

ISSUE 1

RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN NEWS

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Newsletter of the Railway Craftmen's Association

Welcome to the newsletter of the Railway Craftmen's Association. We hope you enjoy the read. Do you have a story, article or pictures you can contribute to the next issue? All contributions are very welcome. Comments on the magazine are always welcome.



2011 AGM

A successful AGM weekend was held recently at the Johnsonville Masonic Centre in Wellington. Lunch was held at 12:00pm before the AGM Meeting at 1:00pm. One of the highlights was the passing of Brother Tim Kerwin to the Second Degree. Tim is a Locomotive Engineer based in Palmerston North and had VWBro Phil Wagener as his minder LE during his training. Tim was initiated in to Lodge Rongatea on xxx xxx 2011. His Master, WBro John Downey kindly agreed to the Railway Craftmen's Association passing him to the Second Degree. The ceremony was followed by the usual toasts and a dinner at the local Johnsonville Club. The AGM minutes appear later in this Magazine. Pictured below are the officers who participated in the working.

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Back L-R WBro Bob Pollard, VWBro Jim Watt (Dist GM Kapiti-Wellington), WBro Ian Smith, WBro Bill McRoberts, WBro Tony Rich (Chairman RCA), WBro Adrian Douglas, WBro John Downey, WBro Ron Mail, VWBro Mike Kendrick, Bro Bill Hudson. Front L-R VWBro Malcolm Stone, WBro Rowdy Robertson, Bro Tim Kerwin, WBro John Flowers, VWBro Phil Wagener

2nd DEGREE WORKING OFFICERS

Taking part in the ceremony were the following Brethren:

Master:	WBro Adrian Douglas	Test Questions	VWBro Phil Wagenar
Senior Warden	VWBro Mike Kendrick	PG and PW	WM
Junior Warden	WBro Ron Mail	Obligation	WBro John Downey (WM Lodge Rongatea)
Senior Deacon	VWBro Malcolm Stone	Secrets	VWBro Phil Wagenar
Junior Deacon	WBro. Colin Wolfsbauer	Investiture	VWBro Mike Kendrick
Inner Guard	WBro. Bob Pollard	Charge A I	Bro Bill Hudson
Tyler	WBro George Newlands	SE Charge	WBro Rowdy Robertson
Chaplain	WBro John Flowers	Working Tools	WM, SW, JW
		Tracing Board	WBro Bill McRoberts
		Final Charge	WBro Ian Smith

2012 AGM NOTIFICATION

A strong indication was given by brethren at the 2011 AGM that it was important that the AGM date be set early to allow for budgeting and planning to ensure maximum attendance. It was therefore decided to set the date for the 2012 AGM at that meeting. You are therefore advised:

2012 AGM - Wellington - Saturday 6 October 2012

Further information on the AGM will be sent out in due course. Keep an eye on your mailbox next year!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE NOW!

Membership renewals are now due. If you have not renewed your membership this year it would be appreciated if you could cut out or copy the form at the back of this magazine and return it with payment to the Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you all for your assistance with this. Please also feel free to give a copy of the form to any prospective members of the association.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ARNOLD GONZALES (WELLINGTON)

JONATHAN BRUNTON (WELLINGTON)

PETER COOMBE (TARANAKI)

ROBERT DUNCAN (WESTLAND)

Know someone that wants to join the Association? Membership forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer.

AGM Minutes - (DRAFT)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand held at the Johnsonville Masonic Centre, Phillip Street, Johnsonville at 1300hrs on Saturday 22 October 2011.

Present: Some 16 members were in attendance

Chairmans Welcome

The chairman (WBro Tony Rich) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Obituaries

Members stood in recognition of all Railway Craftsmen who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last meeting.

Apologies

RWBro. Robin Meehan, WBro. Alan Beck, WBro. Vic Ives, WBro. Peter Clifford-Marsh, WBro. Tom Hallen, WBro. Ernie Porter, VWBro. George Stables, WBro Noel Mangin, WBro. Brian Morris, WBro John Lockyer; WBro. Les Boswell, WBro Bruce Halford, WBro Warren Merrilees, WBro Graham Nicholson, VWBro Dick Williams, RWBro Dave Marshall, RWBro Warren Workman, WBro Jack Robertson, WBro Bob Wolfenden, WBro Bruce Cornick, WBro Chris Hobbs, WBro Mick Maru.

It was Moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Smith that apologies were accepted. **Carried.**

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held 29 September 2009 were tabled and copies were issued to members. It was moved WBro Mayo and seconded WBro Robertson that these minutes represented a true and correct record of this meeting. **Carried.**

The minutes of a meeting held 10 January 2011 at the Mangin residence were also tabled and distributed to members present.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

Chairman's Report

A copy is attached.

It was moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Robertson that the Chairmans report be accepted. **Carried**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

A copy is attached

It was moved WBro Douglas and seconded WBro Rich that the Secretary/Treasurers Report be accepted.

Carried

It was commented that the accounts needed to be audited. This will be done.

Election of Officers

Before the election there was some discussion about the availability of officers to fill roles. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the Secretary/Treasurer about his availability to continue in the role. He had replied that he was happy to accept nomination and was also happy to step aside if any brother wished to perform the role. There was also discussion about a desire to have representatives from each region on the committee so that they could co-ordinate activities in their region and ensure members of their region were kept informed about upcoming activities. The following officers were elected:

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconded	Vote
Patron	RWBro W Workman	WBro Douglas	VWBro Kendrick	Carried
Vice Patrons	As per the 2009 AGM minutes – no alterations			Carried
Chairman	WBro Tony Rich	VWBro Wagener	WBro Mail	Carried
Vice Chairman	WBro Bill McRoberts	WBro Douglas	VWBro Wagenar	Carried
Secretary/Treasurer	WBro Adrian Douglas	WBro Robertson	VWBro Wagener	Carried
Asst Secretary	VWBro George Stables	WBro Robertson	WBro McRoberts	Carried
Auditor	WBro Neil Campbell	WBro Douglas	VWBro Wagener	Carried
Committee	VWBro Mike Kendrick	VWBro Wagener	WBro Robertson	Carried
	WBro Rowdy Robertson	VWBro Stone	WBro Douglas	Carried
	RWBro Reid Polkinghorne	VWBro Wagener	WBro Robertson	Carried
	WBro Peter Clifford-Marsh	VWBro Wagenar	WBro Robertson	Carried
	RWBro Dick Williams	WBro Robertson	VWBro Wagener	Carried
	VWBro Lyall Fox	WBro Mayo	VWBro Wagener	Carried

General Business

The location and frequency of future AGM's was discussed. After some discussion it was decided that the next Meeting should be held in Wellington as this was a reasonably central location for the bulk of the membership. It was important that travel costs should be kept down where possible to encourage attendance. A lot of members were now retired. The specific venue was discussed and Petone, Trentham and Johnsonville were mentioned as possible options.

The timing of the next meeting was also discussed. WBro Pollard commented that he felt a date should be decided on with plenty of notice to allow for planning. There was some discussion about whether the AGM should be held on a long weekend and points were raised for and against this. It was also thought by WBro McRoberts that the constitution/rules of the association may stipulate when meetings should be held. WBro McRoberts raised that it could be an option to associate the AGM with a working. i.e. to organise the working first then advise members that the AGM would also be held. The frequency of meetings was also discussed and it was the unanimous wish of the meeting that AGM meetings continue to be held annually.

It was moved by WBro Mail and seconded by WBro Smith that the next AGM be held in the first weekend of October 2012 in Wellington or as required by the Association Constitution. **Carried**

WBro Mayo asked if any new members were joining the association. The Chairman commented he had been approached by a prospective member on a recent visit to Lodge Rongatea. Some new members on the ferries had also recently joined up.

WBro Pollard asked if a list of members could be sent to all area representatives so that they could keep in touch with members from their area. It was agreed this could be done. Membership forms could also be sent to these people and in fact all members.

It was also decided that "The Freemason" magazine would again be approached to print an article about the association.

WBro Wolfsbauer commented that it may be appropriate to have a look at the Vice Patrons positions and review the decision that these were kept to Railway brethren only. Vice Patrons do an important job in promoting the association throughout the craft and many brethren who were not railway employees have a long standing involvement with and interest in the Association. This could be put on the agenda for the next AGM.

The Chairman commented that he had ordered some caps and ties for brethren and these were well received. More orders were taken and it was moved by WBro Robertson and seconded by WBro Wolfsbauer that the Association would order 20 ties and 20 caps to be kept in stock for future orders. **Carried.** The availability of these would be mentioned in future correspondence to members.

WBro Robertson asked if honorary membership was available to recognise those brethren who have worked hard for the association. This would be discussed at the next AGM.

It was moved WBro Rich and Seconded WBro McRoberts that a donation of \$100 would be made to the Johnsonville Masonic Centre hall company for use of the hall. **Carried**

It was also **carried** unanimously that both WBro Mangin and VWBro Stables be sent letters of thanks for their work for the Association over many years.

WBro Douglas was thanked by the Chairman for his work and assistance with organising the 2011 AGM.

Meeting Closed 1410hrs

COMMUNICATION REMAINS THE KEY!

Brethren

All of the past Secretary / Treasurers of the Association have given a consistent message. Communication has been, is, and will continue to be the key for our survival! The message from me remains the same. It is really important that we keep the communication going. When members pass to the Grand Lodge above, it is important to let me know. This saves the Association considerable embarrassment - and prevents hurtful reminders to families.

It is also important to let us know when your address and/or contact information changes. I have enclosed with this newsletter a database printout of the information we hold on you. Please accept our apologies for any omissions or errors - but once again we can only act on information we are given. Please feel free to update information as required and return the form to me.

Another opportunity that can be lost is when railway brethren are being installed or having initiation, passing or raising ceremonies or even service awards. Once again it is important to let me know so that I can arrange for the information to be distributed around the districts.

I am also interested in obtaining email addresses for as many brethren as possible. Email is a fast effective communication tool and has the potential to save the Association a lot of money in postage and printing costs. If you have an email address please provide it on the space provided on the database form. Or you could send it to me at adriandouglas@xtra.co.nz.

There is just one more thing I want to make clear. I am aware that many brethren do not have email and have no desire to do so. This is understood and appreciated. I am committed to communication by postal mail as much as by email.

Brethren - Please help me so that I can help you. My full contact details are on the back page.

Fraternal Regards - Adrian Douglas Secretary/Treasurer

RAILWAY CRAFTSMAN HATS AND TIES - NOW AVAILABLE!



These attractive and fashionable hats and ties are now available for purchase from the Secretary/Treasurer. Cost is a very reasonable \$21 per tie and \$13 per cap. What a bargain! There are only a few left - so be in quick to secure your order using the order form below. We will order more from the supplier if necessary. An order form appears below.

RCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Name:
Address
Phone

Item	No.	Price	Total
Railway Craftsmen Tie		\$21.00	_____
Railway Craftsmen Cap		\$13	_____
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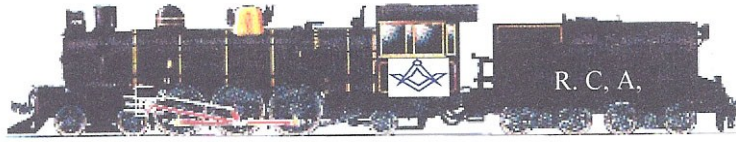
Send (with payment) to: Adrian Douglas, Secretary/Treasurer, Railway Craftsmen's Association. C/- 57 Meadowcroft Grove, Johnsonville, WELLINGTON 6037. Make Cheques out to the Railway Craftsmens Association

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*Merry
Christmas*

*Wishing All members a very Merry Xmas and all the best for 2012—From
Tony Rich (Chairman) and Adrian Douglas (Secretary/Treasurer)*



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Membership Application & Renewal Form.

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Date:

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LODGE NAME & NUMBER:

Receipt Required: Yes / No

MASONIC RANK:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

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\$ **10.00**

Donation to Apron Fund (optional)

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Donation to the Association (optional)

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\$15.00 for the Railway Craftsmen's lapel badge (optional)

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

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