

MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2014.

Thursday 1st.

³⁵₁₇ 3 staff.

³⁵₁₇ New Volunteer Darrin Turtle started today.

³⁵₁₇ Darrin is a very good worker & joins in well.

³⁵₁₇ Wayne Curry the chicken farmer who's land we cross to reach the bridge spent some time with us today catching up with what we are doing. This sort of co- operation is excellent.

³⁵₁₇ Rang Marty from Cameron scaffolding to check on whether there could be cost/over runs on the scaffolding due to weather delays, the price quoted stays as is.

³⁵₁₇ Wayne Buckthought from the contractors had a site meeting with me this morning, took him through the bridge document, spoke about his excellent staff & he was pleased to see WRPS members helping on the structure & liasing with his staff.

³⁵₁₇ Had a visit also by Bill Crofskey from the Taranaki Regional Council re an anonymous phone call over Deadly Night Shade & Old Mans Beard growing on the banks of the river.

³⁵₁₇ It was pointed out to him where the Rail corridor boundaries are & it sure is not on our property, & I pointed to the far worse infestation across the river which he did not seem to be that interested in.

³⁵₁₇ There is a large tree in the river that has been wedged into the eastern bank for many years & has not budged even in big floods.

³⁵₁₇ He could not fault our management of the bridge work site over the Waiongona river either.

³⁵₁₇ If there was a problem with obstructions in the river channel we would help in anyway we could with our limited resources to assist.

³⁵₁₇ Wayne Curry was also in consultation with the TDC over this matter & we both agree that we do not have any problem.

³⁵₁₇ Wayne knows that we are going the extra mile in assisting with weed control & are very proactive in this area.

³⁵₁₇ WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

³⁵₁₇ Good progress on the bridge structure with the Eastern 15'.00" span ready for the sleepers to be fitted.

³⁵₁₇ The 50'.00" span laborious repair has started & is going to take a while.

³⁵₁₇ The Western 15'.00" span sleepers are bolted down & just minor work needed.

Friday 2nd.

³⁵₁₇ 4 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Contractors put in a huge day on the 50'.00" span with many rivet heads restored by welding along with a lot of awkward corroded rivets removed for bolting.

³⁵₁₇ This bridge has thrown up a lot of curly surprises in some areas but we are on top of them.

³⁵₁₇ We all went home "buggered."

³⁵₁₇ WRPS crew followed up with bolting & preparation for tomorrows effort by "the heavy gang".

³⁵₁₇ Lawns mowed at Waitara.

Saturday 3rd.

³⁵₁₇ 11 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Volunteer hours at week 30---7,200

³⁵/₁₇ Darrin Turtle our new recruit has now met & worked with most of our working members & fitted in just fine.

³⁵/₁₇ Keith & Neville working on F 726 , put insulation in the wall cavity & fitted T&G siding.

³⁵/₁₇ The heavy gang placed all the sleepers onto the eastern 15'.00" span & loosely fitted the hook bolts ready for marking out & drilling the creep straps.

³⁵/₁₇ The 2.3 sleepers for the middle span were removed from the wagons & placed in stack at the foot of the bridge ready for laying when the structure is ready.

³⁵/₁₇ All remaining bolts were stored in bins & the packaging put in the farmers fire pit.

³⁵/₁₇ The two service wagons were returned to the storage sidings at Waitara.

³⁵/₁₇ Staff were taken through the rivet restoration procedures & a drawing is now produced for the corrosion parameters that will need to be followed.

³⁵/₁₇ More bolting on the spans was carried out.

Sunday 4th.

³⁵/₁₇ Paperwork & documenting day.

Monday 5th.

³⁵/₁₇ Re binding documents into larger folders & labelling them.

³⁵/₁₇ Long job but slowly winning.

Tuesday 6th.

2 staff.

Jim B & I .

Fitted the creep straps & bolted down the sleepers on the eastern 15'.00" span.

Wednesday 7th.

³⁵/₁₇ 3 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Doing bridge budget.

³⁵/₁₇ Recyclable timber delivered.

³⁵/₁₇ Bridge work inspection.

Thursday 8th.

³⁵/₁₇ 3 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Continued filing & stacking of documents into larger folders.

³⁵/₁₇ Training of new recruit Darren AT Waitara Road

³⁵/₁₇ Jim Hook rust proofing painting & top coat painting on the 50'.00" span..

Friday 9th.

³⁵/₁₇ 1 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Continued rebinding & compaction of documents.

Saturday 10th.

³⁵/₁₇ 13 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Volunteers hours at week 31---7,383

³⁵/₁₇ Keith, Eileen & Helen attended the garden festival meeting at Stratford.

³⁵/₁₇ Keith H & Dave O fitted timber structural elements into F726, fitted insulation & fitted the last of the tongue & groove siding.

³⁵/₁₇ The painting of the outside was carried out along with the repaired guards look out ducket.

³⁵/₁₇ The rest of the crew worked on the bridge as per day 35 report in the bridge document.

³⁵/₁₇ 3 monthly check carried out on 2584.

Sunday 11th.

³⁵/₁₇ 8 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Bridge work documenting.

³⁵/₁₇ Repairs to Keith's trolley shed doors.

³⁵/₁₇ Crew of welders preparing modified clamps.

³⁵/₁₇ Sleepers fitted, bridge now 90% with new sleepers.

³⁵/₁₇ A big thank you for helping on a beautiful sunny day.

³⁵/₁₇ It was appreciated.

³⁵/₁₇ The real fruit ice creams went down a treat --Picnic on the bridge!

Monday 12th.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ 1 visitor—Richard Head from Main Line Steam-- Plimmerton.

³⁵/₁₇ Fitting bolts & cleaning up the scrap metal at the bridge.

³⁵/₁₇ Filing bridge documentation.

³⁵/₁₇ Showed Richard Head what we are doing & gave a tour of our Railway.

Tuesday 13th.

³⁵/₁₇ Ordered the last 5 bolts needed for the rivets removed from the western spans on Friday by the Contractors.

³⁵/₁₇ Jim painted the last section of the 50'.00" span, now ready for fitting the rest of the 2.3 sleepers.

³⁵/₁₇ Rang Wayne Buckthought to cancel Wednesdays finishing up work,,
very poor weather predicted until Thursday.

³⁵/₁₇ Friday will be the day as a fine day is in the offing.

Wednesday 14th.

³⁵/₁₇ Picked up the bridge bolts from Steel & Tube.

³⁵/₁₇ Purchased a 22 mm drill bit for drilling the creep strap bolt holes.

³⁵/₁₇ Had a phone call from Ria Julian asking if we could use another
volunteer.

³⁵/₁₇ I spoke to Graeme Chistiansen about what we do & he will meet with
me on Saturday. 027-6898-159. 30 Gold Street, Waitara.

³⁵/₁₇ Paper Work as usual.

³⁵/₁₇ Committee meeting tonight at Dave Oxley's residence in New
Plymouth.

Thursday 15th.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff

³⁵/₁₇ 1 visitor.

³⁵/₁₇ Did the shunt for the work train down to the bridge at 8.30 am
tomorrow.

³⁵/₁₇ Placed other needed tools & equipment in the mobile workshop.

³⁵/₁₇ Rang Noel to see if he could assist tomorrow.

³⁵/₁₇ Alec Fahy dropped of some materials, books, office equipment &
overalls.

³⁵/₁₇ Some of this material came from the wound down Railway
Superanuitants association which is gratefully received.

Friday 16th.

³⁵₁₇ 7 staff.

³⁵₁₇ 2 contractors.

³⁵₁₇ Structural repairs completed on the bridge spans.

³⁵₁₇ Sleeper fitting completed except where the scaffolding has to be adjusted for fitting the other 7 sleepers.

³⁵₁₇ The old corroded redundant water main removed from the bridge.

³⁵₁₇ This was a delicate slow moving job due to the water main disentergrating in places & care had to be taken so that it did not collapse & fall into the river.

³⁵₁₇ It was a good job by all concerned.

³⁵₁₇ Waitara Road lawns mowed.

Saturday 17th.

³⁵₁₇ 112 staff.

³⁵₁₇ 1 visitor.

³⁵₁₇ Volunteer Hours at week 32---7,681

³⁵₁₇ F726 Insulation fitted, outside cladding added & planning on the roof repairs.

³⁵₁₇ Fencing wire fitted down low to keep the goats on their side of the fence

³⁵₁₇ Clearing spoil off the track at bridge 3.

³⁵₁₇ Golden flax planted on the bank amongst the hollies by bridge 3.

³⁵₁₇ Walked the track from Waitara Road to bridge 3 for an inspection.

³⁵₁₇ Old water main segments brought up from bridge 2 to Waitara Road.

³⁵₁₇ Bolts painted on bridge.

³⁵/₁₇ Water main brackets removed from the bottom chords of the spans, lifted up & brought up to Waitara Road.

Sunday 18th.

³⁵/₁₇ 1 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Mike Zeier planting plants between Waitara Road & down to Waitara.

³⁵/₁₇ Bags of garden waste picked up from the Butterfly garden.

³⁵/₁₇ Holly tree at Kairau Road pruned back from the track.

³⁵/₁₇ Prunings taken to the fire pit.

³⁵/₁₇ The Pohutukawa growing in the pot at Waitara road has now been planted on the bank down the hill.

³⁵/₁₇ Denyse & Eileen representing the WRPS at the TATATM barbeque at Kent Road.

Monday 19th.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Jim & Denyse grinding the sleeper clamps to shape & Zinc coating them.

³⁵/₁₇ Scrap recovery.

Tuesday 20th.

³⁵/₁₇ Paperwork.

³⁵/₁₇ Martin from Cameron Scaffolding rang, meeting crew at the bridge tomorrow between 8.30-9.00am.

³⁵/₁₇ To supply their tool box reports on the bridge.

Wednesday 21st.

³⁵/₁₇ 3 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Full documentation received from the scaffolding firm

- ³⁵/₁₇ Scaffolding adjusted to be able to fit the last 13 sleepers in.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Work program with scaffolding firm written into a document.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Further sleeper clamping clips prepared.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Document filling.

Thursday 22nd.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 3 staff.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Rubbish in the fire pit burnt.
- ³⁵/₁₇ The alterations to the sleeper clamps are finished, just need Zinc coating.
- ³⁵/₁₇ More of the office revamp carried out.

Friday 23rd.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff.
- ³⁵/₁₇ The last 37 sleeper clamps were finished today.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Picked up the spray on Zinc coating from Guthrey Bowrons.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Paper work.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Clean up & restacking of parts in the Machine shop shed.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Lathe installed in it's new position.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Called in to have a coffee with Cheryl George at her little coffee shop where "net working" takes place & spreading the word about ourselves.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Just as I was about to leave 2 customers called in & they had just sold their horticultural business & we got offered some Camellias for free if we wanted them.
- ³⁵/₁₇ A big thank you to Graeme Mulvay, 88 Richmond Road.
- ³⁵/₁₇ To pick up on Sunday.

Saturday 24th.

³⁵/₁₇ 12 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Volunteer hours at week 33---7,867

³⁵/₁₇ The materials for the workshop building were delivered from Okato at 9.00am in the morning down at the Waitara yard between Browne & Grey streets.

³⁵/₁₇ Loaded onto the Us wagon, tied down & placed in the siding at Waitara Road.

³⁵/₁₇ 12 sleepers were laid on the bridge after the adjustments to the scaffolding had allowed this.

³⁵/₁₇ Creep straps marked & drilled.

³⁵/₁₇ F726 continued repairs.

Sunday 25th.

³⁵/₁₇ 8 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Picked up a trailer load of donated plants from Graham Mulvay & delivered to Waitara Road.

³⁵/₁₇ Motor trolley charter for a birthday group was run for a donation.

³⁵/₁₇ EA wagon new head boards fitted.

³⁵/₁₇ Planting on the bank down by the Glade & at Waitara.

³⁵/₁₇ Fitting new hold down nuts on the bridge girders.

³⁵/₁₇ Marked out the last of the creep straps & taken up to Waitara Road for drilling.

Monday 26th.

³⁵/₁₇ 1 staff.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 2 visitors. (Corso delivered a book for our library & Keith Young from Otarahanga called in for some help & advice.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Drawing prepared for the packings for the bridge.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Drawing delivered to Warner Construction.
- ³⁵/₁₇ 2 short creep straps completed & 1 other partly finished.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Auditor rang finalising some details for the AGM.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Estelias planted around the stop blocks on the Waitara Yard sidings. Softens the look very well.

Tuesday 27th.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 3 staff.
- ³⁵/₁₇ UB 955 ex EA 3298 end boards.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Paint for UB purchased.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Creep straps drilled & others marked out.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Phone call from Jill Tucker requesting an interview on access radio.

Wednesday 28th.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 1 staff.
- ³⁵/₁₇ 2 visitors.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Filing documents.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Pre Radio interview with Jill Tucker.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Date set for two weeks hence to get the draft for the interview settled.

Thursday 29th.

- ³⁵/₁₇ 1 staff.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Drilling creep straps.

Friday 30th.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff mowing Waitara Road lawns.

³⁵/₁₇ Eileen & Denyse off to the FRONZ conference in Wanganui.

Saturday 31st.

³⁵/₁₇ 8 staff on duty.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 at FRONZ conference.

³⁵/₁₇ Bridge work as set out.

³⁵/₁₇ Volunteer hours at week 34---8,074.

Cheers from the WRPS.

Denyse.