

The OETT Telegraph

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Editors Notes

Thank you to those members who responded to the request for their e mails to receive their Telegraph by e mail in blazing colour in order to keep costs for the OETT down.

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Quote of the Edition

You get tremendous loyalty from employees if they enjoy their work and they are participating in the outcome and they have the authority that they need to execute their job.

Des Scott

In the last Telegraph I highlighted the award given to Des Scott (Desy).

Somehow a paragraph managed to get deleted before printing, so in this issue, I shall repeat the article, now corrected in **BOLD**:

Des Scott (Desy) is currently the longest continuous Volunteer/Volunteer Host of The Otago Excursion Train Trust.

Des started under the old wooden carriages at Burnside, graduating to Hosting along with his late wife June in 'Desy's Carriage', Car T.

He is a long standing member of the Regent Theatre Trust as a volunteer usher, and in October 2013 ago he was made a Life Member.

Des will probably kill me for mentioning this, but recently he celebrated his 80th birthday.

Several things happened over that birthday time: At Christchurch, at a birthday function, he was presented by his daughter with a scale model of Desy's Carriage, Car T.

An H&S meeting at the Regent proved to be a setup for a birthday party & Des was presented with a plaque 'SCOTT BASE'. It never went home, as it is now mounted in his honour forever on the door of his favourite place, the 'Cuppa Room' at the Regent for all to see.

The source of the accompanying photograph will be forever shrouded in mystery to Des.

Well done Des.



Des with his 'SCOTT' BASE plaque



Notice of OETT AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Otago Excursion Train Trust will be held at the Alexander McMillan Room, Dunedin Community House, Cnr Moray Place & Great King Street, Dunedin on Wednesday, 28 September 2016 at 7.30 pm.

There are three positions on the Executive. This year standing members of the Executive Brian Crabbe and David Wood have been nominated, co-opted member Diane Nader has also been nominated as at preparation of this Telegraph. Des Scott has indicated he will not be standing.

All nominations for these three positions must be for a current financial OETT member and nominated by current financial OETT members, and be in writing in the hands of the Secretary by Thursday 25 August 2016 so as the nominations can be sent to all members at least two weeks before the AGM.

A nomination form is set out on the opposite page of this Telegraph.

Volunteer Training

As published in the last Telegraph, there will be training carried out for all OETT Volunteer Hosts.

The training shall be held in carriages supplied by the Taieri Gorge Railway in the South Dock at the Dunedin Railway Station.

The dates of training are Saturday 20th August 2016 or Saturday 27th August 2016 commencing at 2.00 pm.

The topics to be covered and to be signed off upon are:

- Safety while working on a train
- Physical fitness to work on the train.
- Setting up a carriage correctly.
- Correct service to the customers.
- Service of alcohol – Sale of Liquor Act- host responsibility.
- Other aspects of the position.

A new Host Handbook shall be produced and issued to all volunteers setting out the updated requirements of the position.

If a Volunteer Host fails to attend and pass this training, until they pass the training, they shall not be permitted to work on any TGR train.

All Volunteer Hosts are asked to contact the OETT by text or voice mail to **021 086 18769**, or at oett@vodafone.co.nz to confirm their attendance and on what date – to allow for numbers.



MID-WINTER FUNCTION

FUN/QUIZ NIGHT!!

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST **6.30PM – 10.30PM(ISH)**
FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY HALL **FAIRPLAY ST FAIRFIELD**

TEA & NIBBLES PROVIDED BYO, WITH LIMITED BEER & WINE PROVIDED, NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS PROVIDED

Spot Prizes and \$2 raffle boards – so bring your spare change!!

Members: FREE!! Non-members/OETT guests: \$20

Names/payment to be in no later than Friday 12th August to: Shoshana Watt on: 0211189885 or at shoshanawatt@gmail.com

Or Gary King at gary_the_hob@hotmail.com or on 02102513168

Or Pat Tutty on 4551993 (if no answer just leave a message on her answer machine)





I wish to nominate _____ for Executive

Please Print

Nominated By: _____ Member Number: _____

Signature: _____

Seconded By: _____ Member Number: _____

Signature: _____

I _____ agree to accept this nomination

Signature: _____ Member Number: _____

Date:

Please include a maximum 100 word profile of yourself.

Old Photo of the Edition



Came across this old photo, taken, by the looks of it, in a mini bus.

Could it be a return trip from a Barn Dance Trip?

Several faces there are no longer working as Volunteer Hosts, and they still should be remembered.

Some are simply no longer with us.

How many can you identify?



Advertisement

DUNEDIN RAILWAYS SOUTHERN RAIL TOUR featuring STEWART ISLAND

Dunedin Railways presents a three day, two night guided rail tour departing Dunedin on Thursday 27th October, returning on Saturday 29th October travelling south on the iconic Dunedin Railways Silverfern bound for Invercargill and Stewart Island.

Thursday 27th October 2016

Following in the footsteps of the famous Southerner Rail Journey we will depart from Dunedin Railway Station and make our way south on the main trunk line arriving into Invercargill in the early afternoon. You'll be transferred by coach to the Richardson's Transport Museum from the Station where you can stroll about at your leisure for the remainder of the afternoon enjoying the museum and cafe. Coach transfers will then take you to the Kelvin Hotel which will be our accommodation for the next two nights. After checking in, enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel with your new travelling companions.

Dinner included

Friday 28th October 2016

After a continental buffet breakfast this morning at the hotel we will depart for Bluff, the launch point for our expedition to the picturesque Stewart Island. Included today are the catamaran ferry crossing over Foveaux Strait and the Village and Bays bus tour where we will learn about the history and environment of Stewart Island as well as some entertaining stories about the locals. Straight on from this we will cruise the beautiful Paterson Inlet and enjoy a guided walk through the Wildlife Sanctuary on Ulva Island. A lunch box will be included. Following the cruise you will transfer back to the catamaran for the return trip to Bluff, and the train ride back to Invercargill.

The evening is at your leisure.

There is an upgrade option available to fly to Stewart Island for those that don't want to take to ferry. This must be advised at the time of booking and is subject to availability.

Breakfast and boxed lunch included

Saturday 29th October 2016

After breakfast this morning at the hotel we will make our way back to the Station and the Silverfern for our trip home. On our return trip today we will enjoy a stop in Gore. Spend your time in one of the numerous cafes there or have a wander down the street. We will arrive into Dunedin later in the afternoon.

Breakfast included.

INCLUSIONS:

- Travel in luxury on the Silver Fern Railcar from Dunedin Station and return.
- Accommodation in Twin or Double rooms. Single rooms available at extra cost.
- Transfers and tours as described in the Itinerary.
- Two Breakfasts, 1 Boxed Lunch, 1 Buffet Dinner.
- Full commentary on all sections of the journey.
- Knowledgeable and friendly crew throughout.
- Free pouring tea and coffee aboard the Silver Fern.

Light refreshments will be available for purchase from the food and drink trolley during the rail section of the tour.

PRICE:

\$999pp for all services as described in the Itinerary.

\$120pp for the single supplement.

\$80pp to upgrade to flying to Stewart Island.

The Stewart Island day tour can be removed from your itinerary if you wish. Please enquire at the time of booking.

To ensure your place on this excursion a deposit of \$250pp is required at the time of booking with the balance due by Friday 30th September 2016.

For bookings and more information contact **the Ticket Office** at Dunedin Railways **03 4774449** or email reserve@dunedinrailways.co.nz.

Your Train/Tour Manager Allan Boyer has a vast knowledge of the locations to be visited. Having run regular tours for over 25 years as well as managing several Taieri Gorge Trains during this time his experience will only add to yours. Allan and his fellow crew members are enthusiastic about this unique departure and as a team are looking forward to welcoming you to join them on the board the Silver Fern and to help make this journey a memorable and rewarding occasion for you.

DUNEDIN RAILWAYS and OPERATING STAFF expressly reserve the right to amend, vary or cancel any part of the rail Tour Itinerary what so ever and shall not be liable in respect to any delay, loss, damage, sickness, additional expense or injury however caused or damage to or loss of property or baggage and will not be responsible for alteration or late running of the services as detailed in the itinerary by suppliers of those services. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking to secure your place. Full payment is due one month prior to departure. Dunedin Railways reserves the right the cancel the Rail Tour should we not reach minimum numbers. In this instance all deposits would be refunded.



Contributions

Every member of the OETT has the right to contribute to your Telegraph.

Just send your contribution for consideration for the next Telegraph to the OETT e mail address.

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