

THE RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS' SOCIETY (INC).

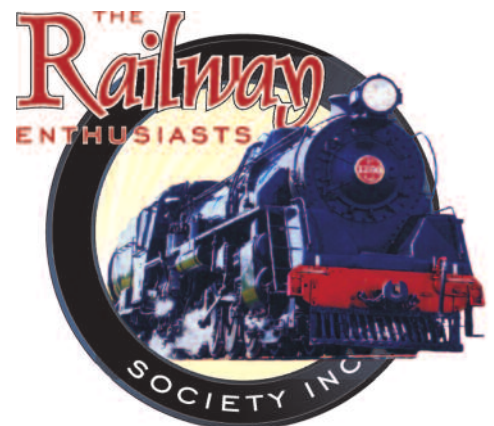
*Incorporating the
Glenbrook Vintage Railway.*



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The Railway Enthusiasts' Society was registered under the Incorporated Societies Act on 17th July 1958 and enjoys the support of over 1500 members of all ages and from all walks of life. Whatever your interest, there is a welcome waiting for you.

There are several classes of **membership**, each designed to suit different levels of interest, both individual and family. These are described in more detail on the accompanying application form. Your subscription covers the period of twelve months from the date you join. Members receive our monthly newsletter, The Tattler, which is posted out to members, along with the latest excursion booking forms and other information, at the beginning of each month. Members get a 50% discount on train fares at Glenbrook Vintage Railway.

Excursions and tours on which members receive priority bookings, is the major activity of the society, which it has run since 1958, building up an enviable reputation for offering innovative and appealing outings, not available from any other tour operator. The excursions and tours programme which is run by our dedicated and experienced excursions team, is very active and we are continually seeking different and interesting New Zealand wide and overseas destinations to visit.. Examples of recent excursions include: Waves and Wheels — one way luxury ferry, the other rail, from Auckland to the



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Bay of Islands and return; Whangamomona 'Republic Day Celebrations'; The King Country-man excursion to Te Kuiti with side charters to Raglan, Mokau and Kawhia and Snowball, our mid-winter excursion to National Park and Ohakune. Weekend and longer rail oriented tours, including overseas railtours, are popular and more are planned. Recent destinations have included most parts of New Zealand, and overseas railtours have been to Canada, USA, UK, Europe and Australia.

The Railway Enthusiasts' Society Headquarters and museum/library are housed in the 1873 historic former Onehunga Railway Station, now located at 38 Alfred Street, Onehunga. Volunteers man the office Monday through to Saturday mornings between 9.00am-12noon. Outside of these hours, our regularly checked answer phone service is available should you require information. Members and friends are welcome to visit to use our extensive railway library, purchase excursion tickets or publications, or to reminisce in the extensive museum collection of railway artefacts.

Our regular and highly entertaining **monthly meetings**, open to all members, are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pearce Street Hall, Onehunga. The meetings are well attended and offer an opportunity for you to meet other members with similar interests to yours, to be kept up to date on upcoming events and on progress at the GVR. Entertainment varies from member's videos of trips and tours at home and abroad, to talks on matters of railway interest.

A wide variety of **Books, DVD's, Calendars** including our own **New Zealand Railway Pictorial Calendar and souvenirs** are available, from our museum/office and by mail order. Our monthly magazine, **YARN**, is available by subscription and covers activities in the Society and in the GVR along with articles of railway interest from New Zealand and around the world.

The **Glenbrook Vintage Railway (GVR)** is managed by a charitable trust as a project of the Railway Enthusiasts' Society. The railway is based on part of the old NZR Waiuku branch line which opened in 1922 and closed in 1967. Construction of the GVR, almost entirely by volunteer labour, began in 1970 and in 1977 the railway opened between Glenbrook and Pukeoware. In 1986 an extension to Fernleigh was completed. In 2010 an extension to Victoria Ave, Waiuku was completed.

The 7.5 km long railway currently carries over 30,000 passengers during the normal operating season which is from October to June each year and is also available for charters throughout the year. The GVR is a fully self-supporting operating steam railway with its own heavy engineering workshops, track maintenance and building facilities. It is the home of Ja1250, Diana, several vintage steam and diesel locomotives and pieces of rolling stock, including a steam powered crane, track tamper, wagons and carriages. Special Events are often held, such as "Day Out with Thomas" weekends and Steam and Vintage Festivals.

Work is under way to extend the track past Victoria Avenue Station to the planned terminus in the Waiuku Heritage area which includes the Waiuku Museum, Hartmann House and the Kentish Hotel which was built in 1851.

Work on the railway is a seven-days-a-week affair and volunteer workers are always needed. The friendship amongst volunteer staff is the key ingredient for the enjoyment of our hobby. A good number of retirees have found the camaraderie enjoyable working with others of like minded interests to maintain our railway for the benefit of future generations.



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The Railway Enthusiasts Society (Incorporated) is registered as a Charity (CC23896) under the Charities Act 2005
The Glenbrook Vintage Railway Charitable Trust Board is registered as a Charity (CC10348) under the Charities Act 2005
Membership is on an annual basis starting from your joining date

Membership includes all trip notices	Adult (one person)	\$30.00	\$
	Family (two or more family members)	\$40.00	
	Youth (5 to 18 years)	\$10.00	\$
YARN Magazine	Yarn magazine (posted within NZ)	\$25.00	\$
	Yarn magazine (posted overseas)	\$60.00	

Please also consider making a donation towards:

Donation All donations provide a personal tax rebate receipt	Glenbrook Vintage Railway - Mainline Carriages	\$
	Glenbrook Vintage Railway - Victoria Ave to Tamakae Reserve	\$
	Glenbrook Vintage Railway - Other Projects	\$
	Railway Enthusiasts' Society clubrooms / museum	\$
Please add up the amounts and write the total here:		Total \$

☐ I have enclosed a cheque for the above amount

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