



CHRISTCHURCH GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

June 2006

Next Meeting:

Sunday July 2nd, 1:30pm, Don's Work.

This is the rescheduled June meeting which was postponed due to the snow.

Bring some tools to work on the portable layout;

Pliers

Screwdrivers

Hammer.

Then we will have a meeting to discuss plans for the layout and any enhancements to be made before the Big Model Train Show in October.

Also bring along one item for display (your most recent purchase or favourite item).

Subs Due:

Your club subscriptions are now due. Those people who have not yet paid will get another renewal form with this news sheet. Your prompt payment will be appreciated as this saves us extra work having to chase you up. Thanks.

Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday July 23rd:

Graeme Woods

Saturday August 19th:

set up day

Sunday August 20th:

Public viewing day

Robin Jager Memorial Show

Burwood School 10am - 4pm

NZ G Scale News:

Due to a heavy work load this month the NZ G Scale news is running late. Ian Lewis advises that it is nearly ready. It will be posted/ emailed to you as soon as it arrives.

Garden Railways Tour

We have received an enquiry from Garden Railways Magazine about a possible tour to NZ. Nothing has been confirmed yet, however it is understood that a tour of Australia is being planned for sometime around October 2007 which may include a brief visit to NZ.

The Kaiapoi Station

The Kaiapoi Railway Station Trust was established in December 2000 to save Kaiapoi's Victorian Railway Station from being destroyed.

The original station was built in 1872, ready for the broad gauge lines of the Canterbury Railway Company.

By 1902 the station proved too small for the 24,257 passengers who had used the old station.

The Architect of the new station was George Troup. The design was one of his more ornate designs. Because of the decorative detailing he gave to his building he was known as 'Gingerbread George'.

The exterior of the structure is enhanced by decorative timber detailing finials, elaborately corbelled chimneys, cast iron lace work on the platform supports its main feature - a small



conical tower, all elegantly roofed with Marseilles tiles. George Troup also designed the Dunedin Station.

In 1975 the southern half of the Kaiapoi Station was badly damaged in a storm and was removed for safety but never replaced.

The station was closed in 1986 and sat in disrepair for many years.

The Station was purchased for \$1 by the Kaiapoi Station Trust and was moved to its present site adjacent to the Kaiapoi River in April 2002.

It has since been fully restored with the exterior painted in the original colours and a new roof of replica clay tiles of the original pattern obtained Australia.

The restored station was officially opened on 1 June 2003 by Alan Power, the station master who locked the door for the last time when the station closed in 1986.

Information from a brochure, sent in by John Lammiman. Photos by John Lammiman.

