

- **Saturday 2nd February. Jim Blyde Operations**

Team in attendance today;- were Pat and Jim H, Noel A, Jim B, Ian H, Keith H, Eileen B, Adam J, Jim B, later Mike L.

- The Hooks were in the front garden for some little while then later Pat was in the platform garden.
- Adam was working on the air check valves and found no problems. There was some water laying in the bottom of one valve from the compressors to the left air reservoir. I think this will blow through when the compressors are working and the drain valve opened.
- Later after lunch I helped Adam with the 'V' belts. The two for the fan are too small. Also need an extra belt for the right sided compressor.
- B87 X 1 for the right compressor. B51 X 2 for the fan are too small. I will let Carl know of this.
- Noel's first job was to set the wheels back on the ramp and later worked in the museum with Mike L.
- Pat and Eileen were working on the roster for the kitchen side of things.
- Jim H and Ian H worked on checking all of the operating trolleys. They took WW6760 for a trot along the line which sounded quite well. They did take the others for a quick run. On there last run they went down into Waitara and return.
- With Ian and Jim H I have asked if they could look after the trolleys to which they said they would. Have mentioned that the check sheet can be altered to their requirements. I suggested a tool check list on the back of the page.
- Denyse and Noel sited where the semaphore signal is to be planted by the front gate.

- **Wednesday 06th February.**

- Carl and Jim installed the rest of “V” belts on the Dsa.

- **Thursday 07th February.**

- Jim B called by Gough Gough & Hamer to make inquiries about all things filters, tubing etc.

- **Saturday 09th February.**

- **Team in attendance today;-** were Pat and Jim H, Noel A, Jim B, Ian H, Keith H, Adam J, Jim B, Mike Z, Brian J, Les S, Trevor O & Dave O,
- Pat again was doing her gardening and look after the team at smokos.
- Dave O brought some foam rubber sheets X 3 rolls, 2 X sheets of flat aluminum of 2mm, and on loan a mobile platform which will be handy with the cleaning of the carriage on Hickman's side and the like.
- WW 6703 trolley gearbox dipstick kept in the trolley tool box. Jim B has drafted and has been accepted by Ian H and Jim H, a “trolley Prep Sheet” which is to be filled in each time the trolleys are taken on th line.
- Brian, Les and Bill did the oil and filter change N°2 end only on the Dsc 2584.
- Noel A continued with the “Shed That Mike Built”.
- Adam, Jim H floated amongst the various jobs that were going on.
- When Ian H arrived he helped Keith on F 726 Guardsvan.
- Paul Heighton arrived about 10.3°am to do the track inspection with Mike Z and Jim B. Paul was quite impressed with Mike's work that he had undertaken and offered many helpful tips to Mike. Paul mentioned about site boards for the rail leveling, to which both Mike and Jim had said they have seen these things. On the return they both looked for these boards. Mike found the tall brown units he had seen and Paul gave a demonstration on how to use them. Looking further we found the green ones Jim remembered.
Mike is looking into to refresh the tall units and will use them in the future.
- Carl continued working in the Dsa.

- **Saturday 16th**

- **Team in attendance today;-** were Pat and Jim H, Noel A, Jim B, Keith H, Adam J, Jim B, Brian J, Les S, Nick E, Neville S-J & Dave O,
- Nick roustabout. And set the carriage ready for the excursion.
- Adam J worked on the the northern points which are still not working. There is a thought of that a truck may have run over the points or even a crane.
- Keith was asked by Jim B to start the Dsc in case of starting problems. The machine started well. Once this was done Keith worked on his Guardsvan.
- Noel and Nick installed the “Magnolia Glade” sign. Noel has completed his task on the “new” mower shed. The pipe work to secure the doors is also completed. Jim B helped in this project.
- Jim H was also a roustabout. He left a bit before lunch time and came back later with Pat for the excursion.
- Carl Mc did some “gate keeping” at Waitara Road, and got a few numbers. These will be added to the register.
- Neville did some painting.
- Helen arrived to assist Pat in the kitchen.

- **Sunday 17th**

- 2 Local excursions today. Both were reasonably patronized today with good donations.
- Jim B did some “gate keeping”, also at Waitara Road today to record any vehicles that may not stop after the whistle being blown as the train was approaching the road. I will say, with a member with a Hi Viz jacket with pen and paper they sort of slow down with one or two actually stopping. The very odd vehicle still traveled at speed over the crossing though!!
- Had a look for the “Crossing Reports” and found nothing to report. Well done to the public. Even the team today had nothing to report as well as well.
- Jim B is not in favor of the “Crossing Keeper”. But have to look after the passengers!
- While waiting for the train to arrive Jim H and Jim B did some house keeping at the station.
- The lasses did some good presentation for the passengers. They loaded small plates with three items of buns etc. which seemed to work well, not so much waste-age.

- **Saturday 23rd**

- **Team in attendance today;-** were Jim H, Jim B, Keith H, Adam J, Dave O, Nathan R, Mike Z, Ian H, Bill B & Carl Mc,
- Had two visitors Glen and Dean. Glen I think who owns Da 1429. Keith was asked to show them around. They spent about an hour on site.
- Adam & Dave continued with the northern points which are now operational as before. The locking mechanism which works between the blades has never been working. Have asked Adam if he could look into this.
- Jim H charged the batteries in the A 56536 and ticket office. Again roustabouting.
- Mike Z down in Waitara with the P.D.
- Bill B worked on Dsc 2584.
- Jim B roustabout first thing then worked on the padlock for the “Mike's shed” Mike was quite happy with what was done. Nathan helped Jim B. Mike had bought a padlock for the shed.
- Ian roustabout also. Washed the floor in A 56536. Watered Eileen's plant pots.
- Keith and Nathan worked on Keith's guardsvan.