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STELVIO LIMITED JOINS FRONZ

Most members will probably be unfamiliar with the name, but your FRONZ Executive team are pleased to welcome Stelvio Limited to our membership. This is the trading name of John Gurney's rail construction and maintenance business which for some years has been utilised by clients such as DoC and Watercare Services ("*Rainforest Express*") as a reliable contractor. John is well known to FRONZ Conference delegates through his regular attendances over many years, including as a delegate for member Waitakere Tramline Society. Currently principal contractor for the construction of the Department of Conservation's new Banbury Mine tourist attraction at Denniston, John is also branching out with his business to provide services as a consultant to act as a Safety Case and Safety System development adviser for rail operators, and has also recently signed on as a contractor to supply CEO Management of the redevelopment of the Rotorua Branch Railway on behalf of the Rotorua-Ngongotaha Rail Trust.

John will be making a presentation to our 2010 Conference about the Banbury Mine railway development, a picture of which appears below



*John Gurney and the
DoC Banbury Mine Railway*



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PREPARATION FOR FRONZ 2010 CONFERENCE CONTINUES

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As we go to press, 50 delegates have registered for our Palmerston North Conference, details of which were released mid March (if you don't have a copy, and plan on attending, you can see full details and make your reservations on the Web at <http://www.railfed.org.nz/conference/introduction.html>)

We can confirm that KiwiRail CEO, Jim Quinn, will deliver the opening KeyNote Address on Saturday.

There appears to have been a couple of instances where registrations sent, did not reach us due to an Email glitch at Vodafone / lhug. **If you have not received an acknowledgement of either your Registration or a Hotel booking, within 72 hours of sending it, please contact Paul Dillicar promptly.**

It would be appreciated if delegates would please remit their fees for Conference upon receipt of our Invoice direct to our Treasurer, **Clark Simmonds at 25 Redwood St., Upper Hutt 5018**, or you can direct credit on line to **FRONZ BNZ Wellington Account # 02-0500-0478246-00.**

ONTRACK NO MORE !

Quoting KiwiRail CEO Jim Quinn, writing in KIWIRAIL "EXPRESS" on 1 April > "In a message to Network staff from Rick van Barneveld about branding. Because branding is one of the things I'm most frequently asked about, I know there will be interest throughout KiwiRail in what Rick has told his people. KiwiRail brought together Toll NZ business units and ONTRACK. ONTRACK itself was a relatively new organisation - established only in 2004 but it quickly built up its own identity and culture.

The choice was between retaining the identity of the individual parts of the business or bringing them all together under the KiwiRail banner. That's what we've chosen to do because it will create a stronger business that our customers and our staff can both identify with. This week Rick confirmed that his staff will from now on identify themselves as working for **KiwiRail Network**, rather than ONTRACK. He told his people "I appreciate the value and recognition which has been built around the ONTRACK name, but we need to recognise that its time now to let it go," he said.

"The plan for the future is for the whole business to trade under the KiwiRail brand and we need to be part of that process."

We haven't hurried the process for two reasons. Giving people time to get used to KiwiRail has been helpful. There's also time and cost involved in making changes to things like signage, stationery and clothing. Rick said in his message that we can't change all branding overnight because "that would be expensive, logistically difficult and potentially wasteful".

There will be other changes that business units will need to make to bring us together under the KiwiRail banner. We'll follow the approach that Rick has taken with Network and do it in a measured and cost effective way adds Jim..

AS/NZS2980:2007 " QUALIFICATION OF WELDERS FOR FUSION WELDING OF STEELS"

Nigel Hogg draws our attention to IPENZ Engineering Advice that : Standards New Zealand is to withdraw NZS 4711:1984 "Qualification tests for metal-arc welders" and NZS 4703:1985 "Welder qualification tests for stainless steel pipe for the dairy industry". These outdated Standards are out of step with current international welder qualification practice. NZS 4711 and NZS 4703 will be superseded by AS/NZS2980:2007 "Qualification of welders for fusion welding of steels".

For many years Standards New Zealand has undertaken a certification role in approving testing authorities and certifying officers under NZS 4711. This function will cease from 1 April 2010.

Existing welder qualifications to NZS 4711 and NZS 4703 will remain valid until the expiry date shown on the certificate issued to its holder prior to 1 April 2010. After 1 April 2010 comparable welder qualifications will be governed by AS/NZS 2980.

Most of the Rules and Regulations you might need have been brought together in one new IRD Website at <http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/>

NZTA RULE CHANGES

Changes to Land Transport Rules which came into force on 1 April will simplify regulations without compromising safety, says Transport Minister Steven Joyce. The Rules include :

Traction Engines 2010 (a new Rule)

Go to <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/> and type "Traction Engines" into the search box.

GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY OPENS WAIUKU (VICTORIA) EXTENSION

On Saturday 3 April, the GVR opened its penultimate extension to Waiuku (Victoria Avenue) station. About 250 members of the Railway Enthusiasts' Society and VIP guests were aboard the first train hauled by Ja 1250 and comprising mainly carriages from the RES' intended mainline carriage fleet. The crowd enjoyed a meal at the adjacent Waiuku Cosmopolitan Club and heard Chairman of the GVR Trust Board (Dr. David Black) and Mayor of Franklin District Council (Mark Ball) both say that they expected the ultimate extension of the GVR to the Tamakae Reserve, alongside the Waiuku Wharf, to see construction works commence much sooner than later. In fact, plans are already afoot to have the Waiuku Creek channel sufficiently dredged to allow Manukau Harbour ferry excursions to commence offering GVR passengers a round trip from Auckland by train to Glenbrook and back via Onehunga and train to Britomart.

The extension (from Fernleigh) will only be used occasionally for the rest of the GVR's current season to 7 June, but a grand Official Opening will be held over Labour Weekend, after which all trains will run to Waiuku Victoria. *Photo below by Paul Dillicar, shows Ja 1250 and the first train at the new terminus.*



PLEASANT POINT LAUNCHES “KIWI THE ENGINE & FRIENDS” BOOK

Pleasant Point Railway & Historical Society launched the book “Kiwi the Engine & Friends” at Easter and have now firmly established KTE&F as a welcome alternative to “Thomas” events that had been made more difficult to organise, given the inflexibility of the license holders and their Australasian regime.

The book, which followed the earlier launch of the successful event last year, was written by Karalyn Joyce of Pleasant Point and Illustrated by Helen Applegate of Whangarei. Both were on hand to sign the books that sold over Easter and are seen in our photo below provided by President Bryan Blanchard (at left) alongside Karalyn Joyce, “Kiwi”, Joan Paul, Mike Kerr (*aka “Silly Old Station Master”*) and Helen Applegate.

It was a great event for a first for the NZ rail museum movement, a locally produced colourful children's book. Copies available for \$10 + postage.

Museum Souvenir sales, c/- Bryan Blanchard, 18 Roxburgh street, Glenwood, Timaru.7910 Phone (03) 686 2269.

You can also talk to Bryan if you want to introduce Kiwi the Engine & Friends at your Railway. It's Trademarked !



RECIPTS FOR OBJECTS DONATED OR LOANED

An easy-to-use receipt booklet for when an object or group of objects is offered to your organisation. The Object receipt form has been developed by National Services, Te Papa (see below) and is a booklet of 25 receipts and will assist your organisation to record all relevant details including full donor details, history of the items, location, returned items etc. It provides three carbon copies, one for the donor, one for the museum's records and one to remain with the object until it is fully catalogued. The form also has space for you to add your organisation's name or stamp. See a sample of the form <http://tinyurl.com/y9urb3q>

The first copy is complimentary and any subsequent copies will be available to purchase below cost price at \$14.95 each.

Want to order one? -- To order a booklet simply email natserv@tepapa.govt.nz with your name, organisation and postal address details.

Want to know more?

Website <http://www.nationalservices.tepapa.govt.nz>

Email natserv@tepapa.govt.nz

Call free - 0508 NSTP HELP (0508 678 743)

BUILDING CONSENTS the government is exploring whether the building consent system is the best way to regulate public infrastructure works such as bridges and tunnels. Submissions close on 23 April 2010. They go to buildingactreview@dbh.govt.nz, or make a submission via <https://secure.dbh.govt.nz/building-act-consultation/surveyintroduction.aspx>. The paper is at www.dbh.govt.nz/consulting-on-building-act

PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING PRACTICE The Office of the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS) has asked Standards NZ to develop a Code of Funding Practice to guide public servants' contracting and grant-making. The aims are to assist government funders to make grants according to guidance from Treasury and the Office of the Auditor-General, and to help community and voluntary sector organisations with funding relationships with government agencies.

An online consultation process will begin 16 April 2010 through the link

<http://www.ocvs.govt.nz/publications/newsletter/index.html#03DevelopmentofemCodeofFundingPracticeemunderway>

PUBLIC SERVICE MERGERS

The Government has decided to amalgamate Archives NZ and the National Library into the Department of Internal Affairs.

CHARITIES COMMISSION & DECLINED APPLICATIONS

Decisions by the Charities Commission relating to declined applications and deregistration actions are now being published on the Charities Commission website. In doing so it hopes there will be better understanding of the law that governs decisions to decline applications and deregister organisations, and of what is meant by "charitable purpose".

An information sheet called Publication of registration decisions – declines and deregistrations, with a link to the decisions, is at

http://www.charities.govt.nz/guidance/declines_deregistration.html

APPOINTMENTS

John Marshall QC has been appointed as *Chief Commissioner of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission*

Chris Moller has been appointed as the incoming *chair of the NZ Transport Agency*

John Spencer is the new *Chair of KiwiRail*

THANKS again to Rural Women NZ for the content of this page.

<http://www.ruralwomen.org/documents/RuralBulletinApril2010.pdf>

CRANES CODE

A new Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) for the cranes industry has been developed. This features several new developments, including:

- unit standards for training in the industry;
- truck loader cranes being brought under the code; and
- clarifying the requirements around design verification.

The Code is on the Department of Labour website at <http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/10.shtml>

HANDLING CHEMICALS The Department of Labour (DoL) and ERMA NZ have developed a guide to help businesses keep themselves and others safe. "Chemical Safety in the Workplace" is a hands-on workbook which applies to a wide range of industries from panel beating and electroplating, to timber treatments and warehousing. When completed, the workbook provides a full list of the chemicals stored and used in the workplace, including where they are located, how much is being held, what risks they pose - and, where controls are lacking, what corrective action needs to be taken.

More than 100,000 hazardous substances are used in over 150,000 workplaces in this country. Many of these chemicals are common and used so often they're taken for granted. But exposure to some of these, including LPG, petrol, solvents and ammonia, can cause harm if not handled correctly. Download a copy of the workbook at <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/hsworkb.html>, tel DoL Freephone on 0800 20 90 20, or call ERMANZ on 0800 376 234

HELPING DONORS CLAIM TAX CREDITS

For donors to be able to quickly make a successful claim to Inland Revenue at the end of the year valid receipts for donations need to have: the date the receipt is issued; the donor's full name; the amount donated; confirmation that the payment was a donation; the signature of an authorised person; and the official stamp of the donee organisation (not needed if the receipt is on the organisation's official letterhead) It's a good idea to make sure the name of your organisation appearing on your receipts matches the name recorded in Inland Revenue's list of donee organisations. Including your organisation's IRD number and/or Charities Commission registration number on the receipt will also help speed the process up. More is at

<http://www.ocvs.govt.nz/documents/workprogramme/promotinggenerosity/ird-advice-on-donor-receipts.doc>

GOT A COMPLAINT ? *Complainers will be in heaven.*

Complaintline, a new website for disputes resolution and investigation, is at <http://www.complaintline.org.nz/>.

You can search all the organisations that deal with complaints – 18 of them, ranging from the Ombudsman to the Quality Commissioner -and get the kind of complaints they handle and how to make them. You can also search a myriad of complaints, and get the contact details of the agency responsible for handling it.

ALL ABOARD!

The Ernie Webber Railway Collection

During the first few years of the Second World War, New Zealand-born Cyril Ernie Richard Webber (1905-1983) was living in Hong Kong. While there, he was in partnership with Francis Arthur Sutton, a famous one-armed old-Etonian munitions dealer, who had, prior to World War One, built railways in Argentina and Mexico.

Webber was also a railway enthusiast, joining the Railway Locomotive Historical Society in 1928, aged 23. Through his career in finance and investments, he was able to travel through many parts of the world, mainly by rail. He visited China (pre-Communist), the Philippines, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaya, North Borneo, all the Australian states, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, and Fiji. And as he travelled he collected. His collecting was focussed, with an emphasis on blue prints of rolling stock (wagons, carriages and locomotives), rules, regulations and manuals pertaining to railways and railroad systems, working timetables and their stations, posters and publicity, maps, and numerous books and pamphlets. In short, he formed a history of transportation, specific to Colonial Railways.

Unfortunately, in December 1941, Webber lost a large portion of his railway collection when the Japanese invaded Hong Kong. While living in Auckland in the 1950s, and through membership with numerous railway organisations, he not only rebuilt his 'lost' library but amassed a larger library of some 40 linear metres, which he called 'Pamaero'. There was a purpose to his collecting. Webber died in Dunedin in August 1983, and bequeathed his collection to the University of Otago, which he regarded as 'New Zealand's leading university'. Of particular interest, Webber's large collection of personal papers and non-railroadiana is housed at the Hocken Library (MS. 3333).

All Aboard! is the first exhibition of Webber's large collection and is by necessity selective. However, notable items on display include his scrapbooks compiled around personal railway trips, letters to and from dealers, rare and scarce railway publications, including many railway magazines, and large, colourful publicity posters.

The exhibition **ALL ABOARD! The Ernie Webber Railway Collection** starts 14 May, and runs through to 20 August 2010.

For further details, please contact Donald Kerr, Special Collections Librarian, phone: (03) 479-8330; email: Donald.Kerr@otago.ac.nz

DERAILMENT ON SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY (UK)

The RAIB has reported on this incident summarised as follows > "A derailment occurred on 28 September 2009 on the Severn Valley Railway heritage line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth. The tender of a steam locomotive hauling a passenger train became derailed as it approached Hampton Loade station. There were no injuries. The causal factors were that a spring had been replaced on the tender with one which was not of the correct type and the track had become distorted without the track maintenance staff being aware of the problem. The RAIB have made five recommendations to the Severn Valley Railway concerning its safety management system, its engineering procedures, communication of safety related information to its staff and volunteers and its audit process.

Full report is on the Internet at

http://www.raib.gov.uk/cms_resources.cfm?file=/100408_R72010_Hampton%20Loade.pdf



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