



Signal Post



National Railway Museum Member & Volunteer's Newsletter
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN: DAVID BURNETT



It's Christmas time, and hasn't the year flown by!

It's been a busy year again here at the National Railway Museum. A lot has been achieved and as always there is always so much more to do.

I had advice only this last week that the start date for the Port Dock line extension is imminent. So the signal is green. As I have said previously, there is still much to do to prepare the site for the Government to take the land back.

We will be meeting with DPTI & the Alliance team very early in the New Year to get final agreement on several matters that are outstanding and once these have been formalised we will let you all know and be able to give you some details and timelines, so stay tuned.

With Christmas just around the corner, I would like to wish you the readers of this newsletter a very Merry Christmas, a healthy, safe and prosperous 2019 and I hope that you can take some down time to relax and enjoy the magnificent state and country we live in and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2019.

With Best wishes

David

Volunteer of the Year – 2018 – Simon Beer



The National Railway Museum Volunteer of the Year has been awarded to Simon Beer - Safety Officer. Chairman David Burnett (right) presented Simon with his award and cheque, also watched by Emily Collins NRM Displays & Exhibitions Technician.....cheers Simon.

I am delighted to announce that Simon Beer has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year award for 2018. I am sure that Simon is known to many of you. Simon joined the NRM in late 2015 and due to his previous employment has many skills that have assisted the Museum making large steps forward in the areas of Work, Health and Safety. Simon was also recently appointed the NRM Internal Rail Safety Auditor. All his skills were well and truly tested at the Annual audit carried out by the Office of Rail Safety Regulator. From that audit came an unheard result of where there were no matters that needed further attention or follow up.

Congratulations Simon! - we appreciate your efforts enormously.

Relocation of Skipper to near the Goods shed

Skipper was relocated on 3 December 2018 and as you can see it looks great where it is and once we have completed the other works associated with the site we will have a new area that will enhance the visitor experience.



Redhen trailer 875

There have been some unexpected minor issues with the relocation of Red Hen trailer car 875. Now that Christmas is upon us the transfer to Steamranger has been delayed. We are waiting for confirmation of the new transfer date.

Barossa Wine Train

Negotiations are still ongoing between John Geber and the SA Government.

Semaphore Train

The Semaphore season is still doing well for us and as at 9 December 2018 we have carried 5073 passengers with total takings of \$26,100, a great effort, thanks to all of the crews for assisting this to happen.

Volunteers Christmas BBQ thank you

It was marvellous to see just over 100 volunteers and family attend the annual thank you Christmas BBQ held at the NRM on Saturday 1 December 2018. From all reports all were well fed and happy with the event. A big thank you to the great organisers and cooks that assisted to make it such a successful night.

NRM's 30th Anniversary dinner

As many of you would know the NRM celebrated 30 years of relocating to Port Adelaide on 8 December 2018. A festive dinner was enjoyed by over 40 members and volunteers of the Museum at the British Hotel.

Operations & Site Works Report

Bill

- Working well at Semaphore.

No.7 Ken

- Reliable as always at Port Adelaide.

No.8 Len

- Various finishing tasks in progress.
- Cab air conditioning to commission.

Carriage No 11 - 457mm

- Refurbishment in progress, well on the way to re-entering traffic, repainted a few more matters to attend to

Railcar No.8

- Timber and metal work progressing, work has slowed due to only two volunteers available for this work.
- The interior lights are being refurbished by a new volunteer.

Infrastructure 457mm

- Extensive sleeper replacement work has been carried out on the siding at Callington as well as some sleeper replacement on the main 457mm line between Callington and the crossing

IN THE SPOTLIGHT – Bodie Thorpe



Bodie Thorpe has been a member of NRM for two years and recently was appointed as a member of the Board.

Bodie is 33, born and resides in Adelaide. He is a Registered Nurse specialising in Intensive Care and currently works with DonateLife SA as an Organ Donation coordinator. He is in final stages of studying a Master of Public Health and International Development. He is also is a volunteer firefighter at Cherry Gardens CFS.

Despite working as Nurse, Bodie has always had a love for all things transport. He was part of the friends of Belair station for several years. Bodie used to work part time as a bus driver and has gone on to own three former STA buses. He's also an aviation geek and loves to travel on planes especially the 747. Growing up he was fortunate that his parents and grandparents would take him on train rides as often as they could, as well as making lots of school holiday visits to Port Dock.

Bodie is very proud to be part of the NRM team and is excited to also be on the Board. He hopes to use his green thumb where he can as well to make sure the museum remains a special place for train enthusiasts for many years to come.

Contact

If there are any matters you wish to discuss with me please feel free to do so via email chair@nrm.org.au

Keep well

Kind regards

David