

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST AND HIGH STREET CABLE CAR SOCIETY INC.

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Welcome to 2019 and current newsletter update from the Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust and the High Street Cable Car Society Incorporated.

Since our last newsletter the signing off of the Interim Cable Car Building on Mornington Park has been completed. The Society and their Volunteers have been working at the site showing the many visitors around the area, talking to them, answering many questions on the project, receiving donations and gaining support.

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Please read on!

Over the past few months the Trustees have prepared an application for feasibility study funding from the Governments Provincial Growth Funding, and last December, with the help of a professional company we submitted an application for a \$100,000 grant to employ this company to facilitate an indepth feasibility study on the project.

To date no response or contact for more information has been forthcoming from the Government department. Hopefully this is a good sign.

The christmas break may have delayed any decision so the Trustees remain ever hopeful.

Site Progress Report

The Trust and the Dunedin City Council have jointly signed the Building Consent for the completion of the Interim Cable Car building. The Trust are now eagerly awaiting the official documentation to be delivered as this will sign off Stage one providing a significant step forward.

Currently the Trust are selecting products best suited as saleable items that can be sold to visitors as souvenirs. Pens, cards, fridge magnets, cable car pictures on blocks etc are the most likely selection to be sold.

We have purchased a large glass cabinet to display these items. Over the next few months it is intended that we monitor their sales thus reaching a decision whether to continue with them or replace with a more saleable product.

The Electrician has now completed the electrical work required for the building by installing plugs, lighting etc, allowing the Trustees to reduce the number of keys required to open the building. This will strengthen the security status of 95,111 and 97.

The overall outlook of the site has improved markedly and once the planned signage has been placed on the building we will be ready for next years cruise ship visitors.



Roslyn Cable Car 95 and Mornington Trailer 111 at the Cable Car Building on Mornington Park.

Since the placement of 95 and 111 in our building the Society and its Volunteers have been rolling out 111 for the visitors who arrive daily to view. However 95 because of its size and weight has been difficult to move. Recently we have received a donation of a winch to assist. This winch will be fitted so that the volunteers can remotely move 95 alongside 111, thus completing our open display.



Last photo of Mornington Cable Car staff outside Cable Car house. Note the sign on the wall behind, " LAST CARS SATURDAY MARCH 2ND "
This photo would have been taken prior to the last day of the Mornington Cable Car on 2nd March 1957 some 62 years ago. What a shame!

HIGH STREET CABLE CAR SOCIETY INC

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

The Society works with the Trust as a volunteer group in the day to day operations.

Now that the Interim Cable Car Building has been "ticked off" by the Council, the Trust have been able to plan more formally for the opening of the site to the public.

As many will have noted, the Trust has displayed Trailer 111 out in the open whilst they have been completing the internal work required before becoming fully operational.

During that time the Society have been training our volunteers by inviting the general public to climb aboard and view the magnificent restoration work carried out by the Tramway Historical Society. The volunteers are now very conversant with their role and we are settling into a more formal phase.

As we move into 2019, weekly rosters are being prepared, such that at least one committee member and one volunteer will be on site during opening hours. The planning is fluid, and we will continue to assess the most beneficial time to be open, (currently from noon to three), and which days, bearing in mind availability of our Volunteers.

We do need a greater number of Volunteers, and if you are interest and available or wishing to become a member of the Society, we encourage you to contact our Secretary whose email is below.

We have provided a visitors book at the site and currently have up to 900 signatures of support and soon we expect our 1,000th supporter.

It has been interesting to hear how many of our visitors have had a link to the cable cars and are old enough to remember riding on the cars as children.

Many were related to gripmen or conductors back in the day and have commented on their adventures and experiences. These comments have helped us to understand more about the cable cars of the past.

We certainly have a sense that there is a groundswell of support for the re-instatement of the High Street Cable Car service.

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Roslyn Cable Car 95 and Mornington Trailer 111 on full display outside the building on Mornington Park with the Trusts banner between. Over 1,000 visitors have seen the display in the past few months and are fully supportive of our project.

Remembering 62 years ago.....



'Cable Cars on upper High Street on a sunny day shortly before they were taken from our streets permanently. Note the lack of maintenance on the downhill one. What a sad way to go.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- * The official opening of the Interim Cable Car House by the Trust.
- * A progress report on Stage Two
- * Report on Funding Application to the Provincial Growth Fund

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