

THE OAMARU STEAM AND RAIL DIGEST

DECEMBER 2023



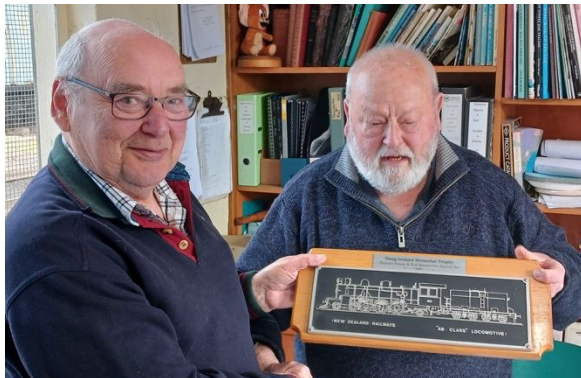
On the Railway

- In November we carried 688 passengers, including the steam runs over Victorian Heritage weekend.
- A new rail trolley is being built to carry heavy loads down the track. Some sleepers and other items have been moved to tidy up the rail corridor. Work continues with TR 35. The rods have received attention, and a new compressor housing is being fabricated. Our new (refurbished) digger has been in action after an engine seal was replaced.
- Over Christmas and New Year, the railway will be running 27-31 December, except for Christmas day. B10 should be in steam on the 27th and 31st of December, and 7 January.

Coffee and a Chat

Has been and gone for December! These are held from 10:15am on the second Friday of the month at The Brydone. Anyone is welcome to come along.

Doug Ireland Award Winner



John Paul (left) receiving this year's Doug Ireland Award of excellence from Allan Killick, OSR President at the recent AGM.



JP recently farewelled his restored track inspection jigger, which headed north on its next adventure.



A large fire was started above the tracks by a suspicious vehicle during the Heritage Weekend and two helicopters with monsoon buckets were brought in to assist the local fire crews. These pictures taken by Rick Ramsey.



Guard Arthur Mahon watches as a young passenger clips his ticket, Drivers Luke Paisley and Rick Ramsey prepare B10, and Guard Stephen Hinds watches over the train.



Compliments of the Season!

The President, General Manager and Committee wish members and supporters of Oamaru Steam and Rail a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024! We hope to see you at the station over the holiday season.

