



## OFF THE RAILS NEWS - SPRING 2019



### **FWA named finalist in NZ Tourism Awards 2019**

FORGOTTEN World Adventures has been named a finalist for the NZ Tourism Sustainability Business Excellence Award for the second consecutive year!

The 2019 Awards have been updated to align with the New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment, recognising environmentally sustainable and financially successful tourism businesses that embrace kaitiakitanga.

The NZME People's Choice Award is up for voting from the public for all finalists that have a customer-facing business. Forgiven World Adventures is the current defending title holder.

All the winners will be announced at a black-tie dinner in Christchurch on Thursday 24 October.



## Locals ride FREE on Locals' Day!

FOLLOWING last year's successful Locals' Day, the FWA team is decided to make this day an annual event. However, this year it will be held over three days - for three regions!

Locals' Day was a day initiated last year to give local residents the opportunity to experience the rail carts and the stories shared by our knowledgeable guides for themselves. "It's our way of giving something back to our local communities," says Ian Balme, founder of Forgotten World Adventures.

[Taumarunui](#) residents will be first to enjoy Local's Day on Sunday 22nd September 2019. [Stratford](#), [Douglas](#), [Te Wera and Toko](#) residents are next on Saturday 28th September 2019. Residents hailing from [National Park](#), [Turangi](#), [Ohakune and Raetihi](#) will be treated to their Local's Day on Saturday 5th October 2019.

Tours are scheduled for 9am, 12pm and 3pm on all three days. Seats are very limited, so best to book your spot early.

Tickets can be booked on Eventfinda. Proof of residence with booking numbers must be emailed to [bookings@fwa.co.nz](mailto:bookings@fwa.co.nz) or text 0272990302.



## **FWA is proud sponsor of Mamma Mia! production**

The wonderful music of the popular Swedish band, ABBA, is coming to Taumarunui in the form of a wonderful stage production, Mamma Mia!, proudly sponsored by Forgotten World Adventures.

"Staying true to our mission statement, Forgotten World Adventures is proud that we are in a position to support local community artists such as those from [Performing Arts Taumarunui Inc.](#)," says Lizelle Verrall, Marketing Manager of Forgotten World Adventures.

A few familiar faces from our past safety videos can also be seen starring in this musical stage production, which is said to be this theatrical company's biggest production to date!

Mamma Mia! is onstage at the Taumarunui Little Theatre from 27 September to 12 October 2019. Tickets can be purchased at [iTicket](#) or from your local iSite. Those attending can also

be in to win a seat on our popular 20 Tunnel Rail Cart Tour! Be sure to book your tickets before they sell out!



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