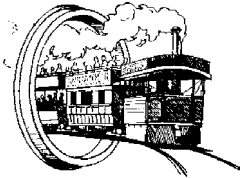


# Ferrymead Tram Tracts

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## Hills car No 24 continues to grow and even ventures outside from STEPHEN TAYLOR

Work on No 24 is still slowly progressing. The floor is screwed down, painted grey, and covered in a protective coating of thin Customwood.

This WILL be removed later and slats eventually fitted. In the picture shown taken on 4 July, the body is briefly sitting outside on the traverser as part of a brief shunt around.

Some other progress is also observable in that picture. Three of the original floor hatches have been temporarily fitted (and a temporary 4<sup>th</sup> one has since been made up as the original is too deformed to fit). The floor hatches will eventually be replaced.

The flat surface of the open section floor is being used to lay out components of the saloon which are being tidied up, and then re-varnished prior to being refitted. The saloon interior will eventually be painted "tan" to match the colour scheme of the era the tram is being restored to, but this repainting will happen later. More in coming months.



Stephen Taylor



Ken Henderson

*Top and Above: Tram 24 being shunted on to Road 4 to allow Tram 1 to be jacked up on Road 3 to check springs.*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **Wednesday 19 August 2015** 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.**

### Next work party

The next work party is scheduled for **Saturday 18 July 2015**. 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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# Melbourne 244 gets ready for return to city

**KEN HENDERSON** has been helping out.

RESTORATION WORK on Tram 244 (W2 Class ex Melbourne) following deterioration to the body work following the earthquakes is progressing well under the guidance of Graeme Richardson and Brian Fairbrass. A number of body panels

have been removed and replaced after rotting timbers renewed. This is on going while in the meantime Carl, a CTL driver, has been cleaning up body parts ready for painting. Ken, another city driver, has been up on the roof painting. The cab at one end

was in such poor condition that it had to be removed for reconstruction (see photos).

The tram will be receiving a new colour scheme which will enhance its appearance one hundredfold!



*Above left: Brian Fairbrass beside 244 sans apron and windows Above: Graeme Richardson with items restored. (More pictures p4)*

## Message from the president



THE COTMA Conference organising is progressing with some ideas for the programme and venues. Meetings are being held monthly to keep things moving.

A major rearrangement of the trams has seen all the vehicles in Road 2 Tram Barn 1 seeing the light of day for the first time in a very long time. Roslyn 3 is now behind the paint booth which will allow it to be extended to enable 244

to be repainted before returning to the city. The newly restored cable car trailer 111 is now in Road 2 giving extra floor space near the engineers' workshop which will be used to build a storage area for our bigger patterns. All this will allow better use of the workshop area with better access to the wheel lathe and wheel press.

The first set of lights have now been installed in Tram Barn 3 and a new sensor light has been fitted to the corner of Tram Barn 3 and will come on as you cross over the traverser pit in line with the running road.

Lots of other activities are happening around our

sites including trams, buses, infrastructure and several other things.

The next four Goals/Projects to be reviewed were:  
1. "Hold further/ongoing membership drives"

This is the responsibility of the Management Committee and is discussed on a regular basis by the committee.

2. "Restoration of Hills Car 24"

Stephen Taylor is the Project Leader for this and reports regularly in *Tracts* and it is discussed at the committee meetings.

3. "Progress the Strategic and Business Plan"

This is being dealt with by Stephen Taylor and myself. This is a "Living Document" which will be added to from time to time. It is now almost at the point that it can be used for funding application and other needs.

4. "Address issues of long-term sustainability of the Society"

This is also responsibility of the Management Committee. This is also discussed on a regular basis.

That's about all I have to report this month. As I am writing this we are threatened with snow so stay warm and dry.

Cheers, Graeme.

## Over the top!

**DAVE HINMAN and some intrepid photographers were out of bed early.**

**Q.** How do you move an old (wooden) heritage building in earthquake damaged Christchurch when there are tram wires in the way?

**A.** Fly it over the top!

This is what happened early on Saturday morning. See the story and video as recorded by the Press (Fairfax) newspaper on line : <http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/69760508/shands-emporium-touches-down-on-manchester-st-christchurch>

It was also reported on Prime News and TV3 on Saturday night. <http://www.3news.co.nz/nznews/shands-emporium-building-moved-in-christchurch-2015062717#axzz3eP2UIN7F>

It should have been moved a year ago, in which case it would have gone to a suburban location, not nearly as good a heritage solution as now achieved. The tram extension did its bit for local heritage by erecting the tram wires in time for the Cricket World Cup in February

which in effect isolated the old building which was located on a large site with three road frontages all of which now have or are affected by tram wires. The building was due to be shifted at about the same time, when Hereford Street was reopened after major underground services works were completed but the tram wires got there first!

The power was turned off on Friday night after 411 (the Restaurant tram) finished its run and was able to be back on again for Saturday's 10:00 am start up.

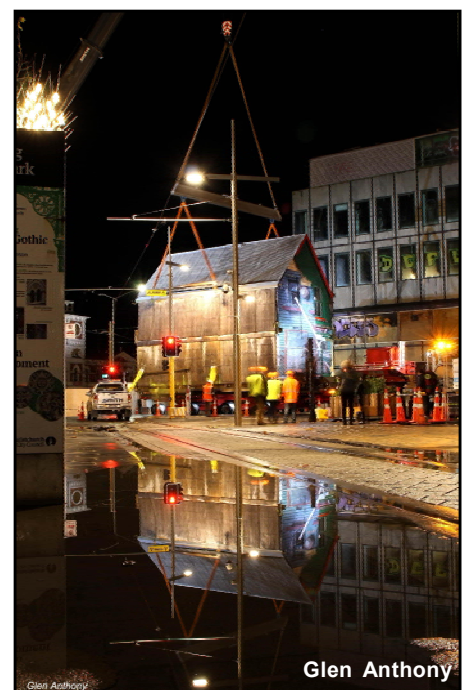
*Right Hooray and up she rises.  
Lower left: Over she goes.  
Lower right: Down the other side.*



Roy Sinclair



Glen Anthony



Glen Anthony

### 244 overhaul...



Dave Hinman



Dave Hinman

## An unexpected royal greeting

Last month's story about Geraldine Bowman and her 100th birthday has an intriguing sequel.

When Prince Harry was on Stewart Island he met, quite by chance, a guy who was preparing a card for Geraldine. He told Prince Harry of the circumstances and asked if he would be prepared to add a message to the card. To his delight, Prince Harry agreed and Geraldine subsequently received the card containing the words "Best wishes from Prince Harry—obtained on Stewart Island." Needless to say, Geraldine is now the envy of all her friends at her rest home.



Dave Hinman

Prince Harry checks out the photo of his grandmother on Boon 152

## COTMA update

THE DATE HAS NOW been set for the 2016 conference, to be hosted by the Tramway Historical Society and Christchurch Tramway Ltd.

Mark your diaries for: Thursday 13 October - Monday 17 October 2016.

For a full report on recent COTMA activities visit

<http://www.cotma.org.au/news/News%20Update%20June%202015.pdf>

## Compressor shed takes shape

This is being built behind Tram Barn 1.



Dave Hinman

## Tram driving tip

from Motorman Training Officer DAVID JONES

THE SALOON WINDOWS on Society tramcars must not be opened or closed by members of the public. Inexpert opening or closing of tramcar windows can lead to accidental injury to hands and fingers. Unless it is a very hot day, there is no need to open the saloon windows as all the operating fleet have both open and closed seating sections. It is recommended that the tram crew advise passengers not to attempt to open and close windows and that the crew will open or close as required.

## Those tin trams



We've found some more of those tin plate trams like the ones featured last month. ROGER GUSNEY, a volunteer at the Ballarat Tramway Museum, saw the one pictured above on eBay <http://www.ebay.com.au/itm/281647661792?trksid=p2057872.m2749.l2649&ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT> and bought it for \$20.99 postage paid from Hong Kong. This one has a different logo on the side from Stephen McLaughlin's one, suggesting that they were badged according to the local market, but we don't know what PH stands for.

MICHAEL HOBBS also bought one at the Riccarton market about the time of the quakes for about \$10 or \$15 but doesn't know anything about its origins.