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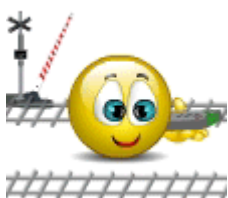
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**DANG !!** (or insert your own expletive !) Just when we think that we've seen about enough amendments to members' Address and Contact Information, and we decide to publish an updated list, how would you know, that that would be the trigger for several more Groups to advise us of their alterations and immediately make the new list redundant !!! At an early stage we thought it would be OK to just publish the few amendments that came in over the next few days, but that was only the start. !! We received almost two dozen.

So would any more of you out there that have found an error in what was published, or wish to advise us of any further changes, please "get a round tuit" soon, and we will re-issue another updated version shortly. It really would be helpful if members who have a change in committee and management personnel (especially Officers) , or change addresses, Email or important phone numbers, **PLEASE LET US KNOW.** One other thing , while we have your attention, (?), if you wish to delete someone from our Circulation List (because they have left your Group or Management) we need you to advise us, or they will continue to receive our Email. That may not be appropriate. There are now some 287 e-mail addresses on our list across our 67 member Groups.

*P.s.: Thanks to Scott Osmond for checking all the Post Codes in the Address Book.*

**SUBSCRIPTIONS :** Invoices were sent out recently and subs are NOW due. Bearing in mind our Year started back on 1<sup>st</sup> April, it would be appreciated if these could be paid quickly. Thanks to those members who have already made payment. If you did not receive yours, please advise [simmondsc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:simmondsc@xtra.co.nz)

### FIRST SHANTYTOWN STEAM SCHOOL COURSE SOLD OUT !

Ian Tibbles reported on 21 July that six places having been sold for the inaugural ShantyTown Steam School, it will get underway on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. At least another half-dozen enquiries have been received and so the demand appears to be living up to expectations. Refer "JOURNAL" # 77 for details, or Email [info@tpp.ac.nz](mailto:info@tpp.ac.nz) for brochure.

### SEEING DOUBLE-...DECKERS

... *correction* :

In Issue # 77 we carried a picture and story about Christchurch Double-decker Tram # 26 which we wrongly asserted was being prepared for work on the Christchurch City Tramway. We are corrected as follows :

# 26 it is actually the Tramway Historical Society's tram, being restored by HTT staff and THS members for use (at this stage) on the Ferrymead Tramway - not currently proposed to go into the city.

**SPECIAL NOTE :** During the week 9 – 16 August, please contact FRONZ Secretary Peter McCallum for any urgent matters Email [pmccall@ihug.co.nz](mailto:pmccall@ihug.co.nz) or phone (027) 229 5626

## WHAT'S IN THE DEMOGRAPHICS ?

An article in *the Dominion Post* on 18 July headed “**Towns face struggle as population gets greyer**” reported that “Small towns are facing a struggle to survive as families get smaller and populations get older”.

The ageing of the population and the rise of childless couples will translate into more households but, in some rural districts, fewer people, a study suggests. The findings of a report by Statistics New Zealand yesterday on household projections to 2031 were met with concern by some rural Officials.

Wairoa Mayor Les Probert said the population decline was worrying but was a national trend. "We have a problem that many areas face: young people move away and we have a fairly large older population." In the rural Hawke's Bay town, households are expected to drop by 300 to 3000 by 2031 and its population to fall by 1900.

"The choice is really whether we try to grow Wairoa, which is fairly difficult, or whether we focus on having a small prosperous community," Mr Probert said. "We are doing our best to maintain our population."

The study forecasts that there will be 619,000 one-person households by 2031, of which two-thirds will be made up of people aged 55 and over. Although all regions are predicted to have more households by 2031, compared with population, Taranaki, West Coast and Southland are expected to have fewer people in total. Of the 73 territorial authorities, nine will have fewer households than in 2006, and 32 are projected to face a population drop, including Otorohanga, South Waikato, Waitomo, Kawerau, Opotiki, Wairoa, Ruapehu and Rangitikei districts. In Rangitikei, there were 1700 two-parent families in 2006, but that is predicted to drop to 900 by 2031. Over the same time span, one-person households are forecast to rise from 1500 to 1900.

"It's a rural New Zealand issue. The kids round here are heading for the big smoke, whether that be Wellington, Palmerston North or London. We are getting an older and older population."

The average size of households is forecast to drop to 2.4 people, driven by the rise of couples without children and the decline of two-parent families.

### POPULATION ON THE MOVE

Snapshot of NZ households by 2031:

- \* New Zealand's population is expected to reach 5.09 million by 2031.
- \* The number of households will be 2.09 million.
- \* Auckland will account for 62 per cent of our population growth and have 35 per cent of all households.
- \* The smallest average household size in 2031 is projected to be 1.8 people, in Buller. The highest will be in Manukau city with 3.0

It certainly gives food for serious thought when rail heritage in some towns around New Zealand are struggling to maintain a large enough team to sustain a project, let alone expand it in the face of lost heritage skills. Every new volunteer that can be attracted needs to be encouraged and nurtured.

## RAILFANS & RADIO SCANNERS

Railfans using radio scanners to listen in to Train Control is hardly a new phenomenon, and intercepting such broadcasts is not in itself illegal. However, re-broadcasting verbally or by other means (such as Email) any information gleaned from listening in, is illegal. The Radiocommunications Act 1989 has this to say :

....133A Offence to disclose contents of radiocommunications

(1) Every person commits an offence against this Act who receives a radiocommunication and who, knowing that the radiocommunication was not intended for that person .....

- (a) makes use of the radiocommunication or any information derived from that radiocommunication; or
- (b) reproduces or causes or permits to be reproduced the radiocommunication or information derived from that radiocommunication; or
- (c) discloses the existence of the radiocommunication.

Many scanner listeners seem to either overlook or simply not know about this law and we respectfully suggest that your members be made aware of it, lest they get into trouble with KiwiRail or law enforcement.



### Introduction

Envirostep was developed by the Ministry of Economic Development to help New Zealand small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to:

- \*understand their environmental performance
- \*benefit from improvements in environmental performance
- \*access tools and providers that can help
- \*get recognition of their environmental performance (if required)

It has been designed as a **basic** guide to help businesses find out more about their existing environmental performance, and plan how they can improve. It has the following modules:

**Registration:** The user enters basic details about themselves and their business, which are used to ensure user security, and to better target the questions asked.

**Assessment:** The user answers a series of basic questions about their environmental performance in different categories. Each possible answer has a weighting, which is used to generate a business performance profile.

**Reporting:** The tool generates two forms of user report:

Environmental Performance Report, summarising their performance profile and listing recommendations for improvement.

Recommendations for further improvement, each of which is linked to further information resources.

**Information:** This section provides general information about how to use the tool, and provides links to other web-based resources that may help users to improve their environmental performance, including:

[Log-on & registration](#)

[Using the questionnaire](#)

[Assessment results](#)

[Terminology](#)

[Further information](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Category & question weightings](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

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## A HAPPY FACE CAN GO A LONG WAY .....

Her uniform looks good, with striped scarf and blue cap in perfect order, but railway employee Mitsue Endo has one thing to do before she faces the masses - pass the smile test.

Endo, who works at hectic Shinagawa Station in central Tokyo for Keihin Express Railway, sits in front of a laptop computer with a digital camera mounted on top. At first she is a bit grim-faced, and the verdict from the company's smile-rating software is instant and candid. "Smile: 0" pops up on the screen.

She breaks into a broad grin and the computer responds cheerfully, giving her a score of 70.

The company has installed the system to help employees check their smiles before heading out to face customers. The test is optional, but at major stations like Shinagawa, the 250,000 riders who pass through per day can be rushed and agitated, and a happy face can go a long way.

"Smiling helps our interaction with the passengers. I think the atmosphere becomes more relaxing with a smile," says Endo, whose job includes helping lost customers find their way and dealing with ticketing mishaps. Keihin uses the software at 15 of its 72 stations, concentrating on the busier locations.

Taichi Takahashi, who works in public relations at the train operator, says it gives employees a chance to examine themselves before they go to work.

"I don't think that we have had much opportunity to stare at our faces that close and for that long to check our facial expressions until now," he said.

*Associated Press*

### RETURNING PUBLIC WORKS LAND

Your views on the Public Works (Offer Back of and Compensation for Acquired Land) Amendment Bill are being sought. This Bill would ensure that former owners of Maori or general land taken or acquired by the Crown for the purposes of a public work are given the first right of refusal to purchase that land where the Crown no longer requires it for the public work for which it was originally taken. Where the former owners of the land are deceased, these rights would be exercised by their descendants.

Maori land has both been taken under the Public Works Act 1981 for a specific purpose and/or purchased by the Crown for a specific purpose: in most instances land sold to the Crown for a specific purpose is only sold by Maori for that purpose and for no other. It is with that principle in mind that the Bill proposes land sold to the Crown should be offered back to the original owners and/or their descendants.

Submissions close on 14 August 2009. Two copies go to the Local Government and Environment Committee, Parliament Buildings, Wellington. The Bill is at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/member/2007/0139-1/latest/versions.aspx>

### DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE DELAYED

The Government has delayed requirements for communities to meet new drinking water legislation by three years, and will be to reviewing the costs and benefits of the relevant legislation.

Compliance with sections of the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007 is staggered depending on the size of the community. The first group, for communities bigger than 10,000 people, was due to have plans in place by 1 July this year, but now has until 1 July 2012. Smaller communities have up until 2016 to comply.

Wherever there is a significant risk to health such as contamination, the existing legal requirement remains for suppliers to take remedial action.

### AIR QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEWED

This country's air quality standards are being reviewed by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). These standards help protect public health and the environment, by setting limits on the concentration of certain air pollutants, with restrictions on industry after 2013 if they aren't met by then. The particular issues under review are whether the disallowing of industry consents is appropriate when industry contributes a small proportion of pollutants, whether the air quality standard has the right cost/benefit balance, and whether the 2013 timeline is reliable.

A five-member technical advisory group is to make recommendations to the Minister in October.

The terms of reference for the review are at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/terms-of-reference-air-quality.html>

### RECENT SPENDING PATTERNS

The latest Nielsen global consumer confidence survey found 65% of NZers cut back on household expenses and treats in the past 12 months, slightly lower than the global average of 70%. The survey found not only are they staying home more, buying cheaper groceries, using the car less, cutting back power usage, eating fewer takeaways, and wearing fewer new clothes, but they like their new found prudence and say they'll maintain their new habits even when the economy improves.

### COPYRIGHT LAW - THE LATEST PROPOSAL

The Copyright Tribunal would be given the power to punish internet users who repeatedly breach copyright under proposals put forward today.

A discussion document from the Economic Development Ministry and interested parties has recommended a three-phase process to allow copyright holders to pursue those who breach their rights.

The final stage would allow the Copyright Tribunal to order damages, injunctions, fines and the termination of internet accounts for persistent breaches of intellectual property.

In the first instance, a rights holder could complain to the internet service provider which would notify the subscriber.

If there was further infringement, a cease-and-desist order would be sent.

If there was further infringement, the rights-holder could apply to the Copyright Tribunal for an order to obtain the subscriber's name and contact details.

The rights-holder could then serve an infringement notice.

If this and mediation failed, the tribunal would convene and could impose penalties ranging from fines to termination of a user's internet account.

Commerce Minister Simon Power said he wanted a fair and efficient process to address copyright offending.

"Unlawful file-sharing is very costly to New Zealand's creative industries and I am determined to deal with it," Mr Power said.

The previous Labour government tried to set up a code of practice to deal with copyright infringements through section 92a of an amended Copyright Act.

Many internet users opposed the changes, saying it could force the closure of websites following any accusation of breach of copyright, even if it was not proven.

After trying to find a compromise the code of practice idea was withdrawn after one major internet service provider said it would not implement it.

The Government has repeatedly said it would not allow the internet in New Zealand to become a "wild west" where copyright holders had no rights.

The discussion document today advanced an alternate section 92a and seeks comment by August 7.

## COULD THIS BE YOUR RAIL CORRIDOR ?

From "Waikato Times"

Environment Waikato's regional pest management committee has voted for a more detailed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with rail network operator KiwiRail Network on how pest plants are managed on the rail corridor.

KiwiRail Network's operations general manager Phil McQueen, who attended yesterday's committee meeting, undertook to get back to EW promptly on the proposed MoU, and emphasised his company's willingness to work towards a solution.

He noted KiwiRail Network, formerly known as OnTrack, wanted to be a good neighbour and had spent a significant proportion of their national weed control budget in the Waikato region last year. KiwiRail had been working nationally with a range of organisations on cleaning up rail corridors and was keen on the idea of joint weed control initiatives in the Waikato, Mr McQueen said.

Environment Waikato and KiwiRail Network recognised that a lack of funding for this work over a number of years had led to a situation where neighbours of the rail corridor in the Waikato have controlled weeds, only to see the same weeds on adjoining KiwiRail land. Such a situation can lead to reinfestation of treated areas.

"It's simply not good enough," said committee chairman Simon Friar. "We want to work with KiwiRail closely to get them to step up their compliance. KiwiRail cite difficult financial circumstances causing difficulties with complying. Other property owners face exactly the same difficult financial difficulties but most still manage to comply."

EW recently drafted an MoU outlining how the company and the council could work together better to deal with weeds on KiwiRail's land.

Mr McQueen welcomed closer co-operation between EW and KiwiRail on tackling weeds on the company's land in future. He explained how joint initiatives with other local authorities had seen big improvements for those communities.

He acknowledged that KiwiRail's level of spending on weeds did not satisfy EW's expectations but that it had made progress following a recent increase in investment.

At the suggestion of Cr Paula Southgate, the committee voted to strengthen the draft MoU by having it include measurable targets and timetables on weed control for KiwiRail to comply with.

## NZHPT TAKE DIGGING UP HISTORIC SITES SERIOUSLY

Two men have agreed to make a "significant" donation to the Historic Places Trust (HPT) after digging up items at an archaeological site in Central Otago. "X", 46, a journalist, and "Y", 69, a teacher, pleaded guilty in Queenstown District Court 29 July, to damaging or modifying a site without HPT approval, the Otago Daily Times reported. They, and a third man against whom charges were dropped, accompanied a TV3 camera crew to Coal Creek in the Nevis Valley in 2007 in hope of discovering an old mining village known as the North Pole. The court was told that about 400m from Coal Creek they reached a site which they did not believe was pre-1900. The camera crew wanted some action footage so the men dug up a shovel and bottle.

Judge Michael Crosbie said the proper action would have been to record the site and wait for a professional to examine it. "You should have known better. There was every chance this was an archaeological site. I think your hearts were in the right place, but your heads weren't." "X" was convicted and discharged while "Y" was discharged without conviction.

The HPT said their prosecution sent a strong message that New Zealand's heritage had legal protection. "Hopefully this will deter others from damaging heritage sites," HPT senior archaeologist Dr Rick McGovern-Wilson said.

## NATIONAL CYCLEWAY PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY

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Prime Minister John Key has named seven potential cycleway routes that construction could start on this summer.

In a speech to Local Government New Zealand Mr Key said the Government had set aside \$9 million from the \$50 million New Zealand Cycleway Fund for projects earmarked for a 'Quick Start'.

Mr Key said that the first three large regional clusters were formed by 21 Mayors and Chairpersons in Northland, the Central and Eastern North Island, and the south of the South Island. These clusters, along with the Department of Conservation, have recommended a small number of projects they believe can be started this summer.

"This is a fantastic example of a cooperative approach that will be critical to the success of the Cycleway. I would also like to acknowledge Kevin Hague of the Green Party for his help on this project."

The projects that have been selected for 'Quick Start' are: Waikato River Trail, Central North Island Rail Trail, Mount Ruapehu to Wanganui, St James Trail, Hokianga to Opuia/Russell, Hauraki Plains Trail and Southland Around the Mountain Rail Trail.

"While some of these tracks require further feasibility work to be completed I am confident that most, if not all, of these tracks will be well positioned for construction to commence this summer."

If all seven tracks go ahead it is estimated close to 300 jobs will be created from the construction, with that rising to more than 500 per year as supporting businesses are developed.

"These are only the first set of projects for the New Zealand Cycleway. As the number of tracks grow, and cycle tourism increases, the numbers of jobs generated will increase."

"The overall vision for the New Zealand Cycleway is to generate lasting economic, social, and environmental benefits for our communities by a network of 'Great Rides' through some of our most beautiful scenery."

Cycleway QuickStart Tracks (pdf)

<http://img.scoop.co.nz/media/pdfs/0907/NewZealandCyclewayQuickStartTracks.pdf>

John Key LGNZ Speech (pdf)

[http://img.scoop.co.nz/media/pdfs/0907/John\\_Key\\_LGNZ\\_Speech\\_270709.pdf](http://img.scoop.co.nz/media/pdfs/0907/John_Key_LGNZ_Speech_270709.pdf)

***Five of these seven trails include major portions of former, and even existing, rail corridor. FRONZ would like to hear from any of its member organisations who believe that their corridor safety may be compromised by the current or future plans to form or expand these cycleways. See maps for details.***

## NEW DEPT. OF CONSERVATION PUBLICATIONS FEATURING RAIL HERITAGE

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/historic/by-region/otago/otago-central-rail-trail/>

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



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