



## Society wins Anna Crighton Award

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*Society representatives Dave Hinman, Graeme Richardson, Stephen Taylor and John Shanks stand with Anna Crighton after receiving the award.*

The Tramway Historical Society was recently asked to send representatives to attend the 10th Anniversary Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Annual Heritage Awards 2006, held on Wednesday 8 November at Warners Historic Hotel. We understood that the THS was to receive an award, but weren't quite sure what for. Anyhow, to cut a long story short, the THS was presented with 'The Anna Crighton Award for Services to Heritage'. Four members of the THS were in attendance—John Shanks, Dave Hinman, Graeme Richardson and

myself—to receive the award from Anna. This is a personal award from Anna Crighton, and this award acknowledges the contribution for individuals and/or groups who give outstanding service and set high standards towards preserving and restoring our city's heritage (to quote the text on the award certificate). Anna also provided a personal monetary prize. Visitors to the tram barn can see the certificate in the upstairs break room, and can—for the next year—also see the “trophy” which is engraved with our name as the 2006 recipient. The trophy appears to be made of rimu and is (I

think) the top of a newel post. Obviously the society is very gratified to receive this award which is a public acknowledgement of the esteem in which the work of the THS is held. The THS would also like to publicly thank Anna Crighton for making the award and also the associated personal prize.

Also at this event, were three “Miss Black's”—the (strict) school teacher from the Ferrymead Historic Park—in full regalia—who received an “Education and Awareness Award” on behalf of the Ferrymead Historic Park's Heritage Education programme.

**Photo: Alexa Sanders**

### *Next work party*

The final work party for 2006 is scheduled for **Saturday 16 December**. Formal work parties are held every **third Saturday of the month** but there are also activities **every Saturday** and on **Monday evenings**.



The certificate and two views of the trophy. The upper view shows the plaque which reads: THE ANNA CRIGHTON AWARD for SERVICE TO HERITAGE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH. The plaque in the lower photograph lists the recipients of the award.

Photos: Stephen Taylor

## Multiple Brills

Thank you GRAHAM STEWART, for shaming the locals by being the only one to respond to the challenge of the multiple unit couplers on the Brills. Graham writes:

*I have today spent time looking through all my series 172 to 196 negatives.*

*(a): first, apologies—I did not take a back view of trams 180, 185 and 192—very remiss of me!—so cannot report in full on these three trams.*

*(b): No. 191 was involved in the foggy morning head-on collision on the Sumner causeway you will remember—as I have photos of this tram with and without*

*multiple unit couplings—no doubt removed after the accident.*

*(c): The following trams still had multiple unit couplings on the front apron:- 173, 174, 177, 178, 181, 187, 191 (then removed after Sumner accident).*

*(d): The following trams still had multiple unit couplings on the back apron:- 172 to 179 inclusive (No.180 no photo of the back), 181, 182, 183, (No.185 no photo of the back), 186, 187, 188, (No. 190 no photo of the back), 191 (then removed after the Sumner accident), 196.*

*Cars 184, 189, 191, 193, 194 and 195 had had the couplings removed from*

*the back apron.*

*My comment: the majority had been removed from the front of the trams—after accidents no doubt?*

*I hope this answers your question except for the back ends of cars 180, 185 and 192!*

Graham Stewart

## Apology

Your editor apologises for the lateness and the slimness of this issue. He has had a particularly heavy schedule and has been out of town for much of the time. We should be back to normal next month.