

# DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

## Items in this newsletter:

- Report from FRONZ Conference in Timaru at Queens Birthday Weekend.
- Report on revised drawing design of Stage Two Cable Car House and request for donation.

Welcome to our current newsletter Issue 16 with updates and articles on the cable car progress.

So much has happened in the short time since our last newsletter the Trust felt a new newsletter was warranted.

Much of the comment is exciting, rewarding and positive, however, a request for financial support is included.

**Please read on!**

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## REVISED DESIGN OF STAGE TWO - NEW CABLE CAR HOUSE



View looking East towards Eglinton Road

## Report from the FRONZ (Federation of Railway Organisations of New Zealand) Conference held during Queens Birthday Weekend.

The Trust's Chairperson attended the annual three day FRONZ conference in Timaru at Queen's Birthday Weekend, accompanied by his wife.

Railway Associations from around New Zealand were present along with NZTA, Kiwi Rail and Tracksafe members,

Registrations commenced on Friday night and the conference proper began on Saturday at 8.15am with a welcome from the FRONZ President. This was followed by talks from NZTA, Kiwi Rail, Tracksafe, and a Tramways update by Dave Hinman of the Tramway Historical Society (THS). Dave's visual presentation included a report on the Trust's project showing the Mornington building and the two restored vehicles. At 4pm the conference broke up into various discussion group (Railway and Tramway).

Sunday, started at 8.40am with the FRONZ Annual General Meeting.

At 1pm attendees travelled to Ashburton to the Plains Railway where we had the opportunity to ride on a restored steam engine and railcar.

At 6.30pm we attended the FRONZ Awards Dinner. Several awards were presented throughout the night with an unexpected presentation of the **Tramway Restoration Award** to the **Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust**. The Chairman was delighted to accept the award on behalf of the Trust. Many congratulatory messages followed.

On Monday morning we travelled to the Pleasant Point Museum and Railway for the conclusion of the conference and had the opportunity to ride on a steam engine with carriages and on a Model T Ford railcar. If you're ever in the Timaru area take a trip out to Pleasant Point.

The opportunity to discuss issues in common and to network with other enthusiasts has already proven fruitful to the project, with several contacting us post conference with information and sharing best practice. The opportunity to have face to face dialogue with NZTA managers on safety issues and requirements relevant to the future of our line was most certainly of benefit.

Overall, it was a productive three days and well worth the opportunities it provided.



# Revised Architectural design for new Cable Car Building

## DONATION APPEAL

### *Background:*

The Trust recently approached a local architect to assist in preparing the graphic design for the New Cable Car House which, in time, will replace the existing facility at Mornington. This design has been based on the original drawings of Michael Wyatt and his team.

After discussions with the architect, the Trustee anticipated a quotation would follow enabling the Trust Treasurer the opportunity to obtain funding for the work. However, through a misunderstanding of the brief, the designer worked on the changes and produced an update, in addition to an account for the work. We are now obliged to pay this account. The situation, however, closes the door to us in terms of obtaining any grant funding.

This appeal seeks donations to assist the Trust to pay this account (sooner rather than later). The amount we are seeking is in the region of \$5,300.

To this end please consider making a personal donation to this fund. The new design is excellent and is a step forward from the first design which was only as a concept drawing.

Your contribution will assist the Trust to clear the account.

To make a donation please credit the Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust's bank account at **Kiwibank:**

**38-9016-0787291-00**

Alternatively, please post your cheque directly to:

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

With '**Design**' and '**Donation**' as the reference and code. Include your personal details if a receipt is required.

As we are a registered charity all donations qualify for tax credits.

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## REVISED DESIGN OF STAGE TWO - NEW CABLE CAR HOUSE

View looking north towards the park.



The Cable Car House design on pages one and four are a revised edition of the original design provided last year. This design has been prepared after input from members. The original design was only a concept plan on how the new cable car house might look and was open to discussion. It was always intended to prepare further designs before any final decision being made by the Trustees.

Once approved, it will be presented to the planning department of the Dunedin City Council to ascertain if it complies with their requirements for a building on Mornington Park and if we are able to replace the existing buildings currently used by the Trust.

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

- \* Up to date information on where the current status of the project lies
- \* A progress report on Stage Two
- \* Report on funding application to the Provincial Growth Fund

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