

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST



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- Covid-19's effect on progress. and how the Trust plans to continue pushing forward in 2020
- Financial support required
- Request for volunteers

Welcome to Issue 21, we hope you are all coping well throughout this epidemic and are symptom free. Covid-19 lockdown is having a massive effect on our progress towards the Feasibility Study and Stage Two.

In this newsletter we will try and outline how we hope to alleviate the situation and push forward.

Please read on!

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From the collections of Alan Bellamy and Neville Jemmett



THE TRUST'S PLAN TO PUSH THE PROJECT FORWARD

The time has come where the Trust needs to push forward on the Cable Car project. With the current mothballing of the Taieri Gorge Railway there is a need for a replacement tourist attraction. Cruise ships will return and we must be ready. The Mornington line is the only planned railway that can fill the void.

Since the advent of Covid 19 in March, attempts to progress the project have been hampered in many ways. First came the lockdown, then the easing of the levels and more freedom, and now we are back into restrictions. During this period many funders stopped accepting applications due to the lack of incoming revenue. Recently, some have opened again but have altered their funding criteria. Feasibility studies are no longer funded, and due to the current Covid 19 level fluctuation and funding restrictions, many have placed a cap on the amount of funding offered.

For the past few months the Trust has been preparing applications for funding to cover the consent applications for the building of "Stage Two", the full size Cable Car House that will replace the current one. We have placed some funding aside for this and have made applications to two trusts for the balance.



FEASIBILITY STUDY

On top of seeking funding for stage two, we are very grateful to have received a written commitment from a generous supporter to donate half of the funds required for the \$100,000 feasibility study provided the Trust is able to raise the remaining amount. We have also received another generous offer of \$10,000 from a member to kick off the undertaking to raise the balance. This is a fantastic start to the fund raising leaving the Trust to acquire the remaining \$40,000.

This is where you, the loyal members of the project, can show your support and keenness of the project by supporting financially. Any financial assistance no matter how small, will be gratefully received and enable the trust to move forward into a more stable and positive position.

The Trust believe that it will be a huge move forward when the Cable Car house is fully operational. It will open so many more doors of assistance and become a major turning point of the project. The building can open as a Museum with enough area to house all of the available cable cars located around New Zealand and here in Dunedin. At least four of the vehicles will be restored to be almost operational, while others won't but that will add to its interest, thus creating a 'want to see' tourist attraction.

With the addition of a cafe, souvenir shop and memorabilia display we will have created a source of revenue for future development. Once the building is open to the public we can press on with Stage Three and it will be all downhill (excuse the pun) from there, with tracks purchased and laid down High Street to the Exchange.

If you would like to donate some funding directly into our account please add 'FS' as a reference so that we can place it into the feasibility study account.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Now that Spring is upon us there will be an increase in public visits to the Cable Car House and that will also create the need to build up our Volunteer numbers to accommodate the visitor increase. During the winter period and after the Covid 19 epidemic we have noticed a decrease in volunteer numbers.

The High Street Cable Car Society are inviting willing personnel to contact them and discuss the role required of the volunteers. The more volunteers available, the less time each volunteer will be called upon to attend

If you are keen and willing to participate in that role for a few hours a day contact the Society at this address :

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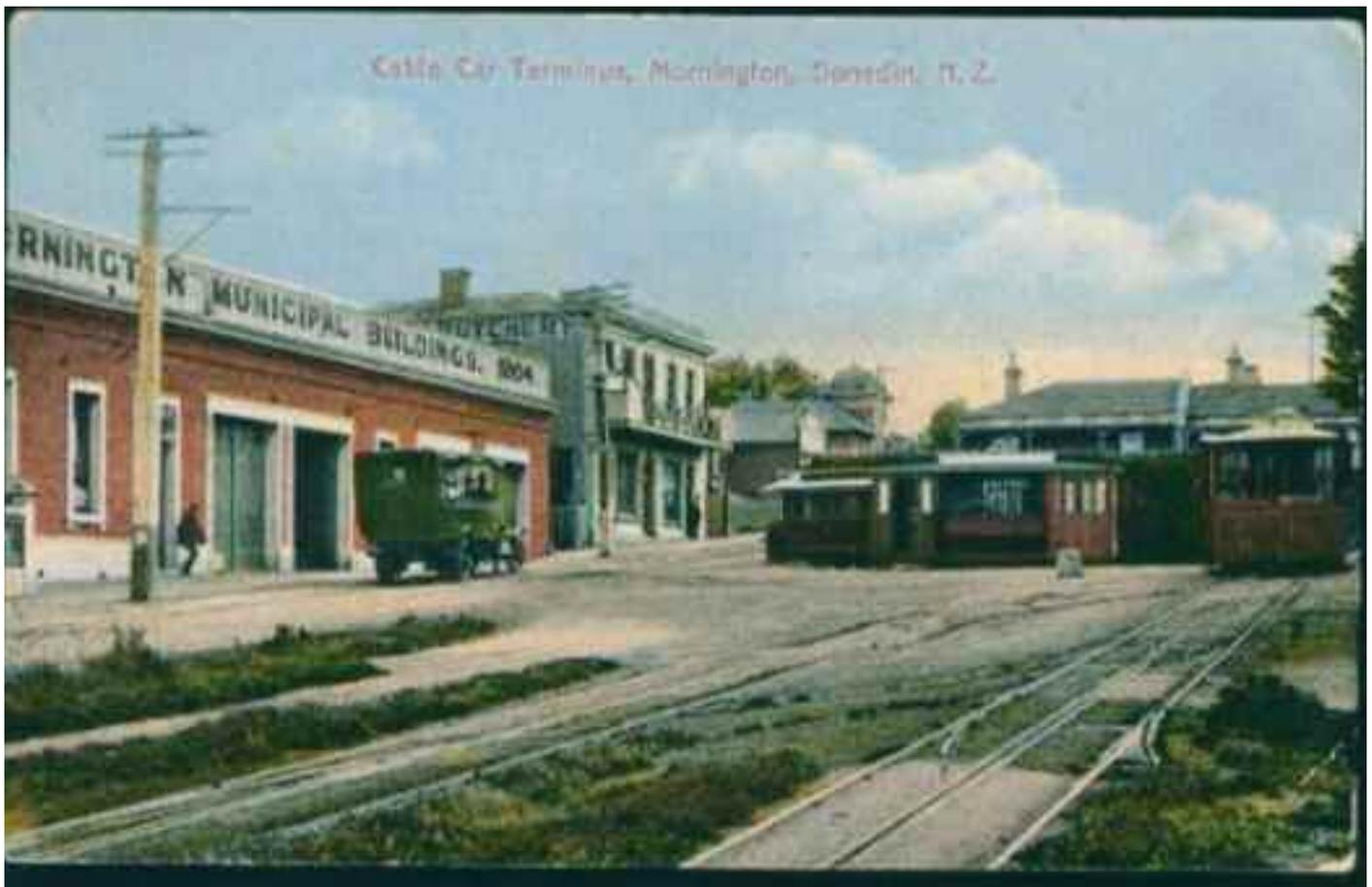
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Restored parts of Mornington Cable Car 103 at Tramway Historical Society workshop with Main Assembly section (above) and Don McAra at work on the Clerestery Roof (below) this is soon to be connected to the body of 103 in another area of the shed.





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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