

DUNEDIN HERITAGE LIGHT RAIL TRUST

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- Report on the public opening of Stage One Cable Car House
- Report on revised drawing design of Stage Two Cable Car House
- Progress on sales of a new Cable Car book.

Welcome to our current newsletter, Issue 18, with updates and articles on the cable car progress.

Since the opening, the Trust has been busy working on the preliminary work required for Stage Two.

Book sales are progressing steadily.

Please read on!

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TRUST ACTIVITY ON STAGE TWO PROGRESS

Since the opening, the Trust has been busy pushing ahead with preparation for stage two construction. The chairperson, architect, and application professionals have met provisionally with DCC planning and lease department staff in order to ascertain the necessary requirements for a successful application. Work is now progressing on a more indepth Cable Car House design and preparation of the application. Once completed we will begin the lengthy and expensive application process. This could take up to a year to complete even assuming there are no objectors to our proposal.

Meanwhile, other Trustees will be working on application requests for funding. A great deal of funding is required to cover all of the above not to mention voluntary time.

Discussions are also being held with tourism providers in an attempt to persuade them to add our display as one of their places to visit. As we only have a small display of cable cars it is a hard task, however, on the 30th October we have a tour group from Masterton visiting. Let us hope that this is just the beginning of better things to follow.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CABLE CAR HOUSE

The official opening of Stage one on the 31st of August was a great success and well attended. The event commenced at 10am with a welcome to all from the Trust's Chairman followed by comments from MP Hon Dr David Clark, Mayor of Dunedin, David Cull, MP Hon Michael Woodhouse in support. Trustee Don McAra spoke on the Tramway Historical Society's restoration programme. Tramway Historical Society Chairman Stephen Taylor presented the Trust with a framed copy of the C.O.T.M.A. award received by the Society for the restoration work carried out on Trailer 111. This was followed by the "Official Opening" with the two roller doors being opened by Mayor Dave Cull and Hon Dr David Clark, to show Roslyn Cable Car 95 and Mornington Trailer 111 in all their glory. These vehicles were rolled out of the building by volunteers of the High Street Cable Car Society Inc. led by pipers from the Dunedin City Pipe Band. Members of the Steampunk Society held a high tea and the Alpha Romeo Car Club parked their vintage vehicles on the street in the vicinity of the building thus creating a theme dating back to the time when the cable cars operated on



High Street (1883 - 1957). The entire area was filled with over two hundred members of the public creating a great atmosphere to the opening. All in all a very successful day with a big thank our sponsors and all who volunteered on the day, without you it would not have happened.



STAGE TWO CABLE CAR HOUSE DESIGN REVISION

As you can see from the design on page four we have removed the green colouring on the building thus removing the tin shed appearance of the design. The actual outlook of the cable car house has not changed but certain aspects have been removed. The rear transverser has been removed, replaced by track switches on the outside track. This now allows the building to be extended from around 30 metres long to 50 thus allowing more work space inside.

It is possible that the working machinery which was below ground, will now be placed inside the building and close to the footpath allowing for a large viewing window roadside. It is also possible that the other windows will be made larger to make it more acceptable to the DCC urban designer. There has also been some discussion on the final look of the outside cladding. A decision on this is yet to be considered. All this will be prepared by the architect once a budget has been approved by the Trust.



New Cable Car Book

The newly printed cable car book named "MORNINGTON'S MARVELLOUS CABLE TRAMS" by the Author, Hugh Ballment from Australia, has been selling well and the Trust are grateful for the funds received from their sales. This book is very picturesque and colourful and well worth getting. Books can be purchased at the Cable Car House when it is open or from the Trust Chair (see below). The cost per book is \$50 plus post and packaging (if required). Paper Plus in the Golden Centre Mall and the University Book Shop also have stock.

If you are outside of Dunedin and would like to purchase a book please contact the Newsletter Editor at nkjemmett@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 cheque directly to:

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Dunedin Heritage Light Rail Trust
100 Letts Gully Road
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Alexandra.

Delivery will be made on confirmation of order.

REVISED DESIGN OF STAGE TWO - NEW CABLE CAR HOUSE



LOOKING AHEAD ...

- Up to date information on the current status of the project lies and what has happened since the last newsletter
- A progress report on Stage Two

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