

## Monthly Report July 2013.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Ordered the ballast for the points for the Waitara Road siding.
- Shifted the locomotive & mobile workshop out of the way for the ballast delivery tomorrow.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- The 2 Brian's mowed the lawns at Waitara.
- Got started onto my annual report for the AGM.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>.

- 10 staff on duty.
- Jim & Ian fitting chicken wire onto the points covers at the D&D siding.
- Noel made some cupboard doors for under the sink & fitted them, plus some other alterations for the caterers.
- Bill & Carl were stripping out useful spare parts from two us wagons that we were given for spares.
- Adam, Keith, Neville & I on placing ballast into the new points.
- Packed in at 2.00pm when the rain set in.
- Eileen helping Noel.
- Volunteer hours at week 39===9,100

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 Staff.
- Jim Hook & I.
- Measuring up for bushes required for points rodding.
- Rubbish burnt.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Management meeting.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Just me today machining bushes for the new point roding & fitted up ready for full installation tomorrow.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Corrections on site.
- 12 Staff on duty.
- Corrections laying new ballast & raking & levelling earthworks on the new siding at Waitara Road.
- Carriage vestibule doors jamming repaired Noel & Ian.
- A load of donated wagon spare parts delivered & stacked for storage.
- Jim & Carl were building a cart for the welder for getting it to the locomotive (414).
- Keith, Dave & I worked on the placing of plates under the points blades & fitted the operating lever in. Ready for the timber structure to be fitted.
- The yard was re shunted & the spoil wagons taken down to Waitara.
- The mobile workshop stable back into D & D's siding & the train set up ready for the upcoming charters.
- Where did the winter break go?
- Volunteer hours at week 40—9,304.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> load of ballast for Waitara Road delivered.
- Meeting with Keith Piper setting up AGM.
- Helen delivered 2 tool boxes for the workshop.
- Hazards tool box kit delivered.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Corrections on site.
- 6 Staff.

- Corrections crew cleaned up & burnt the considerable amount of storm damage hedge row material blown around our site at Waitara Road.
- Mike L & I fitted a fire hose down by the fire pit.
- Noel A started fitting the timber trolley turning pads in the new points .
- Mike L, Jim B & I finished the new points into an operating mode. Seized blade connections were freed, angle iron bracing fitted etc. As the young ones say “sweet as”.
- Volunteer hours at week 41—9,445

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Big earthquake originating out of Cook Strait. Track to be inspected tomorrow.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Part inspection carried at possible trouble spots. Nothing evident. Full inspection required.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Corrections on site.
- 13 staff & 1 visitor.
- Corrections putting in new ballast at Waitara Road & levelling for access roadway for the workshop.
- A large team went down to Waverley to extract & pick up the remaining equipment.
- A track inspection was done from Lepperton to Waitara cleaning up storm damage & earthquake inspections on culverts, bridge etc.
- The flange ways at Kairau Road & 3 milk tanker access tracks to farms were also cleared.
- Volunteer hours at week 42---9,653

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.

- AGM at Waitara Road today. No change in Management team.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Went to New Plymouth to purchase a more robust 24 volt charger to charge up the battery of 2584 in 24 volt blocks, very slow but it gets the job done.
- Also purchased some 1200 amp jumper leads.
- Eileen & I attended the Volunteer chairman's training seminar run by the NPDC volunteer co-ordinator in New Plymouth. Well worth it.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 4 staff today.
- Denyse & Mike L on repairing the front fence & battery charging.
- Trevor O & Bryan B painting the front fence.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Continued battery charging.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Meeting with the Stratford District Council Mayor.
- 4 staff on duty.
- Brian J & Les S got the fuelling container filled for the Locomotive.
- Denyse & Keith H finished the battery charging & cranked up 2584 & parked the train at the platform ready for the charter on Saturday.
- Voltage regulators checked OK.
- Battery cells checked.
- Measured up & preparing drawings for the manufacture of transition fish plates.

It has been a quieter month & will now be cranking into the new season.

Denyse Bettridge, General Manager.