

The Oamaru Steam and Rail Digest

March 2023



Working on the Railway

- We carried 333 passengers during February. Separately, we had 230 people come through the workshop during the month – a great source for donations.
- The big digger is a focus because the old one has been sold! The motor, cab sheet metal, and wiring are all taking shape. The new sawbench is in, and we are looking into solar panels for the workshop roof.
- A 3D-printed pattern for 1901-1910 carriage luggage rack brackets is being produced. The brackets will be cast in aluminium. We currently have later pattern ones installed 'upside down' in one of our carriages.
- Thank you to TradeZone for grant funding towards a new waterblaster.



Coffee and a Chat – Friday, March 10th

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



Alliance Pukeuri Plant Family Picnic Day in Oamaru - November 26, 2022

OSR was contacted to provide a train service that would be an added attraction to the picnic celebration for 140 years of the Frozen Meat Industry in NZ.

B10 was prepared on the day to run from Whisky Siding to opposite Sumpter Wharf. This would be the first time B10 would run in and out of Whisky siding, an event in its own right. Numerous trips were run during the afternoon and provided a pleasant surprise to many of the younger passengers and to quite a few of the, shall we say older generation, memories of childhood travel rekindled, maybe? There were a lot of happy smiling faces - even in the rain.

As well, several people remarked on how well B10 looked, sounded and performed and drew comparisons to how she was when out at “the works”. Always good to get a pat on the back! OSR hopes that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and we were pleased to have played a part in the celebration of ‘140 years of the Frozen Meat Industry in New Zealand’.

(Apologies to JP – this report was intended to be included in the last newsletter)

