

## MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2015

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2 staff, DB & MZ.
- Weed spraying at Waitara.
- Document binding.
- Continued wiper repair document.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- 9 staff on duty. DB, MZ, NA JB, JH ,CMc, AJ, T'OK, EB.
- Eileen baking for our morning tea. Lovely apple & walnut loaf.
- Trevor O'Keeffe mowing lawns at Waitara Road down to the glade.
- Jim Hook doing scrap recovery.
- Eileen looking after our needs.
- Denyse, Mike, Jim B, Adam J, Noel A, Carl Mc, Adam J. stripped out two rail sets from the D&D siding towed the rails out & sorted & stored the track fittings. I think we will be glad when the digger arrives, bloody hard work.
- Considering the track has been buried for over 20 years the rails, fittings & sleepers are in excellent condition.
- Volunteer hours at week 30== 6,256.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 2 staff, Denyse & Eileen
- Weekly documentation for filing.
- Eileen sorting next months charter.
- Eileen do station laundry.

6 staff on duty. D & E Bettridge, Jim Blyde, Jim Hook, Brian Jury, Les Shotter.

- Inglewood play group charter.
- E Brake override training , Brian & Les.
- Paper work.
- Batteries put on charge on A 56536 & Dsc 2585 ( 24 V system)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- I staff, 2 visitors.
- Batteries fully charged overnight.
- Local upholsterer located on the other side of the highway. 85 years old & fit as.
- Going to look at what he can do for us with the seat squabs on A 56536.
- Details:- Don Suthon, 58 Bayly St, Waitara. Phone 754-6778 Don [deejays@inspire.net.nz](mailto:deejays@inspire.net.nz)
- Jean Mackle his assistant.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff off site.
- Eileen pricing vinyl for seat covering .
- Paper work.
- Sad resignation from Paul Heighton our track inspector due to failing health.
- We now have a resident bridge inspector at OPUS in New Plymouth.
- Bridge inspection due.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff. Denyse & Keith P.
- Meeting at Waitara Road.
- Filing up new manuals.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 10 staff. Jim H, Carl Mc, Denyse B, Mike Z, Jim B, Adam J, Dave O, Eileen B, Mark, Garry L.
- Volunteer hours at week 31=6,403
- Tr 407 rusted our Main Reservoir pipe removed ready for fitting a new hose when made.
- Spare wheels placed in the wheel rack storage.
- Eileen gardening.
- Eileen produced a delicious Banana cake for morning tea.
- Jim H recycling scrap, there is an amazing amount of TV's, printers, gadgets of all description, hospital beds, you name it supplies all sorts of bolts, screws, usable steel sections & importantly high value non ferris scrap.
- We were pleased to see Garry Loveridge arrive with his digger , which put a smile on the faces of the gold card holders digging out the redundant siding at Stepping Stones Nursery.

- All this siding has now been dismantled & thanks to all who helped. The sale of deep heat must have soared!

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 staff DB.---Paperwork.
- Sad to hear that our track inspector, Paul Heighton, from the Glenbrook railway has gone into the Hospice & only give 2 more days.
- Pauls last act for the WRPS was in brokering a deal between Glenbrook & the Waitara railway was an exchange from Waitara for 2 gear boxes for their Drewry Dsa for a Yc ballast wagon ready to roll for us.
- Even in his very sick state his ability to see what he started was carried out fully.
- A gentleman, right to the final call.
- Reply from Rod Furr, Keith Dufftown Railway in Scotland on the information that I did on TRICO windscreen Wiper Motors.
- There seems to a big lack of information or manuals on these wipers, every where.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff Eileen & Denyse.
- We went in to New Plymouth to ELCO Canvas Ph. 06-758 5309 E.Mail [elco.canvas@orcon.net.nz](mailto:elco.canvas@orcon.net.nz)
- NZR viny seat covering material “ Ship Mates Vinyl” 106112 Bergundy. 1.37 wide.
- I was informed that Steam Incorporated use this same colour & make for seat restoration in their carriages.
- Material cutting plans completed.
- Paid a catch up visit to Stepping Stones Nursery to advise them that the track lifting is completed except the rails under the gate which have to be severed at the boundary.
- Paperwork.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 staff off site paperwork.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

- 9 staff.
- 2 on site Jim H & Denyse.
- Rubbish burnt & sorting documents for Sundays meeting & tonight’s management meeting

- Management meeting.
- Pick up the vinyl for the carriage seat repairs from ELCO Canvas in New Plymouth

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff, Denyse & Eileen. Off site
- Marking out vinyl for seat squabs at the clothing factory.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff Denyse & Eileen.
- Spent the day in the clothing factory cutting out 13 seat squabs ready for tomorrow. Time consuming job.
- The cost of each squab material comes out at \$39.00
- E Mail from Stepping Stones Nursery thanking us for the quick removal of their old redundant private siding.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

- 9 staff DB,EB,JB,NA,MZ,CMc,NE,KH & IH.
- Temporary sub management team of Mike Zeier, Noel Arthur & Carl McChullough for the Winter break track & structures capital works were set up & implemented for training in processes & working out methods as a team.
- Mike Ziere the track manager is the leader, & Noel #2.
- In this group Noel is attached to the structures as he is a very qualified builder of long experience & will be involved with the pit installation & workshop building planning.
- Carl will be looking after the transport logistics of the shunting requirements & ballast runs for Mike.
- The aim of this is to sort out the projects into a seamless organised team project.
- As to the above:- The last of the Stepping stones siding is now lifted, but the Stepping stones internal watering system Alkathene 1 1/4" main got punctured with a pickaxe & the ensuing water spout was reminiscent of a geyser in Rotorua. OH dear. Mike found their shut off cock & there was one guy on their site doing spraying who is going to put a joiner in on Monday.
- Well we managed to puncture or adjacent water main to the glade as well with a bed plate that missed the stack & landed on top of the pipe. Which is also buried & punctured that as well.
- Noel & his team were doing the site survey for locating the pit & work shop building with attached machine shop & this will fit the site nicely.
- Noel is taking the spare seat squabs home to recover them & change out the squabs & arm rests on a rotational basis.

- All the sleepers from the site next door have been stacked.
- The ZP has been sorted out on one end for storage of the 2 Dsc traction motor spares that will be finalised very soon with the tramway museum at Paekakariki.
- Plumber came on site to organise what is needed to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> toilet underway & get it done.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.

- 3 staff.
- Eileen doing the station laundry.
- Denyse & Bill doing the audit response.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff, picking up scrap. Denyse & Jim H.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

- 3 staff, lawn mowing at Waitara & documenting. DB, T O'K, & BB.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 staff DB.
- Went & saw Fulton Hogan, the drainage contractors for the new flood wall on the western side of the river about the other lengths of track out of the old Freezing Works site to see if we could get them too.
- There could be a “donation” to their social club in exchange—worth it, very usable rails & fittings.
- Thanks to Mike Zeier our track manager for spotting these behind the fence last night & Lilly the dog.
- Filed the latest documents on the Waitara Road re-build now ½ way through Volume 3
- These documents are a great record & history of what, how, costs & manpower has occurred for future reference.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Meeting, Keith Piper & Denyse.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 9 staff.
- 2 visitors.
- Reupholstered seat squabs fitted in A 56536 that have been completed. ( Jim & Noel)

- Mike & some of his team went down to Waitara to pick up the rails from out of the old freezing works siding.
- 1 visitor from the NP camera club photographing Volunteers at work for the Council Volunteers organisation photographic display.
- 1 visitor brought in a trailer load of materials that will be useful to us. Sorted & stored.
- Body work on Tr 407.
- Eileen gardening & Noel pruned the shelter belt behind the platform.
- Bill finishing off audit matters & the gantry has now been tagged.
- Sleepers changed in the Lepperton area.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff, Eileen & Mike
- Eileen doing the station laundry.
- Mike planting Pungas down the hill & pruning Kauris.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

- 3 staff off site on management on pending procedural changes.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

- 2 staff on now known management changes.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

- 3 staff.
- Denyse started machining the port face restoration tool for a TRICO windscreen wiper motor.
- Trevor O & Bryan B mowing the lawns at Waitara Road.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 staff.
- Denyse machining Trico repair tooling.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 3 staff.
- Trevor O & Bryan B mowing the lawns at Magnolia Grove.
- Denyse machining the last components for the TRICO port face machining tool.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 5 staff on duty.
- Denyse, Jim B, Carl Mc, Mike Z, Dave O.
- Jim & Carl replacing a wheel on MT01
- Dave, removing cab doors off Tr 407 for rust removal & sand blasting.
- Mike & Denyse cleaning up dumped rubbish in the Waitara Yard.
- Planted some Karaka trees.
- Pruned trees down at the glade.
- Removed 5 trees with very large lethal thorns that made cleaning up around them hazardous.
- Weeded the front gardens at the entrance gates at Waitara Road.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 1 staff.
- Collating the monthly reporting & E Mailing same.

Denyse.