

Auckland Open Day

The Strand Railway Station, Ngaoho Place, Parnell 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29 September 2013

Media contact: Kimberley Brady (021) 942 519

COME AND SEE:

• The Exhibition Express

- Jump into the drivers seat of a KiwiRail locomotive and talk with the locomotive engineer (train driver)
- Get on board our new KiwiRail Scenic passenger carriages
- Discover the amazing achievements of our early rail builders in our Moving through the Times display
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Career Opportunities

- Talk with our Human Resources team about the many job opportunities that exist in KiwiRail, KiwiRail Scenic, Interislander, and KiwiRail Freight

• Safety Awareness

- Talk with our Safety Team about keeping safe near the track

· Heritage trains on show

- Take a look back in time by viewing Mainline Steam's Ja1275, which will be on display.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all Aucklanders to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock Auckland with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

Join the ZM Black Thunders at KiwiRail "Keeping NZ on the Move" Exhibition Express open day at 11:30am and do the Locomotion. Don't be a-freight!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR AUCKLAND:

Railway construction started in Auckland in the 1860s, but the first main-line railway in the North Island did not open until 1873, to Onehunga via Parnell (now the Onehunga Line and part of the Southern Line). Later there were steamer connections from Onehunga to New Plymouth for trains to Wellington, the precursor of today's North Island Main Trunk, which was completed in 1908.

The first Auckland railway station was near Britomart Place, east of Britomart Transport Interchange: in 1885 it moved to the current Britomart site, but on the surface rather than underground. Today's Eastern Line opened round the waterfront in 1930 avoiding Newmarket, with a replacement station on Beach Road. In 2004 this was replaced by Britomart Transport Centre: two platforms of the 1930 station were retained as The Strand, used by excursion and special trains.

The 1930 railway station building is registered Category I by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, as is the former Chief Post Office building, now the entrance to Britomart.



Hamilton Open Day

The Frankton Railway Station, Fraser Street, Frankton 11am – 4pm, Thursday 3 October 2013

Media contact: Jenni Austin (021) 961 495

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Safety Awareness

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KiwiRail Heavy Machinery on show

- Come and see one of the heavy machinery vehicles we use to maintain the railway network, and talk with an operator

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling on the Tron to do 'The Loco...motion!'

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RAIL HISTORY FOR HAMILTON:

What became the North Island Main Trunk arrived in Hamilton from Auckland in 1877, with a station at Frankton, and was extended to the south in 1878. In 1879 the first section of the East Coast Main Trunk opened with a station in central Hamilton, eventually reaching Tauranga in 1928. In 1964 the line eastwards was placed underground through the city centre, with a replacement Hamilton station at the junction of the two lines and an underground city-centre station at Hamilton Travel Centre.

The North Island Main Trunk platform at Hamilton Station remains in use for Northern Explorer passengers, and both lines and the yard at Te Rapa are very busy with freight, particularly to and from the port of Tauranga.



Tauranga Open Day

Triton Avenue - off Totara Street, Mt Maunganui 10am - 4pm, Saturday 5 October 2013

Media contact: Matt Poland (027) 602 2050

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all in the Bay of Plenty to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock the Mount with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR TAURANGA:

The East Coast Main Trunk reached Tauranga from Hamilton via Paeroa in 1928, and was greatly improved with the opening of the Kaimai Tunnel in 1978. The Mount Maunganui branch was built in 1913, but was abandoned after the Second World War. It reopened in 1955, primarily for log traffic from Murupara and Kinleith.

Passenger trains to Tauranga ceased in 2001, but the line is very busy with freight to and from the wharves at Tauranga and Mount Maunganui. Much of the former line to Paeroa is used by the Goldfields Vintage Railway and the Hauraki Rail Trail.



Stratford Open Day

Stratford Railway Station, Broadway SH3 10am – 4pm, Monday 7 October 2013

Media contact: Sophie Lee (027) 435 9464

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all from the 'Naki to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock Stratford with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR STRATFORD:

Stratford's first railway station, just north of the current site, opened in 1879 with the line from New Plymouth. By 1886 the line was complete southwards to Wellington, forming part of the Auckland-Wellington route by connecting with steamers between New Plymouth and Onehunga, the quickest way between the two cities until the North Island Main Trunk was completed in 1908.

In 1902 the first section of the line to Okahukura, on the North Island Main Trunk near Taumarunui, opened, completed in 1932: this was realigned southwards at the Stratford end in 1956 and the present station opened. Passenger trains on the Marton New Plymouth Line ceased in 1977, and on the Stratford Okahukura Line in 1983: the latter line is mothballed, used by Forgotten World Adventures' tourist rail carts.



Palmerston North Open Day

Palmerston North Railway Station, Matthews Avenue 10am – 4pm, Wednesday 9 October 2013

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KiwiRail Heavy Machinery on show

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all from Palmy to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock Palmerston North with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR PALMERSTON NORTH:

Palmerston North is an important railway junction, where the Palmerston North Gisborne Line joins North Island Main Trunk. The first railway station, south-west of The Square, opened in 1876 as the end of the line from Foxton (closed in 1959). The Wellington & Manawatu Railway main line opened south from a junction at Longburn in 1886; what became the North Island Main Trunk but built as a route to New Plymouth, opened to Feilding in 1876; and east through the Manawatu Gorge to Woodville (for the Wairarapa) and Napier in 1891.

Until the 1960s the railway ran through the city centre, along Main Street and through The Square, but increasing congestion prompted the building of the Milson deviation and the current railway station, opened 50 years ago on 21 October 1963.

Passenger trains still run to Auckland and Wellington, and Palmerston North is a very busy regional freight centre.



Wellington Open Day

Wellington Railway Station, Bunny Street, Thorndon Quay 10am – 4pm, Saturday 12 October 2013

Media contact: Sarah Pomeroy (021) 804 906

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Heritage trains on show

- Take a look back in time by viewing a historic locomotive or carriage.

Carriages

Three carriages illustrating changes in design over the past century.

- AA1267 built at Newmarket Workshops in 1909 was used for travel between Wellington and Auckland on the newly opened
- AA1769 built at Otahuhu in 1932 was the next generation of comfort on the NIMT.
- AL1917 although built at Otahuhu in 1939, is displayed as modernised in 1970s and 80s for use on suburban and provincial passenger trains.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all Wellingtonians to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock the Capital with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR WELLINGTON:

The first railway in Wellington ran to Lower Hutt from a station at Pipitea (near the Westpac Stadium), opening in 1874. The line was extended southwards to Whitmore St in 1880, cut back to the south end of Thorndon Quay in 1885, extended along the quays to Te Aro station at the bottom of Tory Street in 1893, cut back to Thorndon Quay in 1917, and finally extended the short distance to the present station in 1937.

The Wellington and Manawatu Railway opened the first section of what became the North Island Trunk in 1885, to Paremata via Johnsonville, from its own station along Thorndon Quay. In 1937 trains on this line also moved to the present station and the Tawa deviation through Takapu Road was opened to passengers (it opened to freight in 1935), with the original line closed beyond Johnsonville. In 1938 the Johnsonville Line was electrified, followed by the North Island Main Trunk to Paekakariki in 1940 (since extended to Waikanae) and the Hutt Valley lines in the 1950s.

Wellington is a busy freight centre, and since 1962 the North Island it has been the North Island port for the rail-ferry service to Picton, now the Interislander. Wellington Railway Station is registered Category I by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.



Greymouth Open Day

Greymouth Railway Station, Mackay Street 9am – 12noon, Tuesday 15 October 2013

Media contact: Kimberley Brady (021) 942 519

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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RAIL HISTORY FOR GREYMOUTH:

Greymouth had a railway from 1876 from the mine at Brunner, extended by the New Zealand Midland Railway Company to Jacksons by 1894, and linked to the national railway network through the Otira Tunnel, then the longest in the British Empire, in 1923. The line was extended south from Greymouth to Hokitika and Ross by 1909, and cut back to Hokitika in 1980.

The TranzAlpine passenger train runs to Christchurch through the Southern Alps, and the West Coast railway network is busy with coal and milk products.



Invercargill Open Day

Invercargill Railway Station, Leven Street 10am - 4pm, Thursday 17 October 2013

Media contact: Sophie Lee (027) 435 9464

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KiwiRail Heavy Machinery on show

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all Southlanders to do 'The Loco...motion!'

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RAIL HISTORY FOR INVERCARGILL:

Invercargill had a railway as early as 1864, the Oreti Railway to Makarewa using wooden rails. It lasted only until 1867, reopening to Winton in 1871 as a conventional railway. It was extended to Kingston (1878) for the steamer to Queenstown (the Kingston Flyer at the northern end is currently disused), Tuatapere (1909) and Orawia (1925), and by the Wairio Railway & Coal Co (later the Ohai Railway Board) to Ohai (1920).

Southwards to Bluff opened in 1867, the Seaward Bush branch in 1886-1911, and the Main South Line northwards from 1874, through to Dunedin and Christchurch by 1879.

The Main South Line and the Bluff and Ohai branches are open for freight. The distinctive railway station building, no longer used by the railway, was completed in 1978.



Dunedin Open Day

Dunedin Railway Station, ANZAC Avenue 10am – 4pm, Saturday 19 October 2013

Media contact: Sarah Pomeroy (021) 804 906

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Heritage trains on show

- Taieri Gorge Railway journeys are a well-known Dunedin attraction for all visitors to the city. They will have on display a New Zealand DE locomotive for visitors to view

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all from Otago to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock Dunedin with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR DUNEDIN:

Dunedin had three railway stations before the opening of Sir George Troup's masterpiece in 1906 (registered Category I by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust), all in the same general area. The first line was to Port Chalmers (1872), connecting with the Main South Line through to Christchurch in 1878; southwards, the first section, to Abbotsford, opened in 1874, and the line was complete to Invercargill by 1879. The Otago Central Branch diverged at Wingatui for Middlemarch (1894), Alexandra (1907) and Clyde (1921). Most of this line is now the Otago Central Rail Trail, with the Taieri Gorge Railway connecting with the trail at Middlemarch. The TGR also operates the Seasider north along the Main South Line to Palmerston.

Dunedin also had the Dunedin, Peninsula & Ocean Beach Railway towards Forbury Park, unusual in sharing one rail with the 4 ft 8 in gauge Dunedin trams for part of its length.



Oamaru Open Day

Oamaru Railway Station, Humber Street 10am – 4pm, Monday 21 October 2013

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all from Oamaru to do 'The Loco...motion!'

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RAIL HISTORY FOR OAMARU:

Oamaru was originally a terminus station, further south next to the Historic Precinct. The line from Christchurch arrived in 1875, continuing south from 1876 and reaching Invercargill in 1879. The current station, registered Category II by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, opened in 1900 with a curve at Humber Street bypassing the original terminus.

Oamaru Steam and Rail runs steam trains past the site of the original station.



Timaru Open Day

Timaru Railway Station, Station Street 10am - 4pm, Thursday 23 October 2013

Media contact: Kimberley Brady (021) 942 519

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all from Timaru to do 'The Loco...motion!'

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RAIL HISTORY FOR TIMARU:

The first line in Timaru was to Temuka, opened in 1875: in 1876 this was connected to the line to Christchurch, and the same year the extension southwards to Invercargill commenced, initially to St Andrews – this was completed in 1879.



Christchurch Open Day

Port of Lyttelton, Main Road, Norwich Quay, Lyttelton 10am – 4pm, Saturday 26 October 2013

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Canterbury Railway Society

- A range heritage trains will be on display at Ferrymead. Fall in love with the history. Free railcar shuttles will operate between Ferrymead and Lyttelton Port.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Calling all Cantabrians to do 'The Loco...motion!'

We want to rock Christchurch with the largest locomotion dance ever seen! We loved it when Kylie did it – now it's your turn. Bust out your 80s party moves, put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun!

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RAIL HISTORY FOR CHRISTCHURCH:

New Zealand's first main-line railway opened from the wharf at Ferrymead to Christchurch on 1 December 1863. In 1867 the line was diverted to Lyttelton port through a 2.5-km tunnel; meanwhile in 1866 the line towards the south opened to Rolleston, and by 1877 to Dunedin and Invercargill in 1879. The main line from Christchurch to the north, commenced in 1872 to Kaiapoi, reaching Kaikoura, Blenheim and Picton in 1945, connected at Picton with the Interislander railferries since 1962. To the west, the Midland Line to the West Coast was completed when the Otira Tunnel opened in 1923, now used largely by coal trains.

The 1960 railway station, registered Category I by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, was demolished in 2012 as a result of earthquake damage: a new station at Addington on the site of Addington Railway Workshops had replaced it in 1993 for the TranzAlpine to Greymouth and the Coastal Pacific to Picton. The workshops water tower, registered Category I by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, still stands beside the station.