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FRONZ CONFERENCE OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Will we see you in Greymouth at our 2011 Conference. ? That was the venue decided on by the 93 delegates and attendees at our recent FRONZ Conference in Palmerston North. Main host will be ShantyTown with contributions also from the Department of Conservation, NZ Transport Agency and new sponsor Rail Heritage Trust NZ..

Conference was voted a huge success (he says modestly!) and it was great to see not only many of the usual faces, but also some old friends and a bunch of new ones. There were 110 present for the Dinner in Feilding which preceded the generous gesture of our hosts in taking us to Pahiatua behind WAB 794 and building up an appetite which was well and truly satisfied by the sumptuous spread at that venue. Thanks Feilding Steam and Pahiatua Railcar Society.!

The Awards night was eagerly awaited and they appear on the next page. Announced during the evening was a new Award to be sponsored by our Insurance Broker Aon NZ Ltd. It will be known as the "Young Achiever of the Year Award" and comprises up to \$ 1,000 toward the cost of sending the Winner to the following year's FRONZ conference.

It was a rare event to have the KiwiRail CEO, Jim Quinn along to open the Conference. We listened attentively to his outline of the recently-announced "Turnaround Plan" before he made some observations about how FRONZ would be expected to take on more responsibility for inputs into the Heritage Technical & Operations Committees and NRSS-11 management. This is something that will occupy our collective minds going forward.

During the AGM all the existing Officers , Executive and Convenors were re-elected. Additionally Dave Turner was elected as a co-Judge of the Awards which have previously been handled alone by Reid McNaught. A new position was created of a Convenor for the retention of the KiwiRail Network and was filled by Don Selby who made a plea for more support for the cause in particular from the Heritage Network operators. Both remits regarding changes to Rules & Constitution were passed unanimously.

Our International speakers, Kyoichi Oda of Japan and Brian Busch of ATHRA, were both received well in co-presenting rail heritage activities in their countries. To add a local flavour, John Gurney made an excellent presentation on the story so far on the Banbury Coal Mine Tourist Development at Denniston. We look forward to Chapter 2 next year.

Attached to this JOURNAL is a list of the attendees who made the journey. We will endeavour to publish this in advance next year.

WINNERS OF FRONZ AWARDS FOR 2010

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KIWRIL NETWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE AWARD
WEKA PASS RAILWAY TURNTABLES + \$ 2,000



INAUGURAL SHANTYTOWN STEAM LOCO AWARD
MOTAT WESTERN SPRINGS RAILWAY + \$ 2,000-
Highly Commended went to L509 at Silver Stream Rly.



TRAMWAY RESTORATION AWARD + \$500 EX MOTAT
TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ...CHCH TRAM # 26



TAIERI GORGE RLY.CARRIAGE RESTORATION AWARD
STEAM INCORPORATED : PRIZE \$ 500



FREIGHT WAGON RESTORATION AWARD
CANTERBURY RAILWAY SOCIETY : WAGON XB2106



KIWRIL MECHANICAL SERVICES TROPHY
BEST DIESEL RESTORATION AWARD : DG 772

WINNERS OF FRONZ AWARDS FOR 2010

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**P J DILLICAR INNOVATION AWARD w \$ 500 ex MOTAT
NELSON RAILWAY SOCIETY FOR RM 1 FLYING FOX"**



**P S HEIGHTON EXCELLENCE TROPHY w \$500
MOTAT : WESTERN SPRINGS TRAMWAY**



**WETA WORKSHOP "CREATIVITY IN HERITAGE RAIL"
GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY WAIUKU EXTENSION**



**RAIL HERITAGE TRUST AWARD & PLAQUE
PAEKAKARIKI STATION PRECINCT TRUST
PAEKAKARIKI SOUTH SIGNAL BOX**

ADDRESS CHANGES

THE FRONZ WEBSITE IS MOVING

The FRONZ Internet Address Is Changing

The FRONZ internet site at www.railfed.org.nz is moving to www.fronz.org.nz

The old address will be retained but users will be re-directed to the new site.
Please change any "Saved" URL addresses on your computer !

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NOTE : If your Society has had a recent AGM or Committee member change, please advise FRONZ so that we may amend our private or public records ! We have 297 people on our database, and many are no longer current Committee or Management members. We need you to tell us that.



**OUR FUTURE IS IN THESE HANDS ?
THE YOUNG ONES PHOTOGRAPHED AT PAHIATUA**

STABLEMATES AT FEILDING DEPOT 6 JUNE 2010

MAGAZINE WANTED

I have been trying for some time now to source a copy (to photocopy only) of 'NZR Staff Bulletin', # 1 (April 1952). A loan of this issue is all that is needed. Can anybody help please ?

Graeme Jupp, President, Fell Locomotive Museum

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FALLS FROM HEIGHTS ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH & SERIOUS INJURY

The Department of Labour is reminding employers that even if they subcontract work out, they are still responsible for providing a safe workplace. This warning follows the sentencing of Roofing Specialists Auckland Limited and Marua Development Limited today in the Auckland District Court.

The two companies each faced one charge under Section 18 of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 following an accident where a subcontractor was seriously injured after falling through a skylight in the roof of the building he was working on in May 2009.

Marua Developments Limited engaged Roofing Specialists Auckland Limited to repair the building's gutters. Roofing Specialists Auckland Limited then engaged a subcontractor to complete the work. While that contractor was working on the roof of the building, he stepped on an unprotected skylight and fell 4.5m to a concrete floor below.

A fine of \$14,100.00 and reparation totaling \$5,000.00 were imposed on Roofing Specialists Auckland Limited; and a fine of \$11,750.00 and reparation totaling \$2,500.00 were imposed on Marua Development Limited.

The Department of Labour Northern Regional Manager, John Howard says that falls from heights are a leading cause of death and serious injury in the construction sector. This accident could have been prevented; falls through brittle roofing are a well known hazard and can be identified and isolated.

"It is not enough to simply instruct workers not to stand on skylights. Any brittle roofing material needs to be physically isolated" Mr Howard says.

"The subcontractor was lucky enough to walk away from this accident with his life, when it easily could have been so much different. Employers and people in charge of workplaces need to take all practicable steps to keep the contractors they engage safe".

PROSECUTION FOR FAILURE TO ENSURE SAFETY

A man accused of the manslaughter of a woman, who died in a bridge swinging accident, failed to ensure her safety, a jury has been told.

Adventure company owner Alistair McWhannell, is accused of failing to ensure Ms Peters, 18, was safe when she jumped from Ballance Bridge, near Woodville, on March 7 and fell 22 metres on to rocks. His trial began recently in the Palmerston North High Court.

The Prosecutor said Mr McWhannell failed to ensure Ms Peters' safety by not using the correct length of rope, and failing to correctly tie off her rope to the bridge.

Ms Peters' family - who were in court - have released a statement saying they missed her terribly

MESSAGE : You are not immune from prosecution due to the Accident Compensation Act. !

OFFICE OF RAILWAY REGULATOR – UK - ORR/14/10

A jury at Chichester Crown Court found Anthony Sidney Reen guilty of serious breaches of health and safety obligations following a successful prosecution brought by the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR).

Mr Reen who worked as a boiler inspector / competent person and traded as Steaming for Pleasure, has been fined £750 and ordered to pay £1500 costs.

ORR's prosecution followed a complaint from the owner of a steam locomotive, who bought it to restore. During the restoration, it was given the guise of 'Ivor the Engine' from the children's television series and was then made available for hire.

Mr Reen inspected the boiler between November 2006 and April 2007, as it needed to pass several safety checks before it could enter service. ORR's investigation found that when Mr Reen inspected the boiler it was already in a dangerous condition and shouldn't have been allowed to operate without suitable repairs being carried out, followed by certification by a competent person.

It was Mr Reen's responsibility as the competent person to ensure a high standard of inspection and not to expose others to potential dangers. Mr Reen failed to discharge these duties.

Commenting on Friday's verdict, ORR's deputy chief inspector Caroline Wake said: "This was a serious breach of health and safety legislation; had the boiler failed in service then the staff of the hiring heritage railway and members of the public could have been placed at risk – possibly serious risk. The failings of Mr Reen - who was employed as an expert in order to verify the condition of the boiler - put everyone who came into contact with the locomotive at risk, and that is simply unacceptable.

"There is absolutely no room for complacency in health and safety and ORR will not allow staff and public safety to be put at risk. We will continue to press for improvements and take enforcement action - including prosecution - when necessary.

"ORR will continue to work with the heritage sector to ensure that inspections by competent persons are undertaken to the highest standards".

Notes to Editors

1. Mr Reen has been found guilty of failing to comply with the duty under section 3(2) of the Health and Safety at Work etc 1974 Act.

2. Mr Reen has been fined £750 and ordered to pay £1500 costs.

3. The defendant was a self-employed boiler inspector and traded under the name Steaming for Pleasure. His specialist field was the examination of railway locomotive and traction engine boilers operating on heritage railways and in other heritage areas.

4. After his various inspections through November 2006 to April 2007, Mr Reen gave the boiler a clean bill of health, deeming it fit for service. In August 2007, after being used by several heritage railways, the locomotive failed an examination by one of the hiring heritage railways due to defects with the boiler which Mr Reen did not detect. Steaming for Pleasure subsequently made a further inspection and noted the defects but claimed they were caused by use of the locomotive from May through to August 2007.

5. Subsequent examination of the defective areas of the boiler revealed that the firebox inner copper doorplate, which Mr Reen stated was 11.2 to 12.4mm thick, was in fact as thin as 4.2mm in part. This is approximately a third of the thickness detailed on the inspection report given to the owner.

Further, some of the copper stay heads on the firebox side had lost up to 80% of their 'heads'. Grooving (erosion) at foundation ring level on the steel doorplate was approximately 50% and had not been reported upon. Finally, there was a failure to properly examine all of the boiler fixtures and fittings.

ORR press office

RUNAWAY AND COLLISION ON WELSHPOOL & LLANFAIR LIGHT RAILWAY

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Runaway and collision on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway -3 March 2010

At 11:10 hrs on Wednesday 3 March a diesel personnel carrier, known as “the Wasp” (figure 1), pulling a match wagon ran away from near to the top of Sylfaen Summit on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway. It ran away on a continuous gradient for approximately 2.1 miles, reaching an estimated maximum speed of 30 mph and passing over two open level crossings. At approximately 11:20 hrs it arrived at Welshpool Raven Square station and collided with five wagons stabled in the platform, causing the Wasp, its match wagon and three of the stabled wagons to derail (figure 2), the latter suffering major structural deformation. Two of the three people on the Wasp received minor injuries.

The RAIB has identified the following learning point for heritage and other industrial railways:

A failure to fully understand the design of, and potential hazards from, braking Systems and associated controls on vehicles and on-track plant (including the ways in which the actions of an operator could lead to him inadvertently overriding safety interlock systems) can result in single point failures going unrecognised and therefore not being protected against.

Full report and photos available from http://www.raib.gov.uk/cms_resources.cfm?file=/06-2010%20Sylfaen%20Summit.pdf

FATAL ACCIDENT ON BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) has released its report into the fatal collision with a pedestrian at Norbreck, Blackpool, on 5 August 2009. The RAIB has made two recommendations.

Download report: http://www.raib.gov.uk/cms_resources.cfm?file=/100603_R092010_Norbreck.pdf

FROM CHARITIES COMMISSION : CHANGE ON THE WAY ?

It has now been five years since the Charities Act 2005 was passed, leading to the establishment of the Charities Commission.

The Department of Internal Affairs is currently conducting a review of the Charities Act that is focussed on technical matters arising from the implementation of the Act and to improve the operation of the Charities Register.

As part of the review, issues to be considered will include the regulation of forms used by the Commission, the workability of group registration and some aspects of interpretation.

Other issues that the review will cover are clarifying when sports purposes are considered charitable.

The Commission understands that the Department of Internal Affairs hopes that a Bill containing amendments to the Charities Act will be tabled in Parliament before Christmas 2010.

In line with the Commission's desire to make the process of registering as straightforward as possible, the form organisations complete when applying for registration has recently been updated.

As part of the update and after listening to feedback from the sector, two questions relating to the identification of clauses in an organisation's rules, have been removed.

The questions have been removed as they are no longer necessary and because they have caused confusion for some people in the past.

The removal of the two questions will take effect this month for organisations completing the registration application online. However, it will take some time for the changes to be reflected in the paper version of the form as the Commission first works its way through current stock of printed forms. While for a period the online and paper versions of the form will differ, both will be accepted as valid.

Next time you are looking for funding for your charitable organisation, check out the [Cultural Funding Guide](#) established by Creative New Zealand, National Services Te Paerangi (Te Papa) and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage together with the Funding Information Service.

Covering a variety of sectors, the guide is a quick way to search out what funding may be available for your charitable activities.

CONSULTATION ON REGULATIONS FOR NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS

Introduction 1.The Department of Labour and ACC are consulting on behalf of the Minister for ACC on two separate regulatory proposals on how ACC responds to injury-related hearing loss claims: prescribing the proportion of the costs that ACC is liable to pay for hearing loss entitlements and updating procedures for noise-induced hearing loss assessment procedures.

2.Cabinet has noted (CAB min (09) 29/8) that ACC should pay entitlements (hearing aids) only for the proportion of a claimant's hearing loss that is injury-related, and noted that this may result in regulations. This decision is consistent with the Accident Compensation Act 2001 which specifically excludes from cover personal injury caused by the ageing process (section

26(4)) or other causes excluded from the personal injury definition under the Act.

3.We are now consulting on the regulations that would give effect to this.

Consultation Requirements

4.The Accident Compensation Act 2001 (sections 323 and 324) requires that the Minister consult persons or organisations he considers appropriate before making recommendations for regulations. In addition, any regulations relating to the costs or conditions of payment for rehabilitation require a recommendation from ACC. ACC intends to make its recommendation to the Minister on one of the two options for new regulations once consultation is complete.

How to give feedback

5.Your opinion is sought on the proposed regulation changes. If you would like to have your views taken into consideration please respond to the questions in the consultation document.

Noise Induced Hearing Loss Regulations - Consultation Document with Questions for your response [rtf 16 pages, 390kB]
Use this version to print and/or email your responses.

Noise Induced Hearing Loss Regulations - Consultation Document with Questions for your response [html] Where to send your submission

Email: info@dol.govt.nz

Post: Consultation On Regulations Relating To Hearing Loss ACC Policy Workplace Policy Group Department of Labour PO Box 3705 Wellington

Closing date for submissions

6.Responses must be received by **5pm on 18 June 2010**.

Official Information Act

7.The Department of Labour and ACC are subject to the Official Information Act 1982, which means that your submission may be made available to those seeking information under that Act.

FORMER MP TO HEAD ROADING LOBBY

Former Labour Cabinet Minister and ACT MP Ken Shirley has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Road Transport Forum, replacing Tony Friedlander who is stepping down. Mr Shirley became an MP in 1984 and Minister of Fisheries, Associate Minister of Agriculture, Associate Minister of Forestry and Associate Minister of Health in 1989. He lost his seat in 1990 but returned to Parliament as an ACT MP and served until 2005.

The Road Transport Forum says Mr Shirley brings extensive experience managing professional associations to his new appointment. These include the NZ Forest Owners Association, Organics Aotearoa NZ and the Researched Medicines Industry Association.

"I've always followed road transport, and of course, I was involved in it during my time with the NZ Forest Owners Association," Mr Shirley said. "It's critical given our economy and our export trade that we have an efficient and profitable transport sector."

He takes up his appointment in July.



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