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NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

With Paul Dillicar's ongoing illness the Executive have appointed Trevor Burling as interim Executive Officer to take over Paul's duties. As a past president of FRONZ, Trevor is familiar with many of the issues that we have to deal with and the members of the Executive are grateful to him for stepping into the breach. It would be helpful to Trevor if members could add him to your mailing lists for your newsletters (preferably by email). Trevor's contact details are:-

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EARTHQUAKE NEWS

News from our members in Canterbury is that their sites survived without major damage. Ferrymead suffered several damaged chimneys, some track re-alignment, a damaged water tower and some minor damage to the DG when it rolled enough to hit a building pillar. Wood Scenic Line (parent of the Christchurch Tramway) lost their marketing office when the building collapsed. Ab663 at Mainline Steam fell off the jacks back onto the track. Only a stray bolt stopped it rolling through the rear door of the shed.

However we are aware that some members of the rail fraternity have suffered damage to homes and businesses. To them, and to all those in the earthquake region, we extend our sympathies for the traumatic and stressful events they have had to endure (and are still enduring).



Pictured is F13's boiler which survived a fall off its stands. Photo : Flugel.

Paul Dillicar has left hospital and is back at home. He can walk short distances with a stick but his main form of travel is still by wheelchair. He is also learning to speak again.

BUSH TRAMWAY CLUB STEAM CRANE AND DS LOCO FOR SALE

The BTC has decided to offer the above vehicles for sale. Both have been at Pukemiro Junction for many years, have had work done on them, but are still not operational. We would prefer to sell these vehicles to a group that has the resources to restore them.

Ds Loco

Drewry/Vulcan 2248/D68 of 1947

Built for Ohai Railway Board, and sold to State Coal at Rotowaro in 1974 (including a stint at Kaitangata). Arrived at Pukemiro Junction under its own steam (so to speak) in 1990. The wheels were removed and tyres turned. The loco was reassembled and the engine started, but the restoration was not completed. At this time the Meremere diesels arrived, and little further work was done on the Ds. In the mid 90's, the loco was painted.

The loco has been stored outside for 20 years.

**Steam Crane 256**

Arrived at Pukemiro in the early 1980's. The boiler had a corroded central flue (uptake), and was not operational. The crane was operated with steam supplied from a loco boiler several times in the 1980's. The club replaced the flue in 1987, and reinstalled the boiler with the goal of operating the crane. No further work was done due to other commitments.

The crane has been stored outside at the club since its arrival in the early 1980's.

Both items are offered on an "as is where is" basis. Offers close 10 October 2010. Contact:-

Bush Tramway Club Inc
Box C-10, Glen Afton
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WANTED – GOOSE NECK POINTS LEVER

Midland Rail are trying source a goose neck points lever, (base and crank not required). If any one can help could they please contact, allan@mrht.org.nz or phone Allan on 0272113172.

DEPT of LABOUR PRESS RELEASES

Employers Warned to Identify Hazards to Workers

Media Release, 18 August 2010

The sentences imposed today on South Road Quarries Limited and its director, Shane Michael Kells, underline the importance of effective hazard identification and electrical isolation according to the Department of Labour.

South Road Quarries Limited pleaded guilty to two charges under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 for failing to take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of its employees while at work and failing to ensure that there are effective methods in place to identify existing hazards to employees at work.

Mr Kells pleaded guilty to one charge that was laid on the basis that directors of companies are also personally liable where their company has breached any duty under the Act, where the director has been involved in the breach.

South Road Quarries Limited was fined a total of \$30,000 and Mr Kells was convicted and discharged.

In October 2009 an employee of the company, Kenneth Richard Jenkins was injured while cleaning the rock crushing plant at the quarry in South Taranaki.

The crushing jaws from the rock crusher were removed to be serviced and the rock crusher was not being used at the time. While Mr Jenkins was cleaning the rock crushing plant, the power generator was switched on to carry out welding work. This supplied power to the conveyor that fed rocks to the plant Mr Jenkins was cleaning. A rock that was on the conveyor fell on Mr Jenkins' head.

The Department of Labour's Regional Manager, Central, Brett Murray says that this accident could easily have been prevented if the company made sure that the conveyor was isolated from the main generator.

"Quarries are high risk workplaces with many potential hazards and an area of focus for the Department. All workplaces should have a system in place for identifying potential hazards to employees and action should be taken to eliminate, isolate or minimize these hazards".

Adequate training can prevent harm and save lives

Media Release 11 August 2010

The Department of Labour has issued a reminder to employers about their responsibility to ensure their staff are properly trained before taking on hazardous work. It follows the sentencing of Inframax Construction Limited at the Taumarunui District Court today.

Inframax was sentenced to a fine of \$43,000 and reparation of \$17,500 following a Department of Labour investigation into a tree felling accident on 16 September 2009 where an employee of the company, Patrick Raymond Bradley, was seriously injured.

Mr Bradley was working on a roading project where a number of willow trees overhanging the Ongarue Back Road needed to be removed when the accident happened. He made a number of cuts on one side of the tree trunk and then cut into the other, the tree then split vertically and the trunk fell back onto him causing serious injury.

The Department of Labour's Hamilton Service Manager, Mark Whatnall says the accident was preventable. "If the employee was adequately trained this accident would probably not have happened" Mr Whatnall says.

"The Department's investigation found that not only did the company fail to ensure that Mr Bradley and his supervisor were adequately trained to carry out this type of tree felling work, they also did not identify and communicate the potential hazards and controls for those hazards to its employees."

School Boiler Case Underlines Need for Safety at Schools

Media Release, 27 July 2010

The death of a school caretaker and the penalties imposed today on the school's Board of Trustees underline the importance of keeping workplaces safe, the Department of Labour says.

Orewa College Board of Trustees was sentenced in the North Shore District Court today on two charges laid by the Department under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 in relation to a boiler explosion in June 2009. The Board was ordered to pay reparation of \$81,100 in respect of caretaker Richard Nel, and \$55,729 for injured contractor Robin Tubman.

"The death of Richard Nel and the serious injury to Robin Tubman were preventable, and are a reminder of why workplace health and safety is so very important, and of why those responsible for keeping workplaces safe must do so effectively," says Department of Labour Northern Region Manager John Howard.

The Board of Trustees had earlier admitted it did not take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of an employee while at work, or ensure that a hazard in the workplace did not harm an employee or contractor.

Mr Howard says that, by law, Boards of Trustees have overall control of their school. While they may delegate this on a day-to-day basis, they still retain responsibility for the health and safety of people working at, attending or visiting the school. This includes making sure that systems are in place so that hazards are identified and managed.

"Unfortunately, the Orewa College Board of Trustees did not ensure the school's boiler facilities were repaired, modified and maintained in a safe and effective manner."

Mr Howard says the Department investigated the accident as part of its responsibilities under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

The prosecution was of the Board of Trustees, not the individuals who comprise it, because it is the Board, as the employer, that has responsibilities under the Health and Safety in Employment Act. Individual members of school boards cannot be held personally liable.

He says the Department, the New Zealand School Trustees Association and the Ministry of Education have been working together to reinforce the need for workplace safety in schools - in particular, school boiler safety, given that around 40 percent of the nearly 2500 schools in New Zealand use boilers for heating.

"We are working together to make sure Boards of Trustees understand what is required of them to manage boilers safely and effectively - this includes an annual independent inspection, a regular maintenance contract and making sure boiler operators are trained."

"We all think it important that school boards take steps to ensure no further events of this nature."

Note: A copy of the summary of facts as presented to the court is available on request from media@dol.govt.

Flammable Fumes and Welding Do Not Mix

Media Release 3 September 2010

The death of a Greymouth man, who was killed when a bitumen tank exploded is a tragic reminder to employers and contractors of the risks of welding near sources of flammable fumes, according to the Department of Labour.

The Department's Regional Manager, Southern, Sheila McBreen-Kerr says that industry safety rules were ignored, and no action was taken to stop the man welding on top of a tank containing flammable cutback bitumen. Cutback bitumen contains flammable products such as kerosene to make it more fluid, easier to apply and quicker drying. "This accident was easily preventable."

She was commenting on the sentencing of Fulton Hogan Limited today in the Greymouth District Court on a charge laid by the Department under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 (the Act). Fulton Hogan was fined \$80,000 and ordered to pay reparation totalling \$100,000 after earlier admitting failing to take all practicable steps to ensure no employee of a contractor was harmed while doing work the contractor was engaged to do.

DEPT of LABOUR PRESS RELEASES (cont)

On 4 September 2009, an employee of E-Quip Engineering Limited (E-Quip) that was contracted to Fulton Hogan was welding a handrail at the top of the bitumen tank when the explosion happened. The tank contained 15,000 litres of cutback bitumen that was heated to 165°. When cutback bitumen is heated to that temperature, it produces flammable fumes which build up rapidly inside the tank.

The mix of flammable fumes, oxygen and the heat from the welding torch caused the fumes to ignite and the tank to explode, killing the worker.

“Fulton Hogan knew the risks and yet they did not tell the contracted welder to stop work” Ms McBreen-Kerr says.

“This accident happened because there was a failure to take appropriate steps to control the hazard of an explosion. This would simply have involved telling the contractor’s employee to stop work until the tank was emptied – flammable fumes and welding do not mix.”

CONGRATULATIONS

To : The National Rail Museum which has received a grant from Pub Charity for \$400,000 to go towards their building project. John Mackenzie and the Building Team are working to begin development of Stage 1 of the building with this generous grant.

Pub Charity have designated the National Railway Museum as one of their national projects.

To : The Department of Conservation which won the international [Parks Forum’s Economic Award](#) for its role in establishing and developing the Otago Rail Trail. DOC also won recognition for its ambitious pest eradication project on Auckland’s Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands, which will open up tourism and recreation opportunities. (Photo : Tourism Central Otago)



To : The Rail Heritage Trust for restoring the Moana goods shed. The shed was officially opened on 17 September 2010 after a restoration initiated by the RHT.

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Euan McQueen oversaw proceedings with Moana locals speaking of the significance of the railway and the goods shed in the area and the influence it played in their lives. Included in the guests were the Grey District Mayor who grew up at Ruru, Jim Station of DOC, and the Klemple family who have had a life long association with the railway, Moana and the saw milling industry in the Moana area. (Photo: David Maciulaitis)



“What can be more palpably absurd than the prospect held out of locomotives travelling twice as fast as stagecoaches?”

- The Quarterly Review (England), March 1825

QUOTING RURAL WOMEN

We remain grateful to this organisation as the source of much of the information on Government activity which is outlined below.

PCE Reports on Biofuels

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's (PCE) report "Some biofuels are better than others: thinking strategically about biofuels", addresses the pros and cons of various biofuels and biofuels policy at a time when climate change is focusing attention on renewable energy.

The report identified that not all biofuels are good, highlighting that some biofuels can cause severe environmental and social damage. However, the Commissioner has also noted that NZ's current biofuel production is considered sustainable.

The report also says that if biofuels are to play a significant role in our energy future then drop-in biodiesel made from wood looks like the way to go.

More is at

http://www.pce.parliament.nz/media/media_releases/a_more_strategic_approach_needed_for_biofuels_environment_commissioner

Biodiesel Grants Scheme Extended

The Biodiesel Grants Scheme has been extended to include sales of biodiesel blends of more than 20% (before now, biodiesel sold had to be used in a blend with ordinary diesel of no more than 20% biodiesel). High level biodiesel blends and 100% biodiesel are suitable for some specialist businesses e.g., eco-tourism ventures that emphasise a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

More on the Biodiesel Grants Scheme is at www.eeca.govt.nz/biodiesel-grants

Information about biofuels, including links to businesses using biodiesel and environmental information about biodiesel for sale in NZ is at www.eeca.govt.nz/biofuels

DoL Consultations

The Department of Labour (DoL) has proposed amendments to:

- the Approved Code of Practice for Load-Lifting Rigging (8 October 2010); and
- the Approved Code of Practice for Training Operators and Instructors of Powered Industrial Lift Trucks (Forklifts).

Submissions on both close on 8 October 2010. Email comments on the lift loading rigging code proposals to nikki.jensen@dol.govt.nz or post it to

Consultation on Rigging Approved Code of Practice, Department of Labour, PO Box 3705, Wellington 6011.

Email comments on the forklifts code amendments to sophie.thompson@dol.govt.nz, or post them to Consultation on Forklifts Approved Code of Practice, DoL at the above address.

More is at <http://www.dol.govt.nz/consultation/>

Lottery Funding This Year

A total of \$153 million in lottery funding will be pumped back into the community this year, as follows:

- **Creative NZ** (\$23,250,000);
- **NZ Film Commission** (\$10,850,000);
- **Sport and Recreation NZ** (\$31,000,000);
- **Lottery Regional Community Committees:** Northland (\$1,420,074); Auckland (\$7,723,886); Waikato (\$2,881,033); Bay of Plenty / Gisborne (\$2,360,754); Taranaki (\$850,732); Hawke's Bay (\$1,303,310); Manawatu / Whanganui (\$1,706,717); Wellington / Wairarapa (\$2,449,093). West Coast / Nelson-Marlborough (\$1,411,418); Canterbury / Kaikoura (\$2,989,861); Otago / Southland (\$1,817,714); and
- **Other Lottery allocations:** National Community Committee (\$13,943,875); Community Facilities Committee (\$13,000,000); Community Sector Research Committee (\$1,750,000); Environment and Heritage Committee (\$9,148,059); Health Research Committee (\$3,186,696); Individuals with Disabilities Committee (\$4,415,317); Marae Heritage and Facilities Committee (\$6,885,007); Outdoor Safety Committee (\$8,277,941); Minister's Discretionary Fund (\$315,000).

More on allocations is at

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/153+million+lottery+funding+benefit+community+year>.

More on applying for Lottery grants is at <http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/>

QUOTING RURAL WOMEN (cont)

Civil Defence & Community Participation

A new civil defence guide aims to help local authorities, regional Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups and support services around the country enable communities to be involved in civil defence emergency management in their area.

The Guide is at http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/memwebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Forthe-CDEM-Sector-Publications-Community-Engagement?OpenDocument

Connecting Volunteers with Events

A new website helping connect volunteers with event volunteering opportunities has gone live. VolunteerNet provides free online volunteer recruitment and help with management for event organisers - as well as giving people who want to get involved easy access to volunteering opportunities.

It was created by NZ Major Events (part of the Ministry of Economic Development), and it is based on 'VolWeb' technology. This was developed by a Canadian not-for-profit organisation called 2010 Legacies Now, which was established to create community legacies from hosting the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Visit VolunteerNet at www.volunteernet.org.nz

EARTHQUAKE PHOTOS



Ferrymead School Chimney
Photo : Flugel



Bridge 18, Main North Line near Kaiapoi. Pity the KiwiRail staff who worked all hours to restore the line only to have it closed by a major slip near Kaikoura. Photo source : not known.

Marketing office of Wood Scenic Line Ltd
(parent of the Christchurch Tramway).
Photo : Welcome Aboard Quake Clippings



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