

## **Brief history of societies Carvan Af863**

Canterbury Railway Society Inc.

Built. Addington W/S 1904 as a 47ft.6 in second-class passenger car A863.

Altered to a carvan and reclassified Af at Addington W/S in 1935. Stove fitted 1944.

Mid 1950s the carvan was retired from passenger service and became Ea3566 and was placed on a siding at Staircase station on the midland line and used as an amenity hut for the bridge gang.

The vehicle was vandalised and written off by NZR and CRS received the carvan on site Ferrymead November 1981.

Restoration of this vehicle began on Thursday 8th June 1989 by a mid week working party of four members who would become known as the Thursday Gang.

Exterior reconditioning

- New PVC roof cover
- About 50 percent top fascia board
- Two new lookouts
- All outside sheathing removed, replaced with 3/4 Plywood grooved
- Luggage doors and fittings overhauled
- Four interior doors repaired and lav door new
- Repainted Mail red livery.

Interior restoration

- Guards compartment pigeonholes and desk
- Installed, new seating, floor lino and fit up Van essential train running equipment
- Postal gear overhauled and two new post box constructed
- Passenger saloon new net racks, new lino and new upholstered seating in Scarrett pressed steel frames

Running gear examined and found in good order.

Af863 entered service on Ferrymead Railway November 1993 and has been on train running operations Weka Pass.