



December 2018

### Steaming through the Victorian Heritage Celebrations



Oamaru Steam and Rail's flagship steam loco B10 returned to revenue service just in time for the Victorian Heritage Celebrations after it's boiler re-tubing. A big thank-you to those who contributed to getting her running again.

Despite the inclement weather, we had plenty of takers for a ride behind B10 on the train, so more thanks are due to the train crews who made this happen.



Again, despite the weather, these high profile events maintain the Society's visibility and standing in the community and generate the ticket sales that we need to fund our ongoing projects and success.



### Working on the Railway

- The **Passenger Count** for November was 637 - helped by the return of B10 and the Heritage Celebrations.
- A **night train** was run during Heritage Week.
- The **open wagon** has had a coat of red applied to cover some of the older blue paint that was beginning to show through. Together with recently applied new paint inside, new seats, and the advertising, this work will carry the wagon over until its next rebuild.
- The work on the **carriage set** continues with a cleaning and red touchups almost completed, certifications complete, and the new luggage racks finished. All this work will ensure the train is looking great over the peak summer season when we carry the bulk of the year's passengers and generate most of our ticket income.
- Work continued on the **Yb ballast wagon**, with additional overhauled airbrake componentry being reattached. Once this is completed, its springs will be refitted and the hopper door reattached.
- The **CW** maintenance wagon's digger is receiving a new engine.



### Come along for a Christmas Cuppa : Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of Dec at The Brydone

All members are welcome to attend our monthly get-together over a coffee.

As it is our final get-together for the year, this one will have a fun twist : please come along wearing something related to Christmas. If you don't want to come dressed as a Santa, Mrs Claus, an elf, reindeer or Christmas tree, then wear something "glittery". Let your imagination run riot!

The Christmas Cuppa is at the Brydone Hotel on the 14th of December at 10:15am. As always, please RSVP to Anthea by the evening of the 12th so that we can give the Brydone an idea of our numbers ([anthea.oamaru@gmail.com](mailto:anthea.oamaru@gmail.com))