

MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2014

Wednesday 1st.

- ³⁵₁₇ 5 staff—Pauline, Trevor, Bryan, Brian, Denyse.
- ³⁵₁₇ Pauline finished the platform gardens & two trolley loads of weeds disposed of.
- ³⁵₁₇ Bryan mowed the Waitara Road lawns.
- ³⁵₁₇ Trevor washed down 2584.
- ³⁵₁₇ Denyse started wiring in the camera fittings on # 1 end 2584.
- ³⁵₁₇ Brian J fuel up 2584.
- ³⁵₁₇ 1 load of ballast delivered for the Waitara yard.
- ³⁵₁₇ Amended the drawings for the #1 end terminal board for the ditch lighting circuit for the camera power source.

Thursday 2nd.

- ³⁵₁₇ 1 staff -- Denyse.
- ³⁵₁₇ 2 loads of Ballast delivered to the Waitara Yard.
- ³⁵₁₇ Walked the track down to the pond & inspected the new plantings. Going to be a stunning area that is for sure.
- ³⁵₁₇ For the Cider lovers there will be plenty of the necessary raw ingredients for those so inclined! These trees have some very funny names. Maybe it is from the imbibing of the fermented apple juice or West Country sense of humour.
- ³⁵₁₇ Finished the wiring in of the camera sockets on 2584.
- ³⁵₁₇ Had a ring from Value timber, two truckloads of sleepers being delivered at 8.00 am in the morning.

Friday 3rd.

- ³⁵₁₇ 1 staff—Denyse.
- ³⁵₁₇ 2 truckloads of track sleepers delivered by Value timber & funded by the TET (Taranaki Electricity Trust) of 150 good quality pine sleepers.
- ³⁵₁₇ Did a running & charter advert for Sheryl George's Café where there is a notice board advertising our services. Thanks Sheryl.

³⁵₁₇ Sorted out some photos of Jim Hook for a newspaper article in the Mid-Week paper on Jim's volunteer award.

³⁵₁₇ Binding up documentation & filing.

Saturday 4th.

³⁵₁₇ 10 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Volunteer hours total for the 52 weeks ending 4/10/14 = 12,322 hours. These hours equated at the minimum wage of \$15.00 P.H. = \$184,830.00. In Dollar value.

³⁵₁₇ It was a miserable day with gales, heavy rain & frequent hail.

³⁵₁₇ Tr 407 had the Radiator removed & taken to New Plymouth to get the Radiator repaired.

³⁵₁₇ F 726 body work repairs.

³⁵₁₇ 150 very heavy track sleepers that had just come out of the treatment plant were stacked onto the UB wagon.

³⁵₁₇ Some ballast laid ready for levelling some of the track at Waitara tomorrow.

Sunday 5th.

³⁵₁₇ 7 staff

³⁵₁₇ Train running for 2 trips.

³⁵₁₇ Mike & Denyse laying track at Waitara.

³⁵₁₇ Reply from Graeme Bennett re visit from Silver Stream Railway members tomorrow.

Monday 6th

³⁵₁₇ 2 staff—Denyse & Jim H.

³⁵₁₇ 2 visitors from Silver stream Railway (Graeme Bennett & Ray Randall).

³⁵₁₇ Given a tour of the line.

³⁵₁₇ Had our first ever meet with Kiwi Rail freight, which was a bonus.

³⁵₁₇ Thanks for the donation.

³⁵₁₇ Shrubbery cleaned back in the cutting at Kohatu.

Tuesday 7th.

³⁵₁₇ 4 staff—Bill, Denyse, Trevor & Bryan.

³⁵₁₇ Lawns mowed at Waitara. (Bryan & Trevor)

³⁵₁₇ Measuring up for station site at Waitara for preparation of drawings. (Denyse)

³⁵₁₇ NZTA safety seminar at the Plymouth Hotel 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm (Denyse & Bill).

Wednesday 8th.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff—Denyse.

³⁵₁₇ Preparing the site plan for the proposed passenger shelter at Waitara.

³⁵₁₇ Committee meeting.

Thursday 9th.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff—Denyse.

Development drawings completed for the layout of the proposed shelter at Waitara

³⁵₁₇ Paper work & proposals for discussion on the next long term plan on priorities.

³⁵₁₇ Not too bad almost finished the first long term proposals ahead of time.

Friday 10th.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff—Denyse.

³⁵₁₇ Scaffolders arrived to finish erecting the scaffold around F 726

³⁵₁₇ Spent time on looking for a route to fit the emergency train circuit into 2584 for the 12 volt wiring run.

Saturday 11th.

³⁵₁₇ 11 staff

³⁵₁₇ Weekly volunteer hours @ week 1= 442

³⁵₁₇ Corrections crew assisting.

³⁵₁₇ 1 visitor from the UK. Member of the Talyllyn railway made a visit, found out we existed from a member of the public up on Mount Taranaki.

³⁵₁₇ Jim took him up to Waitara Road in his car, had morning tea with guys working up there & had a trip from end of our railway to the other & passed on a generous donation.. Many thanks John.

³⁵₁₇ Jim, Mike & Denyse on the work train & track work at Waitara assisted? by a corrections crew.

³⁵₁₇ The rest of the staff up at Waitara Road working on F 726 roof repairs.

³⁵₁₇ Mike also sprayed around the rest of the trees at magnolia grove to prepare for bringing the rest of the site down to the pond into MORE lawn! Bryan you have a job for life!

Sunday 12th

³⁵₁₇ 7 staff

³⁵₁₇ Bill, Carl, Keith, Jim, Noel repairing roof on F 726 in preparation for covering with vinyl.

³⁵₁₇ Denyse doing preparation work for the emergency procedures for wiring layout on the passenger vehicles & material lists.

³⁵₁₇ Document written & drawings issued for the operational of the new emergency system.

³⁵₁₇ Eileen supplied a batch of nice hot scones for morning tea while we had a discussion on processes.

Monday 13th.

³⁵₁₇ Busy day sorting out & listing materials for the new emergency system, travel into New Plymouth to get costings from suppliers, write up how to documents etc.

³⁵₁₇ Picked up some good deals which will make this viable cost wise.

³⁵₁₇ Had to think hard on the design process to make significant savings & be pragmatic on the real aim of the system in reliability, Seemed to achieve that goal.

³⁵₁₇ Adding in all this gear into some rolling stock in a tasteful cost effective manner can be a head ache, & I feel for the heritage / museum quality equipment guys who will have much angst with this.

³⁵₁₇ Interesting exercise, but sensible in my opinion.

Tuesday 14th.

³⁵₁₇ Purchase list completed on the best deals for components & being able to save \$1,094.56

³⁵₁₇ List of materials E Mailed to the committee for a decision.

Wednesday 15th.

³⁵₁₇ Development drawings for the new train emergency system

Thursday 16th.

³⁵₁₇ 6 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Jim Hook on tidying up & rubbish burning.

³⁵₁₇ Graeme & Denyse on measuring for development drawings, go to New Plymouth & search out alternative materials, which will save more & be better fittings.

³⁵₁₇ Re do some drawings to reflect the change of components.

³⁵₁₇ Noel, Keith & Jim B on F726 to finish the roof carpentry & lay the vinyl roof covering.

³⁵₁₇ Filing up new document on the new emergency system.

Friday 17th.

³⁵₁₇ Visited the Pioneer Village at Stratford today to follow up on the suggestion from the NZTA safety seminar just held recently on co working with them on training & internal auditing in both directions.

³⁵₁₇ John Campbell is the Rail Manager on that site, he was not available, but was informed that I was on site taking photos, had a lap on the locomotive & walked the track.

³⁵₁₇ I must say that what I saw was very good & the staff member who went of his way to show me around is to be congratulated.

³⁵₁₇ It is pleasant to observe the planting of trees & shrubs around the railway & it is good to see that type of care taken of the surroundings.

³⁵₁₇ Well worth a visit.

Saturday 18th.

³⁵₁₇ 11 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Volunteer hours at week 2 ==712

³⁵₁₇ Track ballasting at Waitara. Mike, Adam & Neville.

³⁵₁₇ F726 Scaffold finished with & internal painting being carried out.

³⁵₁₇ Air brake test carried out.

³⁵/₁₇ Radiator for Tr 407 brought back from repair.

³⁵/₁₇ Scrap recovery ongoing.

Sunday 19th.

³⁵/₁₇ 10staff

³⁵/₁₇ Running day.

³⁵/₁₇ Good loadings & the ratio of adults over children is shaping up in a positive way.

³⁵/₁₇ This is reflected in the earnings.

³⁵/₁₇ Keith, Bill & Carl on painting F 726.

³⁵/₁₇ Graeme Relf working with the guards learning their duties.

³⁵/₁₇ Had a good conversation with the president of the Manaia Lions on various matters which were beneficial.

Monday 20th.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Painting the interior of F 726 (Bill)

³⁵/₁₇ Binding & filing documents.

³⁵/₁₇ Assemble 1 control box.

³⁵/₁₇ Tuesday 21st.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 staff, Denyse & Graeme

³⁵/₁₇ Training on milling components.

³⁵/₁₇ 2 MU body components built for the emergency system modifications.

Wednesday 22nd.

³⁵/₁₇ 6 staff.

³⁵/₁₇ Charter.

³⁵/₁₇ Bill painting interior of F 726.

³⁵/₁₇ Scaffolding removed from around F 726.

³⁵/₁₇ Guard training for Graeme Relf.

³⁵₁₇ One serious near miss at Waitara Road with a big tractor while bringing the charter into Waitara Road full of elderly passengers.

³⁵₁₇ I have never been in shock before, but it was really frightening.

³⁵₁₇ Bill Batten (GM) & NZTA advised.

Thursday 23rd.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Met with the builders at Hickman Transport to query them re the crossing incident yesterday afternoon.

³⁵₁₇ They looked from their building foundation work when they heard the long blast on the horn & commented on the luck of the tractor driver speed & how lucky he was to escape being taken out.

³⁵₁₇ Unfortunately they did not get details of the tractor or contracting company either due to the speed that he was going.

Friday 24th.

³⁵₁₇ 2 staff. Denyse & Graeme R.

³⁵₁₇ Air brake training as applies to the whole train towards his guard's ticket.
(Graeme Relf)

Saturday 25th.

³⁵₁₇ 10 staff, 1 visitor.

³⁵₁₇ Volunteer hours at week 3 ==978

³⁵₁₇ Good to see Ewan Pound from Steam Rail Wanganui pay a visit.

³⁵₁₇ The whole day was spent by all of us working on F 726 getting it ready for the Fringe Garden Festival.

³⁵₁₇ Painting, tidying up etc. along with picking up scrap timber for firewood.

³⁵₁₇ The rest of the train was shunted onto F 726 so that the certification checks could be carried out for its OK to run certificate.

³⁵₁₇ Some training on friction bearing maintenance was carried as there are some of the "newer" staff are only conversant with roller bearings.

³⁵₁₇ The recently installed electrical system was livened up via the inter car connections & checked OK.

³⁵₁₇ The gangway plate was fitted from F 712 to A 56536 along with setting up the telescoping hand rails, after the guard's safety hand rails, horn & head light were removed.

Sunday 26th.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff (Mike Zeier)

³⁵₁₇ Undergrowth trimmed back at the Kohatu area.

³⁵₁₇ Hydrangeas planted around one stop block on the lengthened siding at Waitara.

Monday 27th.

³⁵₁₇ 4 staff Noel, Jim, Bill & Neville.

³⁵₁₇ Cleaning up & fitting seats into F 726.

³⁵₁₇ Horn & headlight fitted.

³⁵₁₇ Gangway safety rails fitted.

NEWS FLASH

17/10/2014.

The Friends of the Waverley Station Inc. have had to disband due to a lack of Volunteers, & along with Steam Rail Wanganui, the WRPS Inc. we both have inherited a donation in dispersment of the remaining funds to our collective groups.

A big thank you to both Colin & Merl for thinking of us & our good mates at Wanganui.

We know that both groups will use this money wisely.

Speaking for the WRPS our contact with the Waverly group has always been an excellent one & we wish the friends at Waverley much thanks & good wishes for the future.

Tuesday 28th.

³⁵₁₇ Tainui Village Charter.

³⁵₁₇ 7 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Train stopped on bridge to check for length for emergency procedures for evacuation purposes. No problem.

Wednesday 29th.

³⁵₁₇ 6 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Trevor & Bryan mowing the Waitara Road lawns.

³⁵₁₇ Good to see Bryan up & about after a stint in hospital, the lawn mower was having with drawl symptoms!

³⁵₁₇ Pat & Jim Hook gardening.

³⁵₁₇ Graeme & Denyse removed the BP vent pipe & plugged at the BP elbow.

³⁵₁₇ Fitted one completed train line plug for the emergency procedure electrical system, non-hand brake end A 56536.

³⁵₁₇ Graeme training on milling the next two housings for the emergency electrical system sockets on the vertical mill.

Thursday 30th.

³⁵₁₇ 1 staff-Denyse.

³⁵₁₇ Delivery & setting up portaloos toilet.

³⁵₁₇ Garden Festival sign mounted on front fence.

³⁵₁₇ Paperwork documents sorted for garden festival.

Friday 31st.

³⁵₁₇ 6 staff.

³⁵₁₇ Very quiet start to the garden festival.

³⁵₁₇ The passengers were all internal tourists & they enjoyed the experience.

³⁵₁₇ One couple from Auckland were repeat riders.

Cheers,

Denyse.