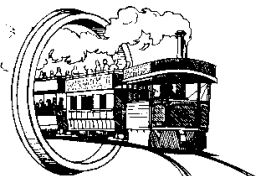


# Ferrymead Tram Tracts

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## Grants for relaying the main running road in Tram Barn 1 received

STEPHEN TAYLOR has some good news



Society President Graeme Belworthy and Bruce Maffei replace rusted tracks bolts on the fishplates of the rail joints on main running road in Tram Barn 1 while Track Office Ken Henderson looks at the mess they are making.

Photo: Stephen Taylor

WE HAVE BEEN advised by Pub Charity on 3 May 2011 that the Society had been successful in an application for funding for **Materials and Machinery Hire** to the value of \$4669 towards the relaying of the main running road in Tram Barn 1. We are most grateful to Pub Charity for this donation.

And we were also advised by The Lion Foundation on 5 May 2011 that the Society has been successful in an application for funding for **Materials and Machinery Hire** to the value of \$4000 towards the relaying of

the main running road in Tram Barn 1. We are most grateful to The Lion Foundation for this donation.

As indicated in the Goals and Projects, relaying the main running road in Tram Barn 1 has become urgent as the track is starting to move and the floor break up. The track was originally laid on sleepers in the 1960s and then later concreted over. Now the sleepers are starting to compost and collapse due to age with the result that the track is starting to sink and the concrete floor is starting to break  
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### Coming events

#### MONTHLY MEETING

Come and enjoy a Power Point presentation from **Ken Henderson** on highlights of his recent trip: **Queen Mary 2 Singapore to Southampton via Suez, a five-day tour of South West England, with visits to Jersey, St Malo and Paris returning to London on Eurostar. Finally return to NZ via Hong Kong for a look at the trams.**

The programme will be of interest to our lady members too but there will naturally be some rail and tram content to keep the males interested.

Date: **Wednesday 15 June, Time 7.30 pm**

Venue: **Lions Building, Ferrymead**

#### NEXT WORK PARTY

The primary focus will be on the renovation of the track in TB1's main running road. We need all hands on deck. Lunch will be provided as per usual.

**Saturday 18 June**

## Next work party

The next work party is scheduled for **Saturday 18 June 2011**. Formal work parties are held every third **Saturday** of the month and Alan Roi provides a cooked midday meal. There are also activities every **Saturday** and on **Monday** evenings.

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up. The uneven floor is also a safety hazard—to volunteers, HTT staff and visitors to the tram barn.

The funding received from Pub Charity and The Lion Foundation should be enough to undertake the work required (with the additional \$669 estimated to be required being funded by the Society). As you can see from the attached photos, the project has already commenced with the clearing out of all the shelving and boxes, concrete cutting of the section to be removed, and last weekend, exposing all the rail joints and replacing the bolts to allow for easy removal of the rails.

The major portion of the work is planned to be undertaken immediately after Queen’s Birthday Weekend, with the removal of the remaining existing concrete, then the rails being removed, the new track bed will be prepared and then the rails replaced in mass concrete.

There is some urgency to complete the work as we would prefer it be completed before the Tram Barn 3 work commences, plus the Society has three months from the date of the grant to undertake the work and provide a return to Pub Charity (and a period of six months for a similar return to The Lion Foundation).

This project will be managed by the Tramway

Operations Committee of the Society and we would appreciate assistance with the breaking out of the existing concrete and subsequent relaying work. Contact Ken Henderson or Murray Sanders to offer your assistance.

It is also worth a visit as it is unlikely that this area of Tram Barn 1 will be as clear as it currently is for many years.



Dave Carr uses the forklift to help clear the main running road.  
Photo: Alan Roi

**President’s message**



TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
The “Red Zone” appears to be getting smaller and smaller all the time but there are still a lot of people not able to access their properties including the City Tramway.

We are back to normal operation with the park now, running trams every weekend. Some temporary repair work has been done on cracked track in the village. More permanent repairs will be required at some cost which will need fundraising to finance. Some of the traction poles on both the tramway and trolley systems have moved causing the overhead to drop a little and these will need back staying and in one case an extra pole installed. At the moment we await the Insurance assessor to inspect our damage and inform us of what we are covered for.

Work on the Birney continues and it is hoped to have it finished by the end of June.

The concrete in the main running road in tram barn 1 is being replaced and should be completed by the end of June or beginning of July.

Work is still progressing on the Tram Barn 3 project. Money and pledges are still coming in. Our treasurer Stephen Taylor will report in more detail on this elsewhere in this copy of *Tracts*.

Finally our thoughts are with those members and friends that are still displaced and those who are still suffering.

Please keep in touch. I am here for you all  
Graeme Belworthy  
President

**Surveyors visit  
Ferrymead Tramway**

**ALAN ROI hosted them to a tram and trolleybus ride**

ANDREW ROBINSON from Ocean Beach Railway in Dunedin was recently in Christchurch, running a seminar for surveyors. They used Ferrymead as a venue, with the session in the Friendly Societies building. At the end of the day they hired both trams and trolleybus for some entertainment. Jono Day gave them a trip to the tram barn and back using 22 one way and No 1 on the other leg. Then a small number of them had a trolleybus ride in 103 and admired 210.



Andrew Robinson (right) and tow of his colleagues on the platform of No 1.

Photo: Alan Roi



# Another generous donation to our TB3 appeal

**DAVE HINMAN reports**

THE LATEST DONATION to arrive to assist our fundraising campaign is this painting of Dunedin Box Car No 11, kindly given to us by Graham Lees from Western Australia. Graham is a well known painter of (mainly) Australian tram scenes and the sale of his paintings have contributed greatly to the coffers of his home museum, PETS—the Perth Electric Tramway Society, located at Whiteman Park.

This painting, based on a photograph by Mal Rowe taken in September 2010, after the first Christchurch Earthquake, shows No 11 passing the since badly damaged Christ Church Cathedral, Cathedral Square.

Graham emailed these comments when we thanked him for his generous donation of the painting:

“To start with, you are most welcome to have this painting as it goes a little way towards saying thanks to the wonderful people of Christchurch who, immediately after the earthquake, assisted my son-in-law so kindly when he could not return to his hotel. He was in town for the medical conference and decided to walk to the airport with a colleague to see if they could get a flight back to Melbourne. On hearing the airport was closed, they tried to rent a car and someone gave them a lift to a rental shop who still had some vehicles. At



Dunedin No 11 passing Christchurch Cathedral, September 2010. 500 mm x 600 mm framed. \$350

all times, he says, the people were most helpful and caring. Fortunately he was unharmed but still has strong memories of the event.”

*Note: This painting is to be auctioned and we will be accepting bids starting at \$350 (and we will try and keep the web site up*

*to date with the latest bid(s) as they come flooding in. The highest bid received by 20 June—and fronting with the money—will win/get the painting. Send emails to [treasurer@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@ferrymeadtramway.org.nz) or phone on 03-337 4065. If we haven't sold by 20th, the first bid after that date will win.*

## TB3 pledges and donations pass \$40,000 mark

from treasurer **STEPHEN TAYLOR**

AS YOU CAN SEE from the attached graph, progress continues on fundraising for Tram Barn 3. And it is not too late to donate—we still need your money, so keep those donations rolling in. Plus we are also approaching other major funding organisations to obtain further funds.



And a brief update on Don's painting sales—four of these have sold already, so get in quick to obtain the remaining picture of your choice—refer to the Society's web site for details on the remaining pictures plus the four that have already sold. In addition, three of the ten cases of wine have also gone, so get in quick if you want one of the remaining

ones. Refer to the May *Tram Tracts* or the Society web page for further details and regular updates on progress.



Aerial view of site of site of Tram Barn 3.

Picture supplied by Dave Hinman



## Good friends help out



Warmest if belated thanks to the good folk from the Pleasant Point Railway who made a special trip to Christchurch on 19 March to help straighten sleepers which had been shifted during the earthquake. More recent work includes repair of yet another quake damaged rail, building boxing for the pedestrian crossing from the railway station to Square Shelter and preparation for the concreting of the No 1 road in the tram barn. Other jobs completed: more weed spraying.

*Top: The combined group from left: Stewart Frew (PPT), Jono Day, Ken Henderson, Dylan Roberts, Larry Day, Graeme Belworthy, Pete Michie, Bryan Blanchard (PPT), Kaine Sparham (PPT), Alf Dowall (PPT), Dave Carr.*

*Above: The group hard at work.*

Photos: Ken Henderson

## ...and sympathy from well-wishers

Colleagues:

The Board of management and members of the Tramway Museum Society of the United Kingdom send their heartfelt commiserations to the members of the Tramway Historical Society at Ferrymeade and to the management and staff of the Christchurch Tramway Limited for the appalling tragedy that has recently befallen your community.

Our thoughts were with you immediately the news of the earthquake was first received, but we are profoundly relieved to learn that, so far as we are aware, no fatalities have been suffered as a consequence by members and staff and their families, although no doubt there have been injuries, and we understand that some have sustained significant damage to their homes.

It grieves us to learn of the many deaths and injuries and the immense damage to many of the fine buildings in the city, including the landmark cathedral, but it was at least comforting to be told that the tramways and their vehicles have suffered comparatively little damage. It is our hope, and belief, that the well-known kiwi spirit will once more reassert itself and that Christchurch and its community will meet and overcome the many challenges created by this catastrophe. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in your ordeal and in your endeavours in the years ahead.

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