

THE OAMARU STEAM AND RAIL DIGEST

MARCH 2024



On the Railway

- 387 passengers were carried on four busy running days in February.
- The guards van received replacement steel on its ends, as areas of corrosion continue to be addressed before repainting.
- Additional areas of concrete were laid in the southwestern part of the workshop to bring the floor up to railhead level. Just a few sections remain to be done.



Coffee and a Chat, Friday 8 March

Our regular monthly Coffee Chats are held from 10am on the second Friday of the month at The Brydone. Anyone, whether a member or not, is welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat!



New van ends



New trolley, holding cement



Raised concrete floor sections

Safety Innovations



The open wagon is being fitted with water tanks and a pump that can be used to spray down dry areas of grass to reduce the risk of lineside fires. Four tanks will be fitted, carrying around 800 litres of water in total.

To minimise the possibility of bags or little legs falling beneath carriage gates, the tops of the wooden end platforms were extended out 5-10cm using a block of wood (its edge painted white) and topped with non-slip metal. This is also visible in the picture in the top-right corner of this page.

