

# The Oamaru Steam and Rail Digest



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## B10 Steams Again



Thanks largely to the optimism and effort of a visiting member from Invercargill, most of B10's tricky steam leaks turned out to be resolvable. So after a few tweaks and some testing, our flagship loco's distinctive whistle was heard around the town as she chugged down the line and made her first visit to Quarry Siding in several years.



Further testing and certification has to be completed, but it is hoped that the sounds and smells of steam will once again permeate Oamaru's Victorian Heritage celebrations in November as well as the upcoming tourist season. A big thank you to George, Harry, Wayne and the rest of the crew for this effort!

## Working on the Railway

- Two trains overnighted in Oamaru on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, with a Silver Fern railcar and a railtour tour led by the Diesel Traction Group's vintage Di and Dg locomotives hauling a number of Steam Incorporated's red carriages. The diesel tour was on its way down to Dunedin and Invercargill with side trips on the Otago Central line to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Dunedin Railways Dj class locos.
- Successful night train trips were run on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.
- The Dunedin Railways Silver Fern visited us on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.
- A number of sleepers were replaced on the line in October and the track re-aligned along the Harbourside platform.
- OSR supported the Love Our Kids celebration day on the 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Come along for a Cuppa : Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at The Brydone

Everyone is welcome to attend our informal monthly coffee mornings. Come along for a chat over a cuppa at The Brydone Hotel on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 10:15am. As always, please RSVP to Anthea by the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> so that we can give the Brydone an idea of our numbers ([anthea.oamaru@gmail.com](mailto:anthea.oamaru@gmail.com))

## Training Day : Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of November - 1 pm at OSR

We will hold a training afternoon on Friday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm (after the coffee morning at the Brydone) for those that can attend. There will be updates to the **Safety System Booklets**, so please bring yours with you. We will hold our annual safety review meeting and finalise risk register updates proposed at our last meeting. We revised the entire safety system a year ago so it is unlikely there are other changes needed, but this is the time for a final review.

## Oamaru Harbour Masterplan Consultation

The Waitaki District Council is seeking input on future plans for the harbour and its surrounds. As an important and integral part of the harbour, Oamaru Steam and Rail will be making a submission. Members can make their voices heard too: <https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/our-council/consultation/Pages/futureoftheoamaruharbourarea.aspx>