

# DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

## Items in this newsletter:

- Covid-19
- T Shirts now available for sale
- Request for volunteers
- Building Signage
- Trust future plans

Welcome to Issue 20. We hope that you survived the Covid-19 lockdown safely and Level 2 is respected to enable us all to travel down the levels and see the end of the virus.

This newsletter has no really big news to offer you but will provide some current information that you may have missed.

**Please read on!**

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## MEDIA PUBLICITY DURING LOCKDOWN PERIOD

April 17th Otago Daily Times Opinion page.

*The Trust Chairman produced a document outlining his opinion on how the city can work through the post-lockdown recovery satisfactorily. It was his opinion that it will be through tourism that the city will survive and, with the DCC Mayor indicating the Harbour Basin project will be delayed, it would be fitting if the council made that funding available to the Trust allowing them to complete the High Street cable car route in time for any return of cruise ships.*

April 29th Otago Daily Times Letters to the Editor

*A general member of the public suggesting that the Council should get behind the Cable Car project by providing funding.*

May 7th Otago Daily Times Letters to the Editor

*The Trust Chairperson provided a response to the above letter suggesting that it was a kneejerk decision to mothball the Taieri Gorge line and also suggesting that the funding now not required for the harbour basin project be transferred to the Trust so that they can complete the project.*

May 12th Stuff Website

*Article on the proposed suburban rail service meeting at council level which also has a video on the Cable Car project as its main comment.*

Neville Jemmett

Chair, Dunedin Light Heritage Rail Trust



## WHAT IS ON THE TRUSTEES' PLATE THIS YEAR

- 1) Obtain funding for the feasibility study. This is a critically important document that will give strength to our project.
- 2) Prepare documentation towards the consent application to the Dunedin City Council for Stage Two Cable Car Building. This also needs funding.
- 3) Progress the architectural drawing of Cable Car House to the next stage of design in readiness for the construction stage

All of these have been delayed due to the Covid-19 lockdown but are in hand to recommence once the all clear has been announced.



## VOLUNTEERS

The Society are seeking volunteers so if you, or someone you know, can help please contact them via Facebook or the website.

## T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

As shown in the last newsletter the Trust received the T-Shirts as seen below and they are for sale at Cable Car House. The pictures below show the colours and styles of the t-shirts. These are now available and retail at \$40. When the building is closed, if you would like to purchase one let me (Neville) know. We have limited stock in all sizes ranging from S to 2XL. The coloured picture is only available in Blue Marl and Maroon, while the Grey Marl shows the original cars in black and white.

Given the lockdown, we have not been able to sell many of these, however, once we open again we anticipate more interest and further sales. The timing isn't good as our reopening is coinciding with a time when the weather is becoming somewhat cooler.

Remember: If you are interested and would like a T-Shirt give me a bell (or email).



## NEW SIGNAGE

Once we had moved into Level 2 of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trust erected the sign (below) onto the east side of the building. This required installing specially designed brackets onto the side of the building ensuring that the sign cannot easily fall or be removed from it. There was also extra support applied from within the interior of the building. This now makes Cable Car House, and our project, more visible to all who pass by.



## LIMITED OPENING

Now that we are in Level 2 we hope to introduce limited opening. We have had some requests from small groups to visit the museum. We are currently working through protocols as to how we can facilitate this in the current situation.

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

- Up to date information on the current status on where the project lies and what has happened since the last newsletter
- A progress report on Stage Two
- Update on the funding applications.

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