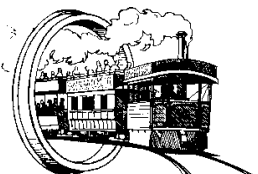


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Main running road in Tram Barn 1 reconcreted

THANKS TO THE generosity of the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity, the main running road in Tram Barn 1 has at last been reconcreted at the June work party.

Right: The rails in position and the reinforcing ready to receive the concrete.

Below: A sammy truck is most useful for reaching what would otherwise be difficult places to get at.

Bottom: Screeding the concrete

Photos: Graeme Belworthy



Coming events

MONTHLY MEETING

Last month's meeting, postponed because of earthquakes, has been rescheduled for this month.

Come and enjoy a PowerPoint presentation from

Ken Henderson

on highlights of his recent trip: **Queen Mary 2 Singapore to Southampton via Suez, a five-day tour of South West England, with visits to Jersey, St Malo and Paris returning to London on Eurostar.**

Finally return to NZ via Hong Kong for a look at the trams.

The programme will be of interest to our lady members too but there will naturally be some rail and tram content to keep the males interested.

Date: Wednesday 20 July,

Time 7.30 pm

**Venue: Lions Building,
Ferrymead.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

See page 3 for details.

Next work party

The next work party is scheduled for **Saturday 20 July 2011**. Formal work parties are held every third **Saturday of the month** and Alan Roi provides a cooked midday meal. There are also activities every **Saturday** and on **Monday evenings**.

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From the president's desk



TO ALL MEMBERS and Friends

The term "Quaked Out" is heard a lot as the continued shaking takes its toll on people's nerves. Some

track damage, mainly sleeper creep and ballast that has shifted which has resulted in temporary speed restriction being imposed as stated in the last Traffic Notice. We need to be strong and support each other and we will make it through this.

The Government has finally made the decision on what will happen with some of the damaged land. Those in the "Red Zone" will receive an offer which will allow them to make a decision and move on with their lives. The ones in the "Green Zone" can repair their homes and also move on with their lives. My heart goes out to those in the 'White and Orange Zones' while you wait for a decision.

On a happier note we had a very successful day on Saturday 25 June when the concrete floor in the main running road in Tram barn 1 was re-laid. A good turnout of members and the concrete was in place before we stopped for lunch.

The traverser pit suffered some damage in the quakes and some work was required to allow the traverser to travel the full length of the pit. Once this was done Yank 12 was move to the line down the side of Tram barn 1 in preparation for work to start on Tram barn 3. This project is covered in more detail elsewhere in *Tracts*.

Finally keep safe be strong and look out for each other and we will come through this.

Graeme Belworthy

President

Where to with the Birney?



As the photo above demonstrates, the Birney continues to make progress, the quality of restoration being characteristically high.

The restoration of this tram was embarked upon originally to provide an extra tram for the City Tramway but the earthquakes have put paid to

that in the short term.

It was then thought that the tram might be leased to the new Dockside Tramway in Auckland, but that now seems unlikely.

So perhaps Ferrymead is just going to finish up with another tram in its fleet—the first Invercargill tram to be restored.

Quakes inflict more damage to track. Speed restriction imposed

THERE HAS BEEN more damage to our track and repairs will be started once the shed job is finished. In the

meantime there is a speed restriction on the whole route and drivers should read the latest Traffic Notice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday 17 August 2011 at 7.45 pm in the Ferrymead Lions Building. The purpose is to review the activities of the Society since the last AGM, to approve the annual accounts for the previous year, to elect the Management Committee, to consider and deal with any notices of motion (these must be in the hands of the secretary no later than 21 days before the meeting). Supper will be provided.

Tram Barn 3 – great news – CCC grant approved

DAVE HINMAN reports

A GREAT BOOST to the tram barn 3 appeal fund was achieved when the City Council at its meeting on 23 June approved our application for funding, made following a meeting with Mayor Bob Parker back in April.

The Council resolved as follows to:

“(a) approve a grant of \$49,700 from the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund towards the costs of Stage One of construction of a tram storage facility for the city trams at Ferrymead Heritage Park, i.e. towards the building of a TotalSpan shelter, and

(b) agree to the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund underwriting any shortfall of up to \$39,760 in the balance owed to TotalSpan when due, to be paid back to the Fund once the necessary funds have been raised”.

This in effect means that the two major instalments to TotalSpan are guaranteed and all we need (for this stage of the project) is a further \$9K to cover the final instalment, which we should be able to cover from funds raised already, which will also be used for consent fees, any required consultant advice and incidental costs.

We still of course need to raise the funds to pay back any loan provided by the Council, and it is hoped that at least some of this will come from the Canterbury Community Trust, where we have also applied for a significant donation. We have yet to hear the outcome of that application. In the meantime keep those \$\$\$ and pledges rolling in as we eventually need to add in power and light, a concrete floor and a fire

sprinkler system as well as meet any shortfall in the major funding applications.

The building consent has now been lodged by TotalSpan and although we were expecting a fast turnaround, some issues relating to floodplain and earthquake related Geotech matters have emerged, requiring detailed engineering reports as well as a resource consent application, which again we are advised will be fast tracked. Hopefully consent is only days away and this will enable TotalSpan to get under way with fabricating the parts for the building and its erection in a few weeks time. We have started to clear the site in preparation, with Yank 12 being moved to the track adjacent to tram barn one as part of a recent Saturday work party. This is the first time since 1954 that this tram has moved on rails and for now using (temporary) equal wheel trucks until replica Peckham 14D5 maximum traction trucks can be manufactured. Still to be moved is our steam tram fuel container, assorted firewood and sleepers and an overhead traction pole which needs to be relocated closer to the curved track adjacent to the Square shelter.

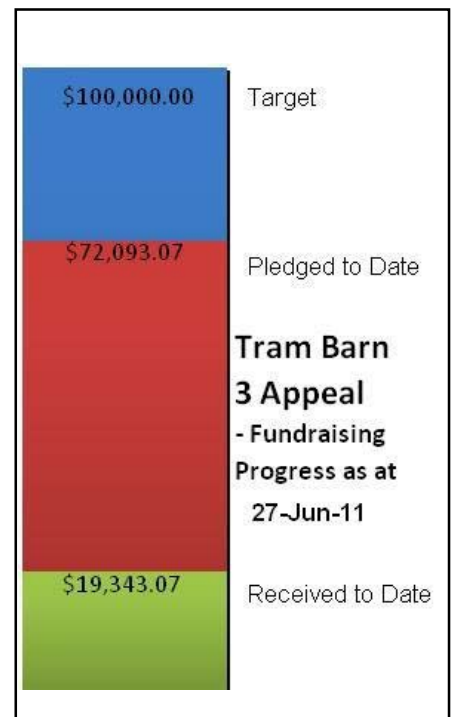
Treasurer STEPHEN TAYLOR adds

AS YOU CAN SEE from the attached graph, progress continues on fundraising for Tram Barn 3. It is not too late to donate towards this project – donations and pledges appear to dropped off over the last month, and there is still a way to go. And while the nominal target is \$100,000 for the

building “shell”, it appears that consent fees, resource consents, etc also require funding.

And a brief update on other fund raising ideas. Re Don’s painting sales – only four of these have sold (no change from last month), so get in to obtain the remaining picture of your choice—refer to the Society’s web site for details on the remaining pictures. Plus only four cases of wine remain - I have had some repeat sales with reports it is good drinking. I will take offers in ½ case amounts for the remainder, so get in quick if you are interested. And finally, the Graham Lees painting was also sold.

Refer to recent issues of *Tram Tracts* or the Society Web page for further details and regular updates on fundraising progress.



A busy and not-always-easy time for the HTT

Chairman DAVE CARR reports

THE HTT HAS BEEN without income since the February earthquake but we have continued to pay the staff from our reserve funds so they could complete as much of the Birney as possible.

The earthquakes have cost us a couple of months of work time plus affected some of our suppliers causing delays in some materials so we are a bit behind time. CTL had continued to fund the materials required with a view to getting the tram complete for operation in Auckland on the new Waterfront Tramway. They were advised earlier in June that there was no funding from that project to bring in an additional car so the funding was suspended. Since then the staff have been putting together components that we have on hand but should complete that work at the 8th of July.

It is hoped that by that date we will have the green light on the restoration of Roslyn 1 for the Otago Settlers Association. We have a couple of minor contractual matters to finalise. This project will involve restoration

of the body of Roslyn 1 to display standard. The tram will be without some fittings as funding won't stretch to that in the short term but we are intending to work with OSA to find funding and replicate those items and fit them over time.

The Roslyn tram will take around six months to restore and by that time we should know about the reinstatement of the City Tramway and funding for some repair work required on the City fleet. That should keep the staff going with work until normal income returns.

At this stage I would like to again extend thanks to the volunteers who have assisted with the Birney Project. There will be some tasks that volunteers can continue on with on the Birney to get it closer to completion. Without the volunteers picking up some of the tasks the project wouldn't have made the progress it has. There will also be some areas where volunteers can assist with Roslyn 1, but I would hope we can direct efforts of volunteers into Hills

Car 24 and on some of the other post earthquake jobs that need to be attended to.

We need to deal better with our Health and Safety matters around the barn and due to earthquake effects the volunteer input into Health and Safety meetings has fallen over. We need a couple of members who are willing to join the Health and Safety committee and work alongside the HTT staff to keep the workplace safe. Anyone prepared to help please give me a call 942 0364 in the evenings, see me at the barn or email

htt@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz

The HTT is still looking to find another trustee to join the ranks. I will be stepping down as chairman in August as I do not expect to be able to complete another year but I am happy to stay on for as long as I am around and help manage the Roslyn 1 project and assist the new chairman.

Anyone interested in becoming a Trustee please contact me as above or discuss it with Graeme Belworthy who will pass on your interest.



Yank 12 moving on rails for the first time since 1954, albeit on a rather curious and unauthentic combination of bogies. She is being moved to the south side of Tram Barn 1 to make room for Tram Barn 3.

Photo: Dave Hinman