

## MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2014.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Planting between Waitara Road & Waitara.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The donated Camellia's were also put in.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 9 staff

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Fitting creep straps.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Attending to pier stud.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> More planting down the hill.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paul Heighton had a look over the bridge re sleepering & offered advice on the imminent track laying.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paper work filing.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Send out Monthly reports.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2 visitors—Grant Craig & Louise Burnside from FRONZ.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bill working on Head Boards on the UB.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Trevor, Eileen & Denyse entertaining Grant & Louise.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Had a phone call from Neville Saunders asking if I would give a talk on the WRPS at a Rotary luncheon.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> UB 955 Head board fittings.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Drawings for bridge track fitment.

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

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Overhaul work on UB 955.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 7 staff.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 35---8,709

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Eileen on computer training.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Mike planting trees.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bill's Mum donated some natives, & were planted in the low area behind the trolley sheds.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Most of the crew were painting under the 50'00" spans bottom leaf. Last of the creep straps marked out , drilled & fitted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The flat belt on the big drill press has disintegrated & needs renewal of some kind. Belting is most likely hard to come by now.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bill & Carl fitted the last creep straps.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Eileen & Denyse measuring up for the packing sleepers to go onto the abutments.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Cut down some of the very large Gorse bushes on the top of the river bank.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Prepared & E Mailed out the drawings & photos for the bridge sleepers on the abutments.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Started on the Safety case revision.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Paper work.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Carpet Roses & yukka's planted at Waitara.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Went to New Plymouth to see Marty from Cameron Scaffolding, show him the drawings & photos of where & how the last sleeper needs to be fitted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Plan of attack now sorted.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Due to the weather at the moment may not be done by Saturday, But he knows what the score is.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> While in New Plymouth went into Smart Road to see if the search light signals are still available, to pick up when we are ready.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Received the ALCAM REPORTS FROM Kiwi Rail , printed off, read & digested.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sent an E Mail to Kiwi Rail re safety findings on our Rail Corridor ( Road Crossings) & future findings on the 4 rural crossings that will come into play & running around the train.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> For this there are two options that have been put to Kiwi Rail for options on the rail corridor that is still under farm leases or the lepperton yard, in regard to the ALCAM report sent out by Kiwi Rail.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The reply could be interesting!

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 3 staff.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Fine weather at long last!
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Trevor & Bryan mowing the lawns at Waitara.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Denyse cutting out a huge Gorse bush out down at the bridge.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Scaffolding came & reset the scaffold so that the last sleeper on the bridge can be fitted.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Went to Gig Jims Nursery & purchased 2 beautiful purple Cordylines, 2 Veyrea Rhodo's & 2 Azalias which will give much colour & form at our Waitara Road site entranceway especialy during the winter.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 2584 fueled up.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 10 staff on duty.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 36---8,852
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bridge work, laying the running rails, clearing more of the old water mains etc.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Spoil NAK wagons having planks fitted to retain ballast & or spoil.
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> NAK 6541 12 month check

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> NAK 6486 12 MONTH Check

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> NAK 6541 one side planking finished along with “ lift off brackets” so that they can be removed when the ballast / spoil removal job is completed. Pretty they are not BUT functional YES!

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Rail fastening & gauging on the bridge.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> The creep straps are now fully completed.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Torpedo rail towed back onto the bridge ready for gauging & fastening down.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Work vehicles placed into the siding at Waitara Road & train assembled for two charters this week.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Ok to run cards for Nak wagons fitted into the cab of 2584.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Empty the rubbish from the station into the fire pit.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Work on the bridge documentation for filing.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bell Block Pre School charter.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> 6 staff on duty.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Received 2 copies of an article on the WRPS printed in issue 90 of Locomotives International ( UK publication) written by Phil Barnes who visits us from London every few years.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Spiking down the southern side running rail on the bridge

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Preparing for Saturdays work shedual on the bridge.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 11 staff

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 37---9,111

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Eileen & Denyse attended the Kamatua TIAIA briefing at Owai Marae at Waitara on the Te Atiawa Treaty Settlement with the Crown, by invitation.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Te Atiawa in my opinion have done a real good job of their settlement process, & now that processes are clearer, Eileen will make an appointment to have a preliminary discussion over possible land banked rail corridor areas between the bridge & Lepperton. ( mostly at Sentry Hill).

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> We are taking a proactive long term view on this matter as to how it may affect or not affect us as far as the Sentry Hill site is concerned.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Because of its Historic value to both Te Atiawa & the WRPS there could be mutual benefit in the wider realm of mutual benefit as far as tourism is concerned.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> I feel that there is nothing to fear from what is perceived that may or may not happen, sensible dialogue is the key.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Long term & early discussions are a sensible must, not reactive wooly thinking.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The torpedo rails on the bridge were spiked down.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Sleepers fitted, levelled & temporarily packed on the bridge approaches.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Walkway on middle of the bridge started.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Scaffolding ready to come off.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Meeting between the Chairman ( Keith Piper) & Denyse Bettridge ( General Manager) over the new management changes & AGM.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Bridge documentation to file.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Photos of a shed that has been offered to us by Taranaki Pine sawmill for free looks quite good.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> checked it out, measured & fully photographed it .

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Drawing prepared.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Outdoor bench seat water blasted by Carl ready for painting.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Mike Zeier planted some Dahlias down at the Waitara Yard.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Stack all the spare points & signal equipment for sorting later.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Clear the site for the new loco parts shed.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Rang the Scaffolding Company, the scaffolding on the bridge to be removed either Wednesday or Thursday.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Shed delivered from Taranaki Pine'

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Set up on bearers to level up later on.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Place battery in ticket office on charge.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Scaffolding Company taking down the scaffolding on the bridge.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Thanked the Chicken farmer for allowing us to access the bridge through his property.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Paper work.

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

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> AGM report started.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Skills register updated.

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

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Charter—Bell Block play group ( 2<sup>nd</sup> party group)

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> This group gave us a generous donation as well.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 6 staff on duty.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The scaffolders finished taking off the scaffolding this morning.

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

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

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Volunteer hours at week 39---9,302

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 4 visitors from the Phoenix Morris Dancers.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Bridge work completed , site tidied up, last of the old water main removed from the site'

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Only the ballasting on the bridge approaches to be done.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Retaining wall for ballast retention fitted.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Track inspection to lepperton carried out now that we can get across the bridge.



<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Spoil wagons taken down to Waitara ro be loaded up when the ballast arrives for the bridge.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Meeting held with the Phoenix Morris Dancers to lay out plans on our involvement in January 2015 when there will be delegates in Taranaki for 5 days , with a lot from overseas countries in attendance as well. We hear there will be some UK rail fans amongst them.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Busy day getting the Saturday work documenting done.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Ballast for the bridge approaches was ordered this morning.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Scrap dealer was rung to lift all the prepared scrap.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Paper work.

Well it has been a very- very busy month with the bridge only having the ballast needed on the approaches, levelled & tamped.

As the AGM is now due, the major work has been completed for this just finishing calendar year, with processes ship shape for the incoming management team.

Regards to you all,

Denyse Bettridge,

General Manager.