to their thorough and professional attitude, and has set a high standard for others to aspire to in the future when considering the movement by rail of otherwise-unregistered vehicles.

Picture by Len Chisholm shows 1501 safely aboard Interisland ferry "Arahura" at Wellington on Sunday 18 January.

Restricted towing at 60 kph, 1501 (relabelled XPL12 for the journey), left Westfield in Auckland at 2240 on Friday and arrived virtually on time in Christchurch at 1540 Sunday

Df 1501's EPIC JOURNEY SOUTH



PAPAKURA : 2315 FRI 16 JANUARY : MIKE KILGOUR



KAIKOURA COAST : SUNDAY 18 JANUARY : DANIEL GARLAND



PROUD DIESEL TRACTION GROUP MEMBERS, GERARD GREENLEES, STEVE WEIR & JIM GARTERS ARE SEEN WITH THEIR MONITORING PAPERWORK AT THE PINES IN NORTH CANTERBURY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON 18 FEBRUARY 2009. MISSING WAS MIKE ANDERSON TOOK THE PHOTO FOR THE RECORD.

MORE PHOTOS ON DTG WEBSITE
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/dtg/sets/72157612648482515/>



TAIHAPE : SATURDAY 17 JANUARY : GEORGE BARNES



MIDDLETON, CHRISTCHURCH
 SUNDAY 18 JANUARY ; DANIEL GARLAND



ARRIVING AT FERRYMEAD ; 28 JANUARY ; PHOTO : NEV TOBIN

KNOW YOUR MARKET : 2007/08 "Active NZ" Survey Results

The 2007/08 Active NZ Survey demonstrates that large numbers of Kiwi adults continue to participate in sport and recreation. It also shows that there has been no fall off in overall participation levels since the previous comparable survey in 2001. The survey was commissioned by SPARC (the Crown entity responsible for promoting encouraging and supporting sport and physical recreation in NZ).

The survey reveals that, on any given week, 80% of NZers aged 16 and above participate in a sport or recreation activity – that's 2.6 million Kiwis every week. The data also shows that almost half the adult population meet the minimum recommended physical activity guidelines (30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on at least five days a week). A further 20% of adults are close to meeting that target.

Other major results in the survey are:

- walking, gardening and swimming are the top three activities participated in per year;
- volunteers continue to be the backbone of sport and recreation with one in four adults involved as volunteers;
- clubs and centres play a major role in sport and recreation participation (per month, one-third of adults use clubs/centres for sport and recreation);
- we love to compete – 37% of adults are involved in events and organised competitions;
- among adults who are active, sport and recreation is the main way they achieve their recommended daily dose of physical activity; and
- when compared to the total population, a similar proportion of Maori, NZ European and Pacific adults achieve NZ national physical activity guidelines.

This first report presents an overview of main findings. Over the next six months SPARC will be releasing profiles of regions, most popular sport and recreation activities, volunteers, and demographic profiles including ethnicity and older NZers.

FRONZ 'RAILPLANZ' DATABASE

This useful database set up by FRONZ Convenor, Chris Mann, and contributed to by many of our member organisations, IS still working, but we accept that the host website at <http://e.1asphost.com/nzrailplans/> is less than perfect, and frequently returns an "Oops". We hope to end this frustration for adherents of the site, as the information it contains is far too valuable to let go. Watch this space !

Meantime, Chris adds *"There are still future opportunities to scan the drawings and have them all online. This is the way to go - it's really just about when it happens. It may be years away, but I would like to setup the framework so we can add scanned drawings as they are received/available"*.

Chris can be contacted at ChrisM@mtlnz.co.nz

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF 'THOMAS' EVENTS IN N.Z. ??

Are "Thomas" days numbered, thanks to a change in demands of the new territorial Licensing outfit, Haven-Licensing Australia and their UK Licensor "HIT-Entertainment". It seems the new Terms and Conditions for running "Thomas" events in New Zealand may have the Rev Awdry spinning in his grave, if reports reaching FRONZ are anything to go by.

There is no doubting the pulling power of what were "Friends of Thomas the Tank Engine" days and weekend events, in future to be known as "Day out with Thomas" (the Tank Engine). And there is nothing wrong with our heritage railway organisations paying a royalty or percentage of the takings in recognition of being able to attach themselves to the "Thomas" label. But it does appear greed is setting in, along with some daunting demands that include participating railways have a real or replica "Thomas" always on site, and that their staff have training and accreditation in a "Child Protection Policy" among other things.

FRONZ member "Pleasant Point Railway & Historical Society" who have held successful properly-licensed "Thomas" events for some years at Easter, have thrown in the towel for 2009 as they simply can't comply in time (or cost) with the demands of Haven Licensing. They thought they would put the popular events on hold for a year at least, whilst they considered and negotiated a possible way forward. Instead, back came a demand for confirmation they would "destroy all materials associated with the Thomas brand including engine faces, paintings, posters and anything else you may have to hand."

FRONZ has established that other members have had similar recent attention from Haven Licensing, together with a raft of new instructions along with (mid-2008) an increase in the required royalty payments to 13% of takings. (In the UK it is now 18%).

STOP PRESS : see later in this issue !!! (page)



Mainline Steam's Hudswell Clark at a GVR "Thomas" event in November 2007

Paul Dillicar :Photo

Draft DZ3106 Code of practice for concrete structures for the storage of liquids

The following New Zealand draft Standard, DZ3106 *Code of practice for concrete structures for the storage of liquids* is now available for you to comment on.

Closing date for comment on this draft Standard is **13 February 2009**.

Draft DZ3106 Code of practice for concrete structures for the storage of liquids

This Standard will provide guidance for users to meet the requirements of the New Zealand Building Code in regards to concrete structures that will store liquid, and would be used regularly by engineers and organisations about to embark on a new storage tank project

The Standard will cover:

- Design requirements and guidance
- Loading requirements
- Seismic considerations and allowances

To download a free copy of draft DZ3106 Code of practice for concrete structures for the storage of liquids, go to <http://www.standards.co.nz/webshop/?action=viewDraft&mod=drafts&draftId=DZ3106&searchId=42&searchOrderIndex=1&searchSessionId=3C66E6DD9CD80322C692>

Comments can also be provided using the template supplied on the Standards New Zealand website. Alternatively, comments can be sent on the template included at the front of the draft.

THANKS TO RURAL WOMEN NZ FOR THE FOLLOWING NEWS STORIES

CENTRE FOR PHILANTHROPY

Guardian Trust's Centre for Philanthropy promotes private philanthropy in NZ by helping those with the means to make a difference turn their good intentions into worthwhile results. The centre provides private philanthropists with advice for choosing the best way to structure and target their giving To affect profound social change with the causes they are most passionate about. The Centre includes a knowledge base that provides a free, profile-raising opportunity for charitable organisations to connect with Guardian Trust's client base which includes more than 450 charitable trusts and estates disbursing at least \$26 million annually to charity. All operating charities are invited to register their organisation's details in the knowledge base, providing potential donors with the information required to make informed decisions about where to provide funding support. To find out more go to <http://www.guardiantrust.co.nz> and click on the word "Philanthropy" on the left hand edge of the homepage

LOTTERY ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

This committee provides grants for projects that promote, protect and conserve NZ's natural, physical and cultural heritage, such as: native regeneration projects/establishment of native plant nurseries; captive breeding programmes including animal release to enhance indigenous fauna; pest and predator eradication programmes; historical publications; museums, where taonga and art galleries; conservation of historic buildings, structures, rolling stock, archeological sites and waahi tapu sites.

Applications close on 23 February 2009. Apply to COGS and Lottery Grants

Apply to COGS and Lottery Grants Board using Grants Online (www.cdgo.govt.nz). You can apply electronically or you can download an application form from the same site and mail it to the address on the form. For more information, freephone 0800 824 824, or email: grantsonline@dia.govt.nz

USEFUL TIP FOR WEBSURFERS

If you want to save all those useful little bits of information you come across when you're surfing the web use Evernote at www.evernote.com. After a while it gets hard trying to remember where you saw each bit - and Evernote.com, which is available for Windows, Macs and mobiles enables you to save up to 40 megabytes of new clips each month using a free account. This should be plenty if you are not storing lots of high resolution images. When you see something you want to make a note of, all you have to do is highlight it and click the green elephant head icon Evernote has embedded in your browser.

Clicking this icon with nothing selected will place the whole page in there. You will need to register first, then just head to the download page for instructions on what to do next;

"Workplace Health and Safety Strategy for NZ to 2015

Snapshot of Progress
2007/08" is available online at <http://www.whss.govt.nz/snapshot07-08/page04.html>

FRONZ 2009 CONFERENCE :

Plans are being firmed up for an interesting line-up of Speakers and Topics. The usual Website facility for both accommodation and registration is expected to be released around March 15th - giving you just 4 weeks to ensure your place. Perhaps it would be a good idea to decide soon, how many delegates you are going to send and who they are. ?

Following the success last year of starting the Conference a day earlier, we will include visits to the Mainline Steam Depot in Christchurch and the Weka Pass Railway (including a train ride to Waikari & return) on a charter coach leaving from Cathedral Square via our Hotel and the Airport on Friday 29th May. The Coach is expected to depart the Airport at 0945, allowing flight connections from Auckland, Wellington and other provincial centres.

It is worth noting that Fares on offer now from Auckland with Air New Zealand, are really cheap at \$78/seat one way BUT cheapest seats ex Wellington are already listed at \$ 102/seat. You may wish to get in early. !

Conference will end on Monday 1 June at Noon at Ferrymead with coaches to the airport leaving there at least twice during the afternoon which we will co-ordinate after we know what delegates are doing. .

MEETINGS

FRONZ is holding a meeting for Network Operators in Wellington on Thursday 5th February and the management of those members should now have the Agenda.

The FRONZ Executive is holding its annual between – Conferences meeting in Wellington the next day.

NATIONAL MUSEUM E-ALERTS

National Services Te Paerangi What's Happening e-alerts. To subscribe to receive the e-alerts -

email natserv@tepapa.govt.nz

DoC's DENNISTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The historic coal mining settlement of Denniston has a range of sites and features. An archaeological survey was undertaken in 2006 to record details of the sites and help guide future conservation work.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/publications/conservation/historic/by-region/west-coast/denniston-archaeological-survey/>

CHARITIES COMMISSION UPDATE :

The latest news update we have is at <http://www.charities.govt.nz/news/news.htm>

NEW KIWIRAIL C.E.O. APPOINTED

We are attaching to this JOURNAL a copy of the News Release about the appointment of Mr Jim Quinn as CEO of KiwiRail Group. (14 January 09)



GVR's JA 1250 seemed happy enough wearing this face back in November 08

UPDATE ON "THOMAS" :

Following the difficulties experienced by at least two NZ rail heritage operators who had been planning to hold "Thomas"-themed events this year, FRONZ has been contacted by Haven Licensing in an effort to recover from what they call "misinformed adverse publicity.

Bottom line is, that FRONZ now have a comprehensive document regarding the licensing Terms and Conditions for future "Days out with 'Thomas'". Most of these are non-negotiable.

We have been in touch with what we believe to be the full list of FRONZ members who have previously held "Thomas' events and whilst a couple are considering whether they will continue to hold them, others have flagged it away or are in the process of complying.

If any member organisation wants a copy out of genuine interest, please contact Paul Dillicar. We are obliged to then inform Haven, that the document has been passed on and give them your contact details for follow-up..

CALLS REJECTED TO CHANGE NEW INTERNET & COPYRIGHT LAW

Starting February 28 a new Amendment (Section 92A) of the Copyright Law comes into affect.

See http://www.legislation.co.nz/act/public/2008/0027/latest/DLM1122643.html?search=ts_act_copyright_resele

Internet service provider must have policy for terminating accounts of repeat infringers

“(1) An Internet service provider must adopt and reasonably implement a policy that provides for termination, in appropriate circumstances, of the account with that Internet service provider of a repeat infringer.

“(2) In subsection (1), repeat infringer means a person who repeatedly infringes the copyright in a work by using 1 or more of the Internet services of the Internet service provider to do a restricted act without the consent of the copyright owner.

On Wednesday, 28 January 2009 the news media reported >

“Calls to repeal a law that could mean Kiwi internet users have their connections cut if they are accused of breaching copyright have been knocked back by the Government.

The new "guilt by accusation" law would result in internet service providers (ISPs) being forced to take on the role of gatekeeper by blocking online access to anyone accused of flouting copyright laws and illegally downloading films and music. Telecom, Vodafone and TelstraClear have spoken out against the law, joining calls by Internet NZ for the Government to repeal section 92A of the Copyright Act, due to come in on February 28.

The law says ISPs must disconnect internet service to anyone "repeatedly accused" of accessing copyrighted material online. Communications and Information Technology Minister Steven Joyce acknowledged concerns about the law's implementation, but stopped short of saying it would be reviewed.

"We will keep a close eye on how the new law works in practice. We are prepared to look at further changes if they prove necessary."

Internet NZ executive director Keith Davidson said ISPs would play the role of "judge, jury and executioner", and the law would negate the assumption that users were innocent until proven guilty.

He said he believed an alternative model used in Canada and Japan by which people who believed their copyright was being infringed were put in touch with the alleged perpetrator, would provide a better solution.

"Internet service providers shouldn't step in and become middlemen. We are a democracy ... it goes against having an open and uncapturable internet."

Vodafone spokeswoman Alison Sykora said: "We believe the Government needs to re-examine this as it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to enforce."

TelstraClear spokesman Mathew Bolland called the legislation appalling and said it appeared to have gone through "in the dead of the night" despite the commerce select committee deleting the controversial section last year.

"We won't break the law, but we won't be hammering our customers."

Telecom spokesman Mark Watts said the company did not believe section 92 in its present form was the best solution.

"It should not fall to ISPs to monitor our customers' behaviour or decide whether infringement has occurred."

Comment from FRONZ : Whilst we may hope that this rather unusual "guilty until proven innocent" law will not affect members, it would be wise to ensure that the use of old photos and other materials on your Websites, or other sites you sponsor, are clear of copyright infringements.

DF 1501 RESTORATION TRUST, HAMILTON

A BIG THANKS is extended to the members of this now defunct Trust, who have donated the Top End Kit that they purchased with funds raised to begin the restoration of the spare V-12 motor for Df 1501, to the Diesel Traction Group. The Kit was loaded on board 1501 as it passed through Te Rapa on its epic journey south to Ferrymead. The DTG team and FRONZ are delighted with this very valuable and generous start to 1501's rebuild.

The Trust team included Dave Simpson, Gregor McNeil, Grant Pendergrast and a core of largely Waikato-based supporters.



AWAY IN OZ.

Paul Dillicar will be in Australia on holiday from 23 February to 10 March, visiting NSW, Tasmania & Melbourne. Paul plans to visit heritage rail sites where possible, and to meet with local members and some of the Executive of both ATHRA & COTMA. Please contact Peter McCallum during this period.

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KIWI RAIL GROUP APPOINTS NEW GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE



KiwiRail Group has appointed Auckland businessman Jim Quinn as its new Group Chief Executive.

Mr Quinn is currently Chief Executive Officer of Express Couriers Limited, a joint venture between New Zealand Post and DHL. He will take up his appointment from 1 March 2009.

KiwiRail Group Chairman Jim Bolger says Jim Quinn combines experience in the private sector and with a major State Owned Enterprise.

"He brings to the rail industry experience from his work in the postal, electricity and transport sectors as well as a strong customer service dimension from the courier business," Jim Bolger said.

"We are delighted that Jim has agreed to join KiwiRail Group. We are confident that he has the leadership qualities to meet the challenges that the rail and ferry business faces in the future.

"This is an exciting time for the business with many opportunities to contribute to improving New Zealand's essential transport infrastructure."

Before his most recent appointment, Mr Quinn held a number of senior posts within New Zealand Post, including Group General Manager Express and Logistics, General Manager Processing and General Manager Courier Services.

From 1995 - 1997 he was General Manager WEL Energy Group. He also has past experience in the road transport industry with freight and logistics company Freightways.

Jim Quinn says he's excited by his appointment and is looking forward to starting on 1 March.

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to become involved in such a great industry particularly one that has experienced such dramatic shifts over the years and is now coming together again. I love services businesses and I enjoy creating teams that can deliver service and have fun at the same time.

"I also enjoy the challenge of working in a business that has to meet commercial goals but also meet its obligation to demonstrate social responsibility. There is a tension between the two, but I see that as positive rather than negative.

"I don't have direct rail experience, but my work in the postal, electricity and transport industries will serve me well. I am aware that there is a great deal of specialised rail knowledge within KiwiRail Group and I am confident I can utilise this.

"I look forward to getting out and meeting as many of you as possible after 1 March."

Jim Quinn currently lives in Auckland, is married to Debby and has three daughters. He lists his interests as his family, golf, music and most sports.

Mr Bolger paid tribute to the work of Acting Group Chief Executive William Peet who has led the organisation from the merger of the infrastructure and rail and ferry business on 1 October 2008. He has been Chief Executive of ONTRACK since October 2007.

"William has done an outstanding job in managing the process that resulted in the creation of KiwiRail Group. The Board will be looking to retain his skills for the future."