



# Turntable

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Society looks forward to a good 2018 as we continue to promote our hobby and enhance the interest in rail in New Zealand. The challenge of the last year was the start of digitising our photographic records. This has captured the imagination of members, and will continue to do so throughout 2018. Like all photographic archives, the task is huge, but the sooner it is tackled, the sooner we will be able to secure the quality of our important images. This task is in continual need for more volunteers to scan images, so if you can help contact the Society. We can courier photographs to you. You scan them onto a USB key, and then courier the prints/slides plus USB key back to us.

Our latest publication, *Railway Houses of New Zealand*, is selling well and a reprint is being considered. If you have not purchased a copy, I suggest you do so promptly.

Just a reminder that subscriptions are now due, so if you have not done so, please renew for the coming year.

Graeme Carter, President

## A HAPPY EVENT

The most recent issue of *Trains Talk* (Waikato Railway Society) carries a report that our foundation member Trevor Terry celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in November.

Congratulations, Trevor, we wish you well and more fulfilling years yet. We are grateful for your contribution to our Society and its work.

## NEW MEMBERS

We have four new members and two returning members who we welcome to our Society in this issue of *Turntable*. We are pleased to greet the following:

4965	Lionel Ford	Upper Hutt
4966	John Scott	NSW, Australia
4967	Paul McGrath	SA, Australia
4968	Pau Scott	Christchurch
4969	Dave Richardson	Dunedin
4970	Thomas Wills	Auckland

Returning former members are:

3259	Patrick Dunford	Christchurch
3452	Gerald Petrie	Christchurch

Please join in with us and our activities. You are very welcome to come to our meetings, to use our services and to buy our publications at the special prices we offer you as members.

A wise man does not keep a sledge hammer and a slow computer in same room.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: OUR NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

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1A North Street, Petone, Lower Hutt, 5012

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[nzrls.books@actrix.co.nz](mailto:nzrls.books@actrix.co.nz)

## OBITUARY: HANS BUKHOLT



We recently learnt of the passing of Hans Bukholt of Greytown.

Hans, of Danish ancestry, was member No. 3384. Although his membership of our society lapsed in recent years, he was a regular participant in NZR&LS Labour Weekend conventions throughout the 1980s and 1990s. He also attended Wellington Group meetings for many years whilst living in Johnsonville.

Hans travelled extensively overseas, and was especially fond of European railways, including those in

his native Denmark and Norway. He had a great love of Lego, and owned a large collection of Lego locomotives, trains and other railway-related models and sets. Hans always enjoyed the outdoors, participating in organised walks along old railway formations, including those between Mangaweka and Utiku, the Mangaonoho Bank near Hunterville, and from Cross Creek to Speedy's Crossing in the Wairarapa.

In 1991 Hans had a heart transplant at Greenlane Hospital in Auckland, and was New Zealand's third-longest surviving heart transplant recipient. Sadly, this year he was diagnosed with cancer, and despite extensive surgery, this illness claimed his life. He died peacefully in a Carterton hospice on 3 December 2017 aged 52.

Our sympathy is extended to his parents Nick and Johanne, sisters Diana and Tui, and to their families.

*Graeme Jupp.*

### RESTORATION OF WELLINGTON & MANAWATU RAILWAY CARRIAGES

*Turntable* has been a bit full in recent issues for us to say much of the ongoing work on restoring the Society's WMR carriages.

Much time is being taken up with very detailed work at roof top level, trimming over the sparkguard on the west side of the clerestory roof. Most of the mouldings required on that side are in place, leaving the difficult curved pieces at the ends to fit and fix and to paint. The sparkguard for the east side is complete ready to be put in place when time permits.

Selwyn Roberts is beginning to assemble replica safety gates for the end entry platforms for No. 48. When we put these in place, it will make a big difference to the appearance of the carriage.

Upper Hutt Menzshed has agreed to make the frames for the seats in the two saloons. We expect this work to begin in the New Year. Upholstery will have to be done professionally, so we seek donations and grants for this work, along with some other jobs that we cannot do ourselves.

Another necessary job is to maintain the woodworking machinery that has been donated or lent to the Society for our restoration workshop. Lionel Ford has taken this on and has found himself needing to make a number of small parts to replace pieces that have been lost or broken over the years since these machines were made.

### WMR CARRIAGES RESTORATION PROJECT Re-cycling Iron and Steel



Here is an example of older scrap steel being made into new pieces. Re-cycling older metal sounds good practice, preferable to scrapping the old items and making a fitting from new steel.

This has been made as a replacement for a broken hinge during the overhaul of some 1950s era woodworking machinery at our Silverstream North End workshop. A salvaged 3/4" bolt was used to make a new hinge for the door to an electrical box on a Wadkin thicknesser. Two faults show in this photograph: the dark line at the bottom left of the hinge pintle is a slag inclusion rolled or forged into the original bolt. A similar inclusion has led to a chip falling out at lower left. The hinge is lightly loaded, so we judge these faults don't matter in this case.

Is this a case for NOT re-cycling old steel?

*Lionel Ford.*

**WANTED**  
for  
**WMR CARRIAGES RESTORATION PROJECT**

Whitworth taps and dies, needed for refurbishing threads in various fittings. All sizes sought up to at least 1 inch diameter.

Please contact Rob. Merrifield  
[linrobnz@gmail.com](mailto:linrobnz@gmail.com)  
Ph (04) 528 9509

### ARCHIVES DIGITIZING PROGRESS

The project to create digital copies of all the photographs in the Society's Archives is beginning to ramp up. We now have 4 volunteers who come into the Thomas McGavin building adjacent to Ava station, on one or two mornings a week. We have three scanning stations set up, and the capability shortly for a fourth. We had a lot of teething troubles, but at last we seem to be running on gas - or is that coal? At a rough estimate, we now have over 6000 photographs scanned. But with hundreds of thousands still to go, that is a drop in the bucket!

We have at last made a complete inventory of our photographs in the Archive. So now we know how many we have, and in most cases, who were the photographers. What we don't know is what they are pictures of! We have prioritised scanning of glass plate negatives, which will all be done at Ava, and colour slides. When they have been scanned, they are put back into storage in numbered locations so they are easily found if needed. We will also prioritise negatives and prints in future.

As well, we have a small number of volunteers to whom we send packets of colour slides by courier. We ask them to scan them on their own devices at home, and return the slides with the scans on a USB stick which we supply. We pay for the freight both ways. Whilst they are scanning, they fill in a spreadsheet to catalogue the images as best they can. That is all very well, but what we desperately need are more people who are able to scan images at home. Regretfully, we have decided that we cannot send packets to our overseas members, much as we'd like to.

For 35mm film, we need an optical resolution of 2400 DPI, non-interpolated. And the output must be in a TIF file. We ask that you tell us the make and model of your scanner, so that we know we can send you material that your machine is capable of. If you are

unsure, we can tell from the model of your scanner. We allow a trial pack, so that you can decide if you want to continue, and you can tell us how many colour slides you can scan in an hour, and how often you'd like us to send a packet. We allow you to have variations, to cater for your own needs. Typically, a packet may contain 100 slides, and we allow 3 weeks for completion.

The cataloguing is a major headache for us. Many of the collections that we have contain boxes of slides with little or no information written on them. But there must be many of you who could make a fair stab at identifying places, or events, and maybe even approximate dates, of many of those images. It is sad that many of those whose collections have been donated to us have now passed away. So we can't go back and

say "Hey you, where and when did you take that picture?"

For those of you who cannot meet the scanning technical requirements, we are thinking that we may be able to send you other types of material. We have a very large number of colour prints. We also have a number of books which catalogue our collections with either handwritten or typed pages, which we would like to have turned into digital text. However, it will take us a little while to work out the logistics of sending that kind of material. But if you are keen, let us know.

Here is a random image which was completely unidentified by the photographer. We can tell you that there are 3 J's, and one of them is J1234, but which shed is that?

*Bob Bevan Smith, Convenor,  
NZR&LS Digitisation Working Group*



Bob's "random" mystery photo: J class engines on shed. Where and when was it taken?

### LOCAL GROUPS AUCKLAND

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The Auckland Group meets on the third Wednesdays of February, April, June, August and October, and the second Wednesday of December.

The next meeting will held on 21 February 2018 at 18 Lloyd Avenue, Mt Albert (on the corner of Thomas Avenue), commencing 8.00 pm. Enquiries to Sean Millar ph (09) 815-3885, .or [seanmillar@orcon.net.nz](mailto:seanmillar@orcon.net.nz).

Attendance and supper are free of charge. Wives, partners, and new and out-of-town members are all welcome.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** the June 2018 meeting only will be held at the Railway Enthusiasts Society Clubrooms, 38 Alfred St, Onehunga. All other meetings during 2018 will be held as usual at 18 Lloyd Avenue, Mt Albert.

### WAIKATO RAILWAY SOCIETY

Meets 7.30 pm at St Andrews Library Hall, Braid Road/Taylor Terrace, Hamilton on the third Saturday of alternate months February to December (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, December only). Admission a gold coin, please, and members a plate, please.

Next meeting will be 17 February.

The last meeting for 2017, on 9 December, heard Dave Simpson talk about his recent trip to the USA, his observations of the changing scene while there, and particularly of the 3 foot gauge Cumbres and Toltec Railroad.

For further details, contact Chairman Ashley Turner 027 446 4732 or Secretary Ron Brown, 23 Exeter Street Glenview Hamilton 3206, phone (07) 843-8083.

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### BAY OF PLENTY

Meets on the third Monday of each month February-November at 7.30 pm. Bay of Plenty Group meets in the Model Engineers' clubroom, Memorial Park, Tauranga. Next meeting will be on 19 February. All enquiries to and details of next meeting from:

David Kent, 33 Gunbar Drive,  
Welcome Bay,  
RD 5, Tauranga, 3175 Ph (07) 544-6144

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### ROTORUA

All enquiries to Murray Farquhar at 91H Turner Road, Rotorua, 3097, phone 027 466 9014, email : [mfarquhar@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mfarquhar@xtra.co.nz)

Our group continues to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Ngongotaha Rail Park clubrooms.

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## MANAWATU

The November Group Meeting was a members' DVD evening and an interesting selection it was. Starting with a train journey from Victoria Falls to Pretoria in the "Pride of Africa" which is normally steam hauled, but due to the fire risk was diesel for part of the way. This was followed by a very interesting DVD on the history of Glasgow's trams and how the system developed. Finally, it was back to the US to travel from Washington DC to San Francisco by rail. An interesting and changing countryside was viewed as you travel across the US through a number of states.

The Group Meeting dates for 2018 are the following Saturdays: Jan 27, Feb a day out, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July Group Luncheon, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24. December no meeting.

Subject to date & venue change, so visitors who are most welcome, please check with the Group's Secretary first, Stu Ingram, ph (06) 357-5216, E-mail: [sandbingram@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbingram@yahoo.com)

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## WAIRARAPA

Wairarapa Group usually meets at the Fell Locomotive Museum in Featherston on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The Group's next meeting will be held on 27 February.

The December meeting enjoyed a screening of the classic 1950s film, *The Titfield Thunderbolt*.

Group organiser is Malcolm Brodie, 230 Waohine Valley Road, Greytown, tel. 06 304 8949.

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## WELLINGTON

Planned meetings for 2018 begin with a visit to Pahiatua for the formal roll-out of RM 5 on February 4.

Regular Wellington meetings will be on Mondays March 10, May 7, July 9, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12.

Group meetings are held in the Brian Davis Room, at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the corner of Molesworth and Hill Streets. The entrance to the building will be found on the left hand side of the Cathedral. There is plenty of pay parking in the Cathedral car park. Meetings are at 5.45 pm for 6.15 p.m. with a light supper being served. There is a charge of \$5 per person, payable at the door, to cover costs.

Contact people for Wellington Group are:

Len Chisholm: [nzrailways@len.nz](mailto:nzrailways@len.nz) ;

P O Box 24-090, Manners Street,

Wellington, 6142. Ph (04) 235 5462

Chris. Benson: Ph (04) 971-8934.

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## CANTERBURY

Society members in Canterbury are reminded that they are welcome to attend the Canterbury Railway Society meetings held in the Lodge at Ferrymead Park. Entry by gold coin.

The 27 February meeting is to hear Bob Bevan Smith "show and talk" about "Mysteries of the Archive", based on a presentation to Wellington Group in November (see the last issue of *Turntable*).

Dates for 2018 meetings are expected to be Tuesdays 27 February, 27 March, 24 April, 28 May, 26 June, 31 July, 29 August, 25 September, 30 October, and 27 November..

Contact person is Colin Barry, ph (03) 358 3681.

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Acupuncture is a job well done.

## DUNEDIN

Dunedin Group's next meeting will be held at Ian Wylie's home, 61 Albert Street, St Clair, on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting topic will be something different: a look at railway systems around the World. February's will feature a look at the last stronghold of super steam power in the USA, Norfolk and Western in 1957.

Meeting for 2018 will be on 20 February, 17 April, 19 June, 15 August, 16 October, and 18 December. Any visiting members coming to Dunedin please contact Bill Cowan, (03) 454 5673, for more details.

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## INVERCARGILL

Invercargill Group meetings in 2018 will be bi-monthly on the fourth Sunday evening of odd numbered months. Meetings will be in members' homes – essentially in rotation.

Contacts are Noel Joyce (03) 215-4324 or Peter Lankshear (03) 217-5515. E-mail [peemel@clear.net.nz](mailto:peemel@clear.net.nz)

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Contributions are welcome. Any views expressed will only be those of the contributor, who will be identified.

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