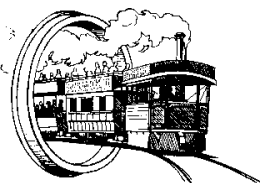


# Ferrymead Tram Tracts

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## Annual General meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
**47th Annual General Meeting of the Society** will be held on  
**Wednesday 19 August 2009 commencing at 7.45 pm** in the  
**Ferrymead Lions Building** (entry Gate A, Truscotts Road, Ferrymead).

The purpose of the AGM is to review the affairs of the Society since the previous AGM, to approve the annual accounts for the preceding financial year, to elect the Management Committee, to consider and deal with any notices of motion, and to transact any general business of the Society. At this time we also call for any notices of motion for consideration by the AGM. These need to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 21 days before the date of the meeting. These may be posted to the Secretary, Tramway Historical Society Inc, PO Box 1126, Christchurch 8140, or be emailed to [secretary@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz).

This will be followed by supper.

At least 14 days prior to the AGM, a prepared agenda, minutes of the 2008 AGM and copies of any notices of motion will be sent to all members.

## Water vat takes shape nicely

ALEX HUNTER reports

THE SOON TO BE ERECTED water vat for the Kitson is taking shape nicely. A few weeks ago on a Monday evening, myself and Mike Lawson and a couple of others finished off the reinforcing work required for the concrete base in readiness for the concrete to be poured. Anyhow last Saturday the concrete was poured with much success, and a bit left over was used by Alan Roi for some kerbing around the trolley bus area.

The tank will have some ads on it of yesteryear advertising the Gas works and a couple of other bits and pieces. So with this being in place soon will enable the Kitson service to speed up even faster than those electrics.

*Below: Mike Lawson fitting the valve to the bottom of the tank. Below right: Alan Roi smoothing off the concrete base for the water tower on Saturday 13 June*

Photo: Alex Hunter



## COMING EVENTS

### This Month— **TRANSPORT QUIZ**

with quizmaster

**Bruce Dale**

**Wednesday 15 July**

in the

**Lions Building, Ferrymead**

at **7.30 pm.**

Come and view 97 slides, answer the 100 questions, test your knowledge, be informed, stretch the boundaries!!

**PRIZES PRIZES  
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(First prize two triple Combo tickets courtesy of Christchurch Tramway Ltd). Mark the date in your diary.

See you there.

(Bring a pen or pencil with you to answer questions)

## Next work party

The next work party is scheduled for **Saturday 18 July 2009**. Formal work parties are held every third Saturday of the month but there are also activities every Saturday and on Monday evenings.

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## Double decker 26 gets its first airing



Photo: Kerry Young



*Top: not yet completed and without motors and other running appurtenances and impedimenta, No.26 on stands on display for the FRONZ representatives at Queen's Birthday. Lower photos: the tram on its trial run to the township towed by No.1.*

Photos: Murray Sanders

## City tram tracks take shape

DAVE HINMAN tells us that the final decision regarding the City Tramway extension is due to be made on 29 June, but work continues apace on track construction. Unlike the existing tracks, the new ones are all being built using grooved tram rail and all joints are welded.

The photos below show the boxing used for the concreting, and the rails being laid in Cashel Mall. The bottom photos show joints being welded.



Photos: Dave Hinman



## That Australian horse tram

Last month we published a mystery photo of a horse tram on the back of a transporter. DAVE HINMAN sent the enquiry on to DR JOHN RADCLIFFE of the AETM in Adelaide, who responded as follows.

I am aware that a replica was being built in a builder's yard out at Payneham. I haven't ever seen it, and it was said to be well advanced quite a few years ago. I have a name somewhere, but haven't ever managed to run the tram or builder to earth. The tram in the picture was stored at Port Dock for a short time maybe 10 years ago, then went into a Wool Store at Port Adelaide where I

photographed it at the time, along with the National Trust horse-drawn vehicles collection, which later went to Millicent National Trust. The National Trust horse tram (Adelaide and Suburban Tramway Company 18) went to St Kilda.

This horse tram was originally in a back yard at Freeling—I photographed it there about 25-30 years ago. It is in pretty bad shape, but the wheels and axleboxes would

be OK for the replica, and there would be some internal metal items still there too.

The side visible in the photograph is a fair bit better than the other side. I might mention also that the AETM does have a set of pedestals and wheels which could possibly go under the saloon body of Adelaide, Unley and Mitcham horse car 15 which is on display with A&S 18 at St Kilda.

## From the archives — Brills in very different settings...



Newly restored pride of the fleet. Christchurch Brill No 178, the first and probably the most ambitious electric tramcar restoration project undertaken by the society. These days she is the workhorse of the City Tramway where she performs with utmost reliability. Incredibly it will be forty years next year since she entered her second incarnation as a restored tram — far longer than she was in service with the CTB. This photo was taken in the paddock in the days before the loop was installed.

Photo: the late Bruce Fleming



Left: another Brill — or could it even be the same one? — in Cathedral Square in the July 1945 snowstorm. Bruce Whiteside found this in *The Press* about 1970. He recalls going to town from Thorneycroft Street on the Fendalton tram that day. He says it was a unique experience. The original caption read “City trams tried vainly to cope with the July 1945 snow but service was erratic at best and many parts of the city could not be reached.”

Photo: Bruce Whiteside collection