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CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP FOR AB745 LOCOMOTIVE

As this article goes to print, we are extremely happy to announce that the AB745 Locomotive has now been sold to the Society as of September 11th 2012.

We have had many meetings with Keith Hancock in the previous months, where he came back to the Society with his conditions of purchase. Keith felt now was the time to sell the AB745 Locomotive, to ensure it will receive the funding the project deserves.

Prior to our last committee meeting the Mayor Neil Volzke kindly attended, and witnessed the signing of the purchase agreement, as a Justice Of The Peace.

We had previously met with our major funders, and discussed many issues with them. What the main outcome of these meetings was that for the Society to receive any more funding we would actually need to own the AB745 Locomotive to gain any more grants from them.

Although we now own the AB745 Locomotive this does not change our relationship with Keith, but strengthens it, and we look forward to working closely with him still.

As you know ever since Keith Hancock purchased the AB745 Locomotive, his vision has been, and will always be to see the AB745 Locomotive fully restored back to its glory days, steaming down the tracks once again. We as a Society are fully committed to make sure we can achieve not only Keith's vision, but one we share also.

We whole heartedly would like to express a huge thanks to Keith Hancock for his decision to sell the AB745 Locomotive to the Society. His decision has now secured the existence for the future of this Society and its members.



*Neil Volzke as Justice Of The Peace,
witnessing the purchase agreement with Keith Hancock.*

GOODS SHED 101 ORLANDO STREET—CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

As of April 12th 2012, the goods shed where our project is situated was sold to the Stratford District Council.

The committee have had several meetings with the council to negotiate the rent we now pay on the building, if any, and the terms they have come up with.

Previously our only copy of our lease from the previous owners, indicated we only needed to pay rent if we had funding.

The council however have indicated that they do have plans to sell off the building and land lots to promote employment, and business in the Stratford area.

They have also indicated to us when the building comes up for sale, we will be notified, and have the opportunity to purchase it as well as anyone else if that is the case.

As you can imagine this is not an ideal situation for the Society with this looming over our heads, and the possibility of having to move our project if it is sold, to some where else.

Currently we are trying to come up with a plan to secure the building/land as ours. Any input on this matter would be greatly received by the committee as well. We feel it important enough to assign a committee member solely to come up with some options in regards to this.

The whole block of land including the buildings sold to the council for 325K. The piece of land and buildings, including the side storage sheds would be substantially lower than that amount, as it does not include all the land the council originally purchased.

Ideally we want the Society to run, and stay in the same building. We will have to keep you posted on any other developments in the future.



AB745 out in the snow August 2011 waiting to be sand blasted and painted.

FUNDING

Taranaki Electricity Trust

Recently we have met with TET to discuss our funding we had received previously. As indicated in the feature story they wanted us to own the AB745 locomotive before they would fund the project any further.

Members Fundraising

We are looking over the summer to hold BBQ's around the district, and looking for volunteers in two hour blocks to help out. Also we are discussing other types of souvenirs, and community work, where we could have the potential to raise some more funds for the project. The committee are always open to any suggestions for fund raising to help fund the Society.

TSB Community Trust

We are now in a position to approach them once we have a solid plan in place for further funding. This is discussed further under the Committee heading. TSB funding to date has only been for administration for the amount of \$350.00. We still have some money left from our last grant of \$10,350.00, which needs to be utilized by early next year, and then we will not be able to apply for any more funding until 2014 for larger grants.

Lotteries Grant

Currently we are in discussion with Internal Affairs regarding our previous application and the opportunity to seek further funding in the future.



AB745 in the shed before the boiler removal.

COMMITTEE

The committee have been working hard to re-structure, and now announce the re-launch of the Society. We felt this necessary to take the Society back to its bones, re-start and do things properly, as we had become aware most things had not been done how they should of in the past in regards to key roles in the organization, and took the opportunity with these people leaving to do so. These included funding applications, the running of the committee itself, and the complying to authorities regarding the actual restoration. Nothing is done nowadays without being sanctioned by the committee first.

This has required a lot of external meetings, emails, phone calls, and paper work with FRONZ, LTA, TET, TSB, Internal Affairs, Solicitors, Waitara Railway Preservation Society, The Heritage technical Committee Chairman and others.

Ultimately our most urgent attention is dealing with the building but besides this we have a lot of other things going on as well as listed here:

Phil—Chairman

Phil is talking with Internal Affairs about the Society's past funding and is also preparing for the Society to become a Charitable Entity. He is currently working through and applying what needs to be done to do this. This will open a lot of other funding avenues for us too. Also Phil assists Sheree and Neil with administration.

David—Health & Safety

David is working with Neil in regards to Health and Safety within the Society. This includes inductions, hazard Identification register and safety procedures.

Sheree—Secretary/Treasurer

Sheree looks after all the paperwork side of the Society including the accounting. Currently she is sorting out the incorrect accounting of funding we had received in the past, and the accountability of these grants. She also does the newsletter, and looks after the Facebook site, and currently is working with Phil on our website. There is further information on this under the heading Media. Also we now have a Society possession register, and who has what in their possession, and a form they sign to make sure Society belongings are returned when they need to be. This has been a problem in the past.

Neil—Project Supervisor

Neil is currently working on a plan for the locomotive in conjunction with an outside source in regards to work to be done. We are hoping shortly to have the boiler crack tested, and thickness tested by a professional inspector from Stork. Work shop days will continue once we have purchased a first aid kit, and filled, and tested our fire extinguishers. We will keep you posted on this as to what days, and times we will be operating again, which may be different to what we have been doing.

POSITION AVAILABLE:

SECRETARY

This position is still available, and currently Sheree was appointed in this position by the committee until we found someone else who is suitable.

This is a challenging and rewarding role where you deal with a wide variety of organizations and people.

The skills you require:

Able to type at a reasonable speed to take minutes, Intermediate computer skills and able to use Microsoft Office programs, maintaining of email, website and Facebook sites, ability to compose letters within Society guidelines, produce newsletters, record committee minutes accurately, filing, handling of all mail incoming and out going, and general administration.

Ideally you will have your own laptop for taking minutes, and your own printer or access to one. (The Society does pay for black ink if using your own printer)

If you are interested or know someone that is, please email us with your experience to be considered for this role. We look forward to hearing from you in regards to the position or any other questions you may have relating to this position.

WAVERLEY RAILWAY MUSEUM

Recently the Waverley Railway Museum is in the process of shutting down, and The Steam Rail group in Wanganui, and the Waitara Railway Preservation Society Inc. have been allocated materials & artefacts.

We have been very fortunate as a Society to be able to be donated some of these items from our friends at Waitara Railway Preservation Society Inc. that are relevant to the Stratford area, which also had the blessing of the Waverley group as well. Special thanks to the Waitara Railway Preservation Society Inc. for thinking about us.

It is very sad to see this happen and I am sure all the railway groups being donated these goods will care take of them accordingly.

We need to say a special thanks to Neil Shotter for going to Waverley many times over the last month to actually collect these items not only for us but Waitara Railway Preservation Society Inc. as well.

It is important for us to retain these items so they are not lost for good. We will be having up coming discussions regarding the best usage of these artefacts.



Roma Street Station, Brisbane. Steam Train Sunday.

MEDIA

We are happy to announce we finally have our Facebook page up and running. Our page is named:

The Taranaki Flyer Society Inc.

Link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Taranaki-Flyer-Society-Inc/230715667054259>

Also under construction is our official website and the address will be:

www.thetaranakiflyersocietyinc.weebly.com

Link:

<http://thetaranakiflyersocietyinc.weebly.com/>

Our new email address is:

thetaranakiflyersocietyinc@gmail.com

We are also working on a new membership pamphlet and are in the process of discussing this and what will be on it.

We hope you take the opportunity to check out our Facebook page if you have an account. We have a lot of photos on the site and it is worth while taking a look and liking our page.

Currently Phil and Sheree are also working on the website as well and it should be up and running in the next month or so too. If you have any content you wish to supply us that is your own, you are more than welcome to email that to us. Photos must be yours and not copies from other sources.

Unfortunately we do not have a permanent postal address or phone contact, but are working on these issues as well.

N.B. Currently 3 Committee members have access to the email system. We also have an email protocol form, which they have all signed, protecting the Society's email, and its usage. Our email address, Website, and Facebook account all belong to the Society not individuals. We felt this necessary to have everything generic as members move from their positions on the committee, and members also leave.