

## MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2014.

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Load of ballast delivered to the Waitara Yard for the bridge approaches.

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Scrap picked up

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2<sup>nd</sup> load of ballast delivered.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Got talking with an ex bridge gang guy (ex Wanganui bridge gang) who now works for Fulton Hogan down at Waitara who gave me some good advice on retaining rail vehicles if a derailment occurs, which is unlikely, but worthwhile being aware of.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Will now do a drawing for reference in case we decide to retrofit the creep strap modification at some point.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Write up a new hazard sheet for the PD workers starting again on Saturday

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sheets printed off & clip board supplied.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Trevor O Keefe getting organised on getting prepared the new shed to be painted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Placing documents into the folders.

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 10 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 39---9,549

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Mike Z planting down at Waitara.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Eileen weeding & planting shrubs at Waitara Road.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Tr 407 Biil Batten refitted the overhauled brake equipment & adjusted the working pressures.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Freed up the seized brake rigging.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Recycled hose off 2584 used onto RH rear sand trap.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Batteries flat, jump started off 2584.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Leak in the cooling system to investigate.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 407 run up & down the Waitara Road yard for a bit of a shake down, not been used for many years.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Took 407 for a trot down to Richmond Road & the Heifers had a great time racing us in the adjacent paddock & won hands down!

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The next load of scrap started being stripped down.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Noel & Keith fitted 3 more new windows in F726

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Measuring up for producing drawings for the modified electrical circuits for F 726.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Weed Spraying Waitara to Kohatu.

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 5 staff & track inspector.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bridge track certification & track inspection from bridge to Lepperton.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Preparing drawings for fitting ditch lights to F726.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 407 Water blasted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Discussion on the possibility into getting into the Lepperton yard to run around the train

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> To follow up.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bridge passed it's inspection.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> More planting in the Waitara Yard

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Prepared the drawing for the fitting of a head light, ditch lights & horn for F726 when being propelled from Waitara Road to Lepperton due to no run around loop available at Lepperton for the foreseeable future.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Purchased the electrical train line fittings & cable for F 726 in New Plymouth.

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 3 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Computer training for Eileen for booking paper work & setting up files.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paper work filing system set up for hard copies.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> System being set up for easier working.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Electrical materials for F706 arrived & picked up today.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Last Management meeting before AGM.

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Preparing F 726 for headstock electrical fittings.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Donated plants & recycled timber delivered.

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bridge certification report received.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Drill bit picked up ready for Saturday.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paperwork.

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Follow up on the bridge certification & hand over procedures to the NZTA.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> PD on site loading ballast for the bridge approaches.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 9 staff on duty.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 40---9,800

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> PD crew loaded two truck loads of ballast on two Nak wagons in the pouring rain & were wanting to be rained off!

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Work train assembled ready for next Saturday.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> F726 start made on passenger gangway expanding hand rails.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Track being dug out of clay etc at Browne Street.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 407 load tested satisfactorily moving loaded ballast & locomotives around setting up other vehicles for being worked on.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> More planting at Waitara.

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Eileen & I attended the last 3 Hui on the Te Atiawa settlement ratification process today & had an informal meeting with them after it finished.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> A discussion re the Sentry Hill land bordering the rail corridor where the Sentry Hill workshops were situated in the 1870's

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> was discussed for future reference around the possibility/ future plans of Te Atiawa of looking at an agreement / cooperation on that site was met with some favour & not dismissed outright.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> It was established that land at Lepperton Junction is not land banked.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Now that the our exploratory thoughts are laid on the table for future consideration if & when any move is made in that direction, bearing in mind they have the rights to either pick up this land or reject it, is for a period of 172 years from the signing of the treaty settlement.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> TAIA were not even aware that surveyors were even active on that extended site each side of the rail corridor & not been informed until I mentioned it.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> One of the TAIA Board is a surveyor who has offered us free help if it is needed.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> He is sympathetic to us from his past dealings with us & has put in a good word on our behalf.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 2 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Fine weather at last & can get on with outside jobs.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Rubbish from scrap clean up burnt in the fire pit.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Train line wiring started to be fitted to F726

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Completed Documentation filed.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Reply from the NZTA re my stepping down from the General Managers job at the AGM. Will be a visit from them early in August to meet the new GM.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Scrap bin returned.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Money for the last load received.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Wired in part of the wiring out in the veranda on F 726

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Charter enquiry.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Drawing prepared for the ditch light mountings for F 726

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 4 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Waitara Road lawns mowed. ( Trevor & Les)

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 2584 Brian J cleaning the bilge on # 1 engine.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Value Timber rang , sleepers ready to be delivered.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Brackets made for ditch lights & fitted to F 726

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 2 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 2 truck loads of track sleepers arrived this morning from Value Timber, from their Inglewood saw mill. ( Funded by TET).

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> F 726 Coupled into the train to make setting up easier.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Gangway connections under construction.

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Preparing drawings for the internal wiring on F 726

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Materials purchased & prepared for fitting the wiring to F 706.

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 10 staff.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 41---9,985

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Gardening & planting new plants.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Eastern bridge approach 10 sleepers fitted, track levelled & ballasted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Tr 407 windscreen wipers & caqb windows.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> F 706 Gangway fittings.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> F 706 Horn repairs & modification

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The work train today was the first train to cross the bridge for a number of years & Carl McChlough drew the short straw!

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Binding documents.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Wired in the terminal board & fitted more wiring F 706.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Continuity tested from the train line back.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Filing documents into the manual for F 706.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Fit the last of the veranda conduit.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Lay out cables & cut to length for the head light, horn & ditch lights ready for installation when ready.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Prepare the audio system wiring diagram.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Connect up the audio train jumper & wire in fittings.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Wire in at the Terminal board & test.

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Modification to Brake Pipe on F 706 to the opposite side of the headstock.( Carriage end).

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Pipe fittings purchased.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Pipe threaded by Warner Construction at no charge. Many thanks.

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2 staff

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Weed spraying Waitara Yard.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Complete BP alteration on F 726, only pipe brackets to make & fit.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Air test carried out.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Donated load of recycled timber delivered.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Rodent poison laid in the office, a cake of hand soap found on the floor & been eaten, probably got the cleanest insides ever!

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Must like battery wrappings & rubber as well as the handle of the document machine has been decorated with teeth marks.

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 8 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 42---10,120

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Shrubs planted in the gate way garden.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sold off some more hardwood sleeper off the bridge to a landscape gardener.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 7 sleepers fitted & ballast at & between Te Arie Road & the bridge.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Dig out flangeways of Te Arie Road that a road surfacing company filled in.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Stack donated timber.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Gangway rails & fittings making good progress for F 706

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Continued body work on Tr 407.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Carl McChulough had the distinction of being the first of the later passed drivers “ to enter & drive the other side of the bridge to Lepperton Jcn”. ( Bragging rights!)

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 5 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Overhanging tree branches trimmed back near Te Arie road.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Weed spraying at bridge 3 & Te Arie area.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2 fruit trees planted ( Feijoa's)

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Meeting pre the AGM this coming Sunday.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Voting papers checked in readiness for AGM.

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Made the brackets & fitted on the BP mod F726.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Primed ready for painting.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Emptied the rubbish tin.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Binding documents.

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Make & fit electrical jumper cable securing bracket F 706.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paperwork.

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 1 staff

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Weed Spraying

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sorting out catering needs for the AGM on Sunday.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Preparing for the fitting of the internal electrical cables in F 706.

Well this is my last Monthly Report as General Manager & from  
Sunday a new incumbent will be installed.

Thanks to the staff who have dug deep in training, learning new skills & are  
now ready to step up a big thank you.

Regards,

Denyse Bettridge.



Thanks to all our staff who have been brilliant in what has been achieved over the last 6 ½ years or so.

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