

The Oamaru Steam and Rail Digest

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Coffee and a Chat – TOMORROW Friday, July 8th !!!

Our monthly Coffee Chats are held from 10:30am on the second Friday of the month at The Brydone. All are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat!

Working on the Railway

- 320 passengers were carried in June.
- The Husky is having a few small air leaks traced before its Warrant of Fitness.
- 30 sleepers have been replaced on the line with concrete ones.
- Trim is being replaced on the Guard's Van after the roof replacement.
- Work on the steel shed continues.
- Panel work and some painting has begun on TR 35's body panels.
- Luke and Matthew passed their Steam Driver's tests – congratulations!

Farewell Mike Lynch

On June 12, a brief ceremony was held to remember Dunedin-based Mike Lynch, who was a regular steam driver on our railway until his passing just a few days after driving B10 in late December.

During the ceremony, Matthew Harris offered some poignant words and sprinkled Mike's ashes in the firebox of B10 as a final farewell.

Mike gave so much to the many heritage groups that he was involved in - driving, training, helping out, advising, encouraging, and mentoring younger members.

We miss him dearly. RIP Mike.



Mike's final day on the railway - 29 December 2021.



Matthew Harris speaks during the 12 July Ceremony.

