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This edition of the Telegraph is in a different format from that of previous editions—yes there is a temporary editor.

There has been a number of changes on the Executive which took place at the end of September 2017 and here is a list of the current Executive

David Wood	Chairman and Treasurer
Murray Scholfield	Deputy Chairman and Secretary
John Chapman	Webmaster
Brian Crabbe	Director of Training
Pat Beman	
John Pritchard	
Dianne Nader	

There is still one vacancy yet to be filled.

The Executive wishes to place on record the tremendous contribution that Trevor Buchanan has made to the Trust and this includes Chairman and Editor of the Telegraph. To Daphne the Executive is very appreciate of the work she has done as an Executive member but more particularly as Volunteer Coordinator for the cruise ship season. And helping to run the Trust's Santa Train to Hindon. A small presentation was made to Trevor and Daphne during the returning Santa Train on 2 December 2017

David Wood and Graeme Smart are the OETT representatives on the Board to the now Dunedin Railways Ltd and report regularly to the Executive

There are two new developments which we wish to announce to Trust members and friends. The two shareholders - Dunedin City Holdings and Otago Executive Trust have agreed to a change of name for Taieri Gorge Railway Ltd to Dunedin Railways Ltd effective from 1 December 2017. The significant reasons for the change are as follows:-

- External factors—confusion between saying Dunedin Railways and then always having to note that the Company name is Taieri Gorge Railway Ltd.
- More than one product is offered so is more than TGL
- More focus to being a tourism company that operates railways from the historical culture of being a railway company.
- Completes and reinforces the branding of Dunedin Railways.

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The second major change is the appointment of Sarah Kennelly as Volunteer Co-ordinator who is based at the Dunedin Railway Station. Some of you will have already met her on cruise ship trains or at the special event last Thursday afternoon. There is still a plea for more volunteers so please keep looking. Brian will still be looking after new volunteers and the undertaking assessments as to suitability before being accepted. Dunedin Railways will carry on with training as required for Health and Safety purposes.

Saturday 2nd December Santa Train, Hindon and a very hot day—understand the temperature in the shade was 27 so it was very warm indeed. Thank you to all who assisted—at set up, on the train and then when everyone descended on Santa's Grotto. Many thanks to the Dunedin Railways staff.

Some photos are included



Crew set up at Hindon



Ready for the influx of 300 people



Now the crowd has gathered and everyone seems to be happy— the rubbish tin is there to remind people to be tidy and they were very good too

A note from the Treasurer—there are still a number of subscriptions outstanding—payment would be appreciated please.

A Christmas Message from the Chairman.

Another Christmas is fast approaching and yes 2 cruise ships on the 25th and 2 on the 26th—a big thank you for all those who will give up much of that day to provide a service for those arriving in port. Family time is very important at this time of the year and to give up some of that day is really appreciated. All the best for 2018