



COTMA CONFERENCE 2010

Wellington 16 to 22 September

Hello COTMA members

Welcome to the latest update from the COTMA 2010 committee.

With a year to go the conference planning is well under way.

Location: The conference location is The Comfort/Quality Hotel in Cuba St Te Aro, <http://www.hotelwellington.co.nz/> This location is in central Wellington and only a few minutes walk to major bus routes and activities in the city. There are two levels of accommodation available within the hotel to assist with budgets and as usual rooms will be offered on the Share Twin, Double, Share Triple and Family basis. Delegates are to settle all accommodation expenses upon departure; this will help spread the cost to delegates to a more manageable level. For those driving to the hotel there is limited onsite parking for hotel guests but for day delegates there is plenty of very close parking at nearby the Marion St Car Park Building.

Programme: Currently the proposed programme includes not only the usual conference session presented by various delegates but also there is the possibility of presentations from one or two international guests. Other plans also feature a trip to Wellington Tramway Museum and the world class Southwards Car Museum on the Kapiti Coast, a trolleybus tour around Wellington, a visit to the Cable Car and Cable Car Museum and a visit to Te Papa (New Zealand's National Museum).

A formal (jacket and tie) dinner is planned as a major event during the conference and will feature activities such as a quiz by quiz masters Bob Pearce and David Critchley, the COTMA Excellence Awards as well as speeches from respected members of the tramway museum community.

Presentations: The committee have a number of people offering to present various papers during the conference and will be calling for further papers and presentations early December, closing end of January. If you feel called to present a paper or pet subject please contact Bryce on cotma2010@paradise.net.nz.

Museum Updates (Brag Tapes): Have you started collecting video and photos of your activities since the Launceston Conference? We want to see what you have been doing, any new trams restored, new buildings, new members maybe even a new depot cat, video and photograph away and record your museums current history. Brag tapes will be being played at various times during the conference so we would like to see short (10 minute) updates from you, talk to your museum board/council/committee to see who to pass the footage on to for inclusion. Again please contact Bryce on cotma2010@paradise.net.nz.

Bookings: Bookings are due to open around the end of March 2010 and to run till about a month before the conference, an online registration page will be added to Wellington Tramway Museum and the COTMA websites along with a downloadable PDF registration form. As only the conference costs will be charged at time of registration we are establishing an online payment system. All accommodation costs will need to be settled by you with the hotel upon departure.

Partners Programme: Committee members Denys Peck and Mike Secker are developing a partners/family programme, so bring the wife and the kids, make the conference a family holiday.

Post Conference Tours: A post conference tour is under planning with the assistance of Richard Gilbert (Ballarat Tramways) full details will be available before long.

That's about all for now folks, remember please register your interest in attending with Bryce via email at cotma2010@paradise.net.nz to be added to the update lists and again if there is any presentations you would like to do please email for more information. Also, if are you the newsletter editor for your museum, please put this in your regular newsletters and if possible pin a copy to the noticeboard in your lunch rooms.

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