

WELLINGTON CABLE CAR MUSEUM

Museum receives 2008 Tramway Restoration Award Award June 2008



Photo: Mark Coote

The Cable Car Museum has been presented with the 2008 Tramway Restoration Award for the restoration of Grip Car 3 which operated on Wellington's cable car service and is on display at the Museum. This award was presented by the Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand (FRONZ) at their annual conference held in Hamilton 1 June 2008. The award was accepted on behalf of the museum by Colin Perfect who was involved in the restoration project.

The grip car was built by Rouse & Hurrell in 1904 for the Kelburne & Karori Tramway Company who operated cable cars between Lambton Quay and Kelburne from 1902 until 1946 when the service was taken over by the Wellington City Council. In 1975 the car was retired and remained in storage for over 25 years until 2003 when the Wellington Museums Trust arranged its restoration at The Wheelwright Shop in the Wairarapa. The fully restored cable car was put on permanent display at the museum in 2004. It is now one of its key exhibits and enjoyed by the Museum's 220,000 annual visitors.

Wellington Cable Car Museum
Open 9.30am to 5.00pm daily
FREE entry

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