



The Squeaky Wheel



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From the Editor

Welcome to Issue 15 of the MOTAT Society's *Squeaky Wheel* newsletter. This is just a short one as it has been a busy time for us all preparing the latest magazine, Issue 7 - Autumn 2014, which is also coming out at the same time. See Page 3 for more news on *The Driving Wheel*.

Remember if you have interesting stories to share, both MOTAT related and from wider afield please let us know, so we can include them in the relevant publication. Remember too that we are always looking for helpers for the publications.

For those that haven't renewed your Society membership yet, please remember to get in touch with me too.

Leyton also tells us more on the committee's news and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Tramways "behind the scenes" session on Sunday 22 June (see page 4 for further information).

- **Tessa Phillips**, Newsletter Editor
and MOTAT Society Administrator

From the Chair:

The committee has been working hard on its essential roles recently, including the beginning of the next round of annual MOTAT Board appointments (see pg 2). The Society jointly makes appointments with the Auckland Council annually, however we wish to announce the appointment for the interim term until October 2014 of Mr Philip Heath to fill the 'extraordinary' vacancy [ie a vacancy outside the usual Board term] left by Nicholas Taylor (a Society appointee). Philip has accordingly stepped down from the Society committee and we wish him well in his new governance role.

We have been involved with the initial consultation rounds for the MOTAT Vision Project with Athfield Architects, in conjunction with Regional Facilities Auckland. We would like to pass on the request from Athfield Architects for further input into their work, on how they can better support MOTAT, from enthusiastic people like you (see pg2)

Additionally the Board has extended an invitation to work with the Society and MOTAT to formalise a Memorandum of Understanding, so that our role is better defined and support understood. Our primary role is supporting MOTAT through our network of like-minded people – after all, a Society is nothing without its people. Your knowledge, experience and expertise is valued by both us and MOTAT, for which our strongest tool is the academic body of work now building up in the issues of the *Driving Wheel*.

On that note, I wish to welcome our new *Driving Wheel* Editor Frances Young to the role. We would like to thank Andre Pointon for all his efforts over the past few years and he deserves a well-earned break. I encourage you to support Frances who is preparing for the next issue to celebrate the museum's golden anniversary

- **Leyton Chan**, MOTAT Society
Committee Chair

MOTAT Board Appointments

- Call for Applications

One of the primary functions of the MOTAT Society is the appointment of 4 of the 10 members of the MOTAT Board.

To facilitate the appointment process, the Society and RFA are working together on the recruitment of applicants.

Below is a call for applications based on the NZ Herald ad put out earlier this month. Note the next Board term begins in Oct 2014.

For more you can also see the MOTAT Act 2000
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/private/2000/0001/latest/whole.html#DLM119385>

MOTAT Vision

by Michael Frawley (CEO)

As you are aware from the previous newsletter, the museum launched its Strategy for 2014 to 2019 on 18 March. You can find a copy of the Strategy on the museum's website (www.motat.org.nz). The museum is now in the process of developing the management structure it needs to drive the strategy forward and what the MOTAT of the future should look and feel like.

The museum has engaged Athfield Architect's to assist with the development of a vision for the MOTAT of the future. The process started in March and has and will involve a wide range of groups including the Society, Regional Facilities Auckland, the Western Springs Stadium, the Zoo, Auckland Museum, the Maritime Museum and of course a cross section of the MOTAT Team (i.e. the museum's staff and volunteers).

Athfield's and the museum's team is not only focusing on the museum's current physical and social environment (eg it's current buildings and open spaces) but also on its future requirements, taking into account the museum's vision and how the existing and future buildings and spaces should be used going forward.

The team's goal is to make the museum not only an inspiring place to visit and work in but also a transport and technology museum that the Auckland community and indeed New Zealand can be proud of.

If you would like to participate in this project but you are unable to make one of the meetings we can send you a copy of the questionnaire that was prepared by Athfield's. Completed questionnaires must be received by 30th May 2014.

Contact Sarah Askew on (09) 8154244 or Sarah.Askew@motat.org.nz

Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) Board Appointments

The Museum of Transport and Technology has been educating, entertaining, and engaging the Auckland community since 1964 through its diverse collections and social history. The MOTAT Society and Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA), on behalf of Auckland Council, call for applications to the Museum of Transport and Technology Board.

The MOTAT Board

The MOTAT Board is constituted under the Museum of Technology Act 2000. The MOTAT Board is appointed by the MOTAT Society (four Board members) and Auckland Council (six Board members). Board members are remunerated and must act in the interests of MOTAT at all times.

The MOTAT Society calls for applications for appointment of two Board members for a two-year term. RFA calls for applications for the appointment of three Board members for a two-year term. RFA will be making its appointment recommendations to Auckland Council. Current sitting Board members are eligible to reapply. Applicants must reside within the Auckland region.

Skills Required

In all cases, applicants must have a depth of governance experience and an independent mind to be able to actively participate in Board decision-making, including the ability to offer sound professional judgement as custodians of the Museum's collections and heritage. Governance and experience at board level is essential.

In addition, applicants will be expected to drive strategic change and work in a team and to observe and encourage the spirit of partnership and goodwill envisaged by the Treaty of Waitangi. Board members are expected to act in the Museum's best interests at all times, with honesty and integrity.

For further information about appointments, please visit

www.egdirectors.co.nz/MOTAT or contact kirsten@effectivegovernance.co.nz

To apply for a position on the MOTAT Board, please go to www.egdirectors.co.nz/MOTAT

Applications close at

5pm on Friday 6th June 2014. □

MOTAT 50th - Last chance for contributions

Sunday the 5th of October 2014 is the day set aside as the primary 50th celebration at MOTAT, but in addition to this there will also be

- 1) a history of MOTAT display (opening end of September) and
- 2) The Driving Wheel magazine Issue 8 - Sep 2014 will be a special 50th Anniversary edition.

Society member contributions

There is a reasonable amount of MOTAT related material in the Walsh Memorial Library but to supplement this, the Society has been asked to contribute images for the MOTAT 50th displays and for the magazine we need images and stories relating to members' time and experiences at MOTAT.

From past calls for 50th information we have received a few images and stories but we are sure there are many more which we would love to see and be able to

share, whatever your involvement with MOTAT, whether it be as a visitor, or in the MOTAT team.

16 June Closing Date

The middle of June is your last opportunity to send in your MOTAT related stories, images and memorabilia from the last 50 years, at least to be in time for inclusion in the magazine or display. So if you could take a few moments to put something together that would be greatly appreciated. We can help scan photos, slides and negatives if needed - see Tessa's contacts page 1.

Founders and Key Personalities

For the magazine we are also looking to do some profiles on the founders of MOTAT, and key personalities that have contributed greatly over the course of the last 50 years. If you have a moment



could you perhaps send me a note with the names and contributions of those you think we should include - we may not be able to include all suggestions but the overlap should give us a bit of a consensus on who we should be including! If you might be able to provide more information on any of these people, please let me know too.

We also want to hear any cross-generational MOTAT related stories.

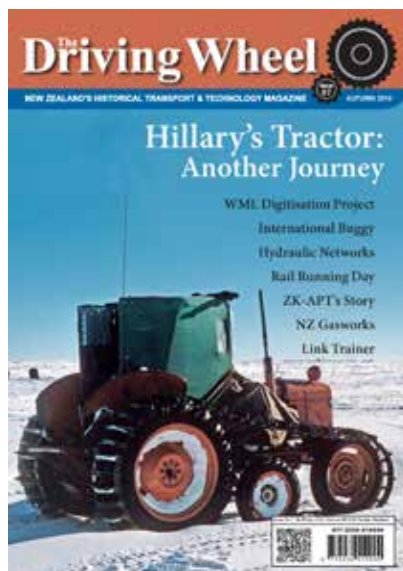
Thanks everyone, and we look forward to your input. □

Driving Wheel NEWS

The Latest Driving Wheel Issue 7 is now back from the printers and being distributed. We really hope you enjoy it.

We would like to say a big thank you to all involved in the magazine's production, it takes a lot of work and is a real team effort. Thanks also of course to all the contributors without whom there would be no magazine and for MOTAT's funding support too.

It must be remembered too that the magazine would not have existed had it not been for its founder and Editor Andre Pointon believing in its value. For the first 4 issues (late 2011- early 2013) Andre basically pulled the magazines together single handedly. From issue 5-7 it has become more of a team effort, with Andre leading the way as editor. However it is time now for Andre to take a well deserved break as he steps down as editor.



THANK YOU ANDRE for all your efforts both with the magazine, MOTAT Steam section and previously on the Society Committee.

Frances Young is now stepping up to take on the editor role from issue 8, so we wish her well with this. For the MOTAT 50th Anniversary Edition in particular, MOTAT has also offered additional support.

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Brainstorm Session - Recap

As per *The Squeaky Wheel* issue 14, on the 8th April we held a trial Brainstorm session with members of the MOTAT exhibition team and MOTAT Society members. This session focused on gaining more ideas on particular aspects of the upcoming Get Smart Exhibition which is well into development. Though there was quite a small group (9 attendees) some useful ideas came out of the session and Exhibitions Manager Lucinda Blackley-Jimson is keen to hold further sessions in future.

The idea is to aim to hold brainstorming sessions earlier in the exhibition planning process, at the more conceptual stage, which can then be followed up as needed. The next brainstorming session, for which a date is yet to be confirmed, will most likely relate to seeking ideas for a Kiwi ingenuity, innovations and inventions display. □

MOTAT Society Members, MOTAT Volunteers and Staff, plus family and friends are invited to attend a

“Behind the Scenes” Session at the Western Springs Tramway

Sunday 22nd June 2014

10am to 1pm+



Photo: Leyton Chan

Further to the notice in the March newsletter, this June we are working with MOTAT to hold a trial “Behind the Scenes” session focused on the MOTAT tramway, with the opportunity to hear about work happening in the Tramway section from the section’s members plus workshop and tram tours. It is a chance for the section to showcase its efforts to the wider MOTAT family, both to educate and inspire. We also hope to provide a nice social get together over some shared food. If this session goes successfully we hope to run similar sessions at other MOTAT sections.

Timetable:

9:45-10:15, START at MOTAT Meola Rd: Please park at MOTAT Meola Rd (Enter by the Meola Road gate). Meet and register at the Aviation Display Hall front desk - Normal Museum entry charges* apply for non MOTAT Team/Society members.

10:15, TRAM RIDE: Guided tram ride** along the route from the MOTAT Meola Rd site to the MOTAT Great North Rd site.

10:30-11, MORNING TEA and Section introductions: Enter MOTAT’s Great North Rd site and gather for morning tea at the **Tram display area** (next to the Tramway mechanical workshop, and across the tracks from the village forge). Meet members of the Tramway section, plus general MOTAT Society / Team members, family and friends. This location will be our base for the day, and will be set up with tables, chairs and so on.

11-noon, WORKSHOP TOURS: After a quick overview of the Tramway, including current projects, we’ll split into smaller groups for tours of the two workshop areas (Coachbuilding and Mechanical), and some of the restored trams. Only registered attendees with a wrist band can participate in tours.

noon-1pm, LUNCH: Sausage sizzle + extras for lunch (Gold Coin Donation please), and a chance for a bit of a mid-winter social / networking get together

1pm onwards: you are free to stay and chat further, or look around the museum at your leisure before taking a return tram** trip to MOTAT Meola Rd. Don’t forget to check out the vintage car display (Sunbeam, Talbot, Darracq Register) happening at MOTAT Great North Road that day too!

Please RSVP by Wednesday 11th June

We need to know numbers for site set up, tour planning and catering. so please contact Tessa on mob 021-0479973, ph (09) 3909160 or email admin@motatsociety.org.nz (You can also direct entry queries to me)

Tramway Section Helpers needed

We hope for a good turnout, so for those Society Members involved with the tramway section, we particularly hope you will be able to attend on the Sunday 22nd June to help showcase your section to the rest of us.

Society Helpers needed

We will need a few members to help direct guests at the gates as well as help with set up and the sausage sizzle, so if you can help please let me know.

Also if anyone happens to have an outdoor patio heater we could use, please let me know too!

* Remember that a MOTAT Society membership card entitles you to free individual entry, so don’t forget your card. For other guests, normal Museum entry charges apply, ie: SuperGold and MOTAT Mates card holders Free; Adults \$16; Children (5-16) and Students \$8; under 5s Free; Family pass (2 Adults, 4 children) \$40;

** Weather and crew dependent there may be some of the special heritage trams running.



ALSO happening on Sun 22nd June: you can check out the Sunbeam, Talbot and Darracq register display which will be set up at MOTAT Great North Rd. **Left:** part of their 2013 display, *Photo: Kim Heppner*