

MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER, 2012.

Monday 1st.

- The usual end of month reporting, documenting & filing.

Tuesday 2nd.

- At Access Radio this morning helping Heather Dodunski with her programme on Volunteering in the community & the WRPS.
- Thanks Heather, it was worthwhile.

Wednesday 3rd.

- Corrections on site, emptied the two spoil wagons in the low area between Richmond & Kairau Roads.
- # 2 engine lost it's two water pump belts, spare set fitted by one of the corrections guys who did a good job.
- Jim B, Noel A & Dave O went to Hawera & uplifted the signal post, now stored ready for restoration.
- Mike L & I with the CWC , electrical work on 2584 & the museum.

Thursday 4th.

- Mike L & I working on the museum.

Friday 5th.

- Noel A, Jim B, Dave O, Ken E, Jim H, Mike L, Neil S Robyn S, & I (well 12 of us } removing the pair of semaphore signals from Waverley , dismantle & transport back to Waitara Road.
- The heavy wind was no help, but the help by Hi Rail contractors for Kiwi Rail who happened to be at Waverley removing old poles & removing the north end points, dug out most the soil around the posts, saved a lot of digging. Thanks guys.
- Once again thanks to Bill, Merle, Jean & Colin from the Waverley group who put on morning tea for us & assisted a huge thank you. You are good people.
- A big Mihi goes out to the Waverley saw mills for one of their staff to bring the fork lift in & lift out the signals.
- This was appreciated by us.
- The signal posts were separated into two halves for transport by trailers back to New Plymouth & Eltham overnight.

- A long 9 hour day by us all, but very successful.
- Thanks to all who that were involved.

Saturday 6th.

- No Corrections on site, insufficient numbers.
- Unload signal gear from Waverley.
- Bill finishing 3 month check on Dsc 2584.
- 20 on site today, doing various jobs.
- Benjie Ortillo & I went down to Waitara, where Benjie has electronically (GPS) mapped the Waitara yard area from west of Browne Street to east of Queen Street. This is going to be of great benefit to us in our ongoing work in that area.
- Many thanks to Benjie's boss for allowing him to use the surveying equipment. It is appreciated.
- Today was the final week of recording the first year of recording the Volunteer hours worked on the WRPS Inc. & is indicative of the hard work both on off site & on-site that our crew, corrections workers & others who have assisted from time to time a BIG thank you.
- Hours @ week 52—16,088 & to put a dollar value on this input @ \$15.00 P/Hour == \$241,320.00

Sunday 7th.

- 2 excursion runs. 11.00AM & 1.00 PM.
- Both well loaded.
- Catering donations \$72.40
- 6 staff on duty.
- Did a wee package of railway goodies for young Colin Orpillo in recognition of his Dad's help with the surveying yesterday. He hung on tightly to the fridge magnets!
- Mike the Irish our corrections crew supervisor came up to Waitara Road yard to have a chat & met his wife Diane.
- I appreciate this. Mike was showing Diane the work he is doing for us with corrections.

Wednesday 10th.

- Torque Wrench & Rotor Broach cutters arrived, photographed & entered into the assets register. Thanks to TET.
- Monthly management meeting held at Trevor & Lyn O'Keefe's house in New Plymouth.

Thursday 11th.

- Mike Lehrke, Jamie Shotter & I .
- Mike mowed the lawns at Waitara Road.
- Jamie & I cleaned up some rubbish & burnt it.
- Sorted some more gear out for the museum.
- Jamie brought some costings in for attachments for his MIG welder.
- Filing up documents.

Friday 12th.

- Mike L, Trevor O, Brian B & I on deck today.
- Trevor & Brian mowing & weed eating at Waitara.
- Mike L & I on the Museum.
- Sorted the niggling electrical problem on 2584.

Saturday 13th.

- Real foul weather, corrections rained out.
- Charter cancelled, to be run at another time.
- Must say winter has finally arrived!
- Corrections on site digging out old ballast at Waitara.
- 5 of us on site at Waitara Road Jim H, Jim B, Nick E, Keith H, & me. With the miserable weather there was only one option drink tea & go through the minor list of materials & processes on the Bagnall 414. The world was put to right -- Maybe!
- Voluntary hours week #1 186 hrs.

Sunday 14th.

- 2 charters today.
- 12 staff on duty.
- Nick Edmunds on guard & shunting training.
- Catering donation \$ 31.00
- Mower shed being sorted into a locomotive spares building as well.

- Mike Z back doing the rounds of his portfolio after being away in Europe for 6 weeks. Every thing is growing well!

Monday 15th.

- Prepare electrical component layout drawing for Dsa 414.

Tuesday 16th.

- Mike L & I today.
- Mike working on the Museum.
- A load of recycled timber was delivered.
- Taking photos of electrical equipment for the guys who will rewire 414. These will be added to the wiring diagram's to add as a training aid.
- Sorted out the list of Heritage vehicles, there were some that I new nothing about, were never recorded of their true status. Thanks for the Heritage trust's Bruce Shalder for getting this sorted & the amendments to the Safety case completed & corrected.

Wednesday 17th.

- Preparing the re wiring prints for 414.

Thursday 18th.

- Finish the re wiring drawings for 414.
- How to sequential manual produced for training purposes.

Friday 19th.

- One charter 2.00pm.
- Truck load of donated plants delivered to Waitara Road.

Saturday 20th.

- Corrections on site.
- 13 WRPS crew.
- Corrections crew emptied some old ballast from Waitara into the loop at Waitara Road, lifted & packed.
- CWC also did a host of odd jobs which was appreciated.
- Noel A & Dave O have started the first stages of rebuilding one of the signals. 4 CWC workers lifted ½ of one mast onto Noels trailer, Oh to be young!

- Jim B & I went through the rewiring process in readiness for the future start on this aspect.
- Jim B is sorting out the needed materials for fitting the “Farter Valves” on 414 & stripped & cleaned 2 ready to fit.
- Mike Z trimming around the trees, & planted some more vegetation.
- Mike L & Nick E both on training today. (Shunting & Driving) on the work train.
- Keith H & Neil S finished overhauling the brake cylinder for F726 & fitted it.
- Volunteer hours at week 2—511 hrs.

Sunday 21st.

- Two excursions.
- Wet miserable day.
- 7 staff on duty.
- Thanks to Muriel H & Gillian H for standing in for Eileen B today.
- Mike L & Nick E on training today & also on emergency brake procedures.
- The rail was very greasy today with this heavy humid rain 2584 was struggling up the 1 in 40 grade from Waitara to Waitara Road.
- That was a learning curve for Mike L & handled it very well on the rest of the trips.
- Catering donations \$ 43.10
- Benjie Orpilla called in to bring the site maps that he produced. Many thanks from all of us Benjie.

Monday 22nd.

- 3 staff today. Heather H, Mike Z & I.
- Heather putting in more plants down at Waitara.
- Mike & I picked up the unwanted materials from Magnolia Glade & placed them into the re-cycled timber stack.
- We also slashed some emerging fennel, staked & secured some trees that were bashed around by the wind to stabilize them & cleaned up the long grass around the emerging trees.
- Also did some planning on the upcoming work by the corrections crew for the next two weeks.

Tuesday 23rd.

- Site plans for Waitara laminated & bound into a file.

Wednesday 24th.

- Working Bee, Mike L, Nick E & Denyse B.
- Waitara Road lawns mowed.
- Mower shed getting sorted for loco parts & at last the mower cleared out of the machine shop.
- All the blown brake hoses had the ends cut off & stored in a box for further use.
- Rubbish burnt in the fire pit.

Thursday 25th.

- Doing interperitive artwork the museum displays.

Friday 26th.

- Jim & Pat Hook weeding the gardens up by the entrance gate at Waitara Road.
- Mike Leherke & I brought back the wheel sets, parts & wheel assembly jig for the projected Rail Bus, & stored them.

Saturday 26th.

- CWC on site digging out the last stretch of track on the new main to Grey St. Good job well done.
- Pat & Jim Hook weeding the gardens at the front gate & getting rid of the weeds.
- Pat H brought us some delicious Lemon flavoured Muffins for morning tea, No left overs for Jim!
- Nick & Jim B were fitting "Farter valves" onto the main reservoirs of Bagnall 414 & stripping the cooling fan safety shroud off the Caterpillar radiator ready for new belts. That residue Fertilizer sure corrodes fittings.
- To fill in time I used a pick axe cleaning road material off the web of the rails in the run around loop, hard work is that!
- Brian J removed one of the seized up doors off the engine room # 2 end of 2584, drilled out the eyes on the hinges to a slightly oversize, bolted the hinge brackets onto the door, swings nice now.
- It was with some satisfaction that at last the bridge piers have finally been examined & photographed by a dive team. Thanks to Mike Sharpe & his crew.
- The divers had to float down stream as getting the boat into the confluence of the Waiongona River & the stream that runs through the Lepperton Village. (there is a set of rapids there).

- Volunteer hours for week 3—737hrs.

Monday 29th.

- Jim Hook weeding gardens at Waitara Road.
- I was marking out the sleepers that need changing at Waitara.
- The usual paper work on a Monday.

Tuesday 30th.

- Sad to hear of the death of Grant Hjorth, I new him from a young lad going to school. It was a shock. Will be missed.
- Bridge pier inspection report on bridge #2 received today.

Wednesday. 31st.

- Mike Z weed spraying between Lepperton & Waitara Rd.
- Jim & Pat Hook weeding & putting mulch on gardens.
- Keith Piper & I finalising the funding round.
- Did some more work on the Mobile workshop, supplied safety glasses, ear muffs, First aid kit, Hung up pick axes, spade & shovels.
- Had a general tidy up & fitted another panel of wall at the top on the bin side.

We have been approached by the local Volunteer Fire Brigade to assist in a mock train vehicle crash scenario. On going.

Cheers from the WRPS Inc.

Denyse.