

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

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Welcome to Issue 22. We hope that 2020 has worked out alright for you and your family. It has been a testing year since March for all of us but the project seems to have come through it unscathed and we are now looking forward to a great Christmas and hopefully a joyful holiday in readiness to take on whatever 2021 may challenge us with.

The Trustees wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please read on!

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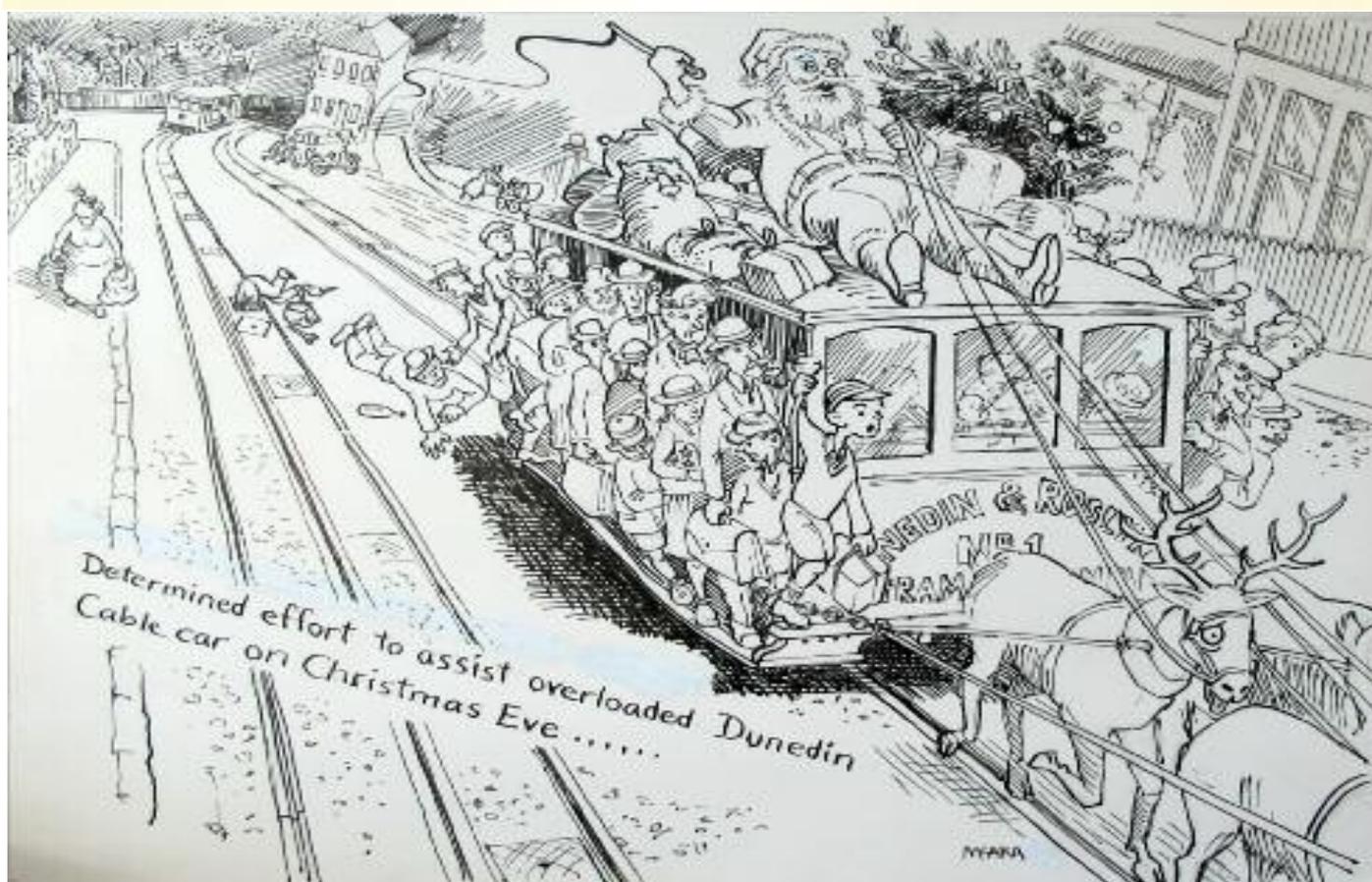


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Alan Bellamy





Merry Christmas



UPDATE ON CABLE CAR PROGRESS

This year has been difficult for progress. Life, as we know it, has changed a lot and it has affected our project progress. The Cable Car house at Mornington was closed for several months so there were no public donations during that time and the souvenir shop income was at a standstill. However, following the request for donations from the newsletter members in newsletter 21, we have received a generous increase in funding for future progress, although more funding is still required before any positive movement is made.

There is a long way to go to raise sufficient funds to cover the proposed feasibility study so the Trust has planned to delay that action and, instead, work towards the planning consents applications required by the Dunedin City Council for our permanent Cable Car House. This does not require a feasibility study and requires less funding.

Trustees have prepared and applied for funding from two local Charitable Trusts and await their response. A professional consultant company will produce and present our applications to the Dunedin City Council sometime in the new year when all the funds are available.

It is expected to take some time to work through the consent applications process as a full public notification of our building application requires it to be advertised and any challenges raised by the public, addressed before going any further.

Covid 19 forced our entire country into lockdown until we went back to Level 3 on 27 April which delayed any forward momentum on our project. During this uncertain time Trustees made the wise decision to totally lock down the Cable Car Building until at least Level 2 to keep both volunteers and members of the public safe. We also had a downturn in grant applications and funding opportunities were limited during and after the lockdown, and this left the entire project somewhat in limbo until the levels allowed more activity.



SOUVENIR SHOP/MUSEUM

Our small souvenir shop has been well patronised since opening, along with the museum cabinets providing interesting memorabilia for the visitors to view. The Hugh Ballment book "Mornington's Marvellous Cable Trams" has been selling well and there are only around forty books remaining to sell.

There is still a reasonable supply of T-Shirts available in different colours and sizes at a cost of \$40, and Don McAra's paintings and postcards are in good supply. The photo blocks, which are proving popular, have sold well and will be restocked in the new year.

If you are outside of Dunedin and would like to purchase a book please contact the Newsletter Editor at nkjemmet@xtra.co.nz with your name and mailing address for delivery.

Deposit \$50 plus \$5 postage into this account: **38-9016-0787291-00**

Alternatively, please post your order directly to:

Treasurer
Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust
100 Letts Gully Road
RD 3
Alexandra.

Delivery will be made on confirmation of order.

HIGH STREET CABLE CAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you goes to the High Street Cable Car Society volunteers who have done a marvellous job during our opening times this year. Trust members thank them sincerely for their time and effort during what has been unusual and testing times. Without the support of this dedicated team of willing volunteers, the project would lose its public face. We wish the volunteers a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable and relaxing time with family and friends.



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

In order to keep everyone informed during the covid 19 restrictions the Trust provided two newsletters, one in May and another in September. On emailing we had a number of returned emails, and we suspect this may be due to a change in their email addresses. Some of these recipients had provided a phone contact so an effort was made to obtain up to date information, however, a small number still remain outstanding. Sadly, with little to go on for those individuals we have now lost contact with them. If you know of anyone not receiving their electronic copy of the newsletter because of this please ask them to provide their current email address and we will update our list.

Given our limited funds, printing and posting newsletters is, unfortunately, not an option for us.



LOOKING AHEAD ...

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

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