

# JIM BLYDE'S REPORT

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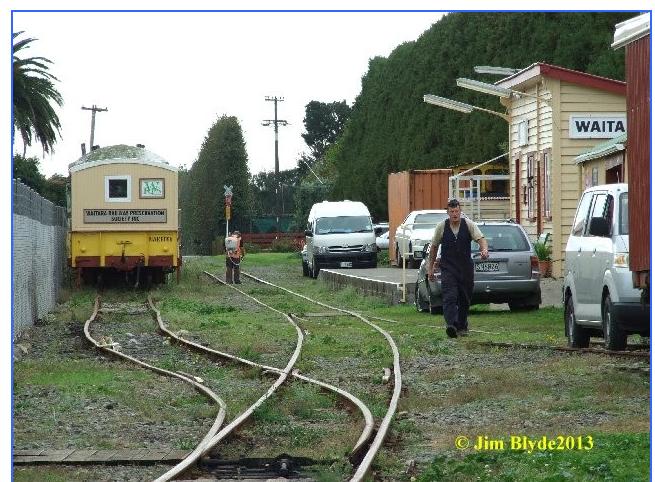
Saturday 04<sup>th</sup>.

Another good day with a reasonable number of members on site.

The PD had the task of unloading the two Nak's of old ballast. This took most of the first half of the morning. They also shifted the materials from off the well wagon and stored where requested. Later they were working at the Magnolia Glade Station.



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Pat & Jim Hook were again looking after the gardens. Jim H was a fire bug again. Also did some hand spraying through out the yard. Mike Z made up the weed spray mix form Jim H.

Mike L & Jim B sorted the keys situation and I.D'ed in the tablet cupboard. The trolley keys as well were sorted once and for all.



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Noel installed a tool drawer he had manufactured in the mobile workshop. One will see a toggle above the draw to stop the draw from opening during travel. The inner draw to keep smaller items within which also slides.

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Keith and Nathan worked on Keith's guard's van. Keith requested a welding job to be done which Jim B has asked Carl to take this task on to bring his welding skills up.

Jim B took Nathan for shunting practice. Nathan seems to think he may be ready for his guard's paper test. Jim B will watch him when he is ready for his manual test.

Eileen was in attendance to feed the lads for smoko. Also had potted around.

Jim B did some sorting in the cab of the D<sup>sa</sup>.

Various parts of the day there was a team working on the "new" set of points for the "new" workshop



Carl with Keith took the Nak's back to Waitara, ready for a reload of old ballast.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Denyse took me through what are the requirements to rewire the D<sup>sa</sup>

I then started to get some gear together.

Carl joined me later in the day as he was helping Bill on the D<sup>sc</sup>. We managed to run the conduit and the wires through, and discussed on what and how things could be done.

Not a great deal done but made a start again. Photos below:-

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

A wet day to start with. I had made my mind up as it was a wet day to make a start to dismantle the dash boards that Dave O had brought into trains. This took most of my time.

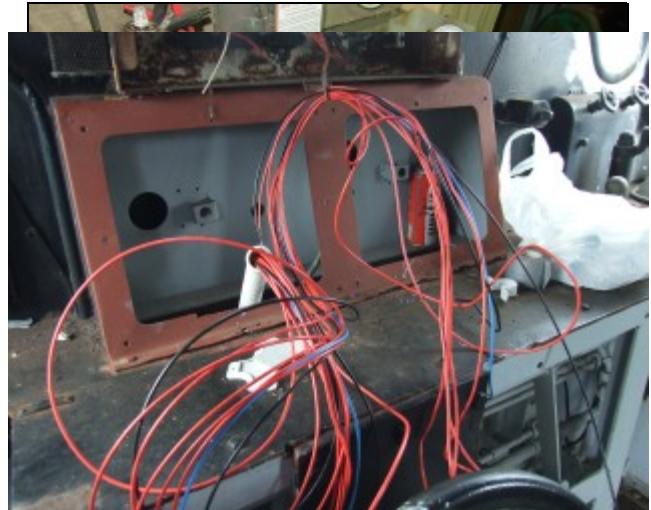
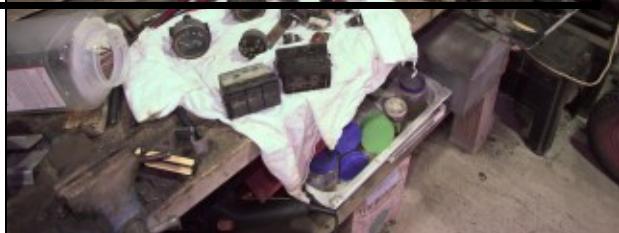
Later in the day helped on the U<sup>s</sup> 55 with the chains and Noel with the side boards.



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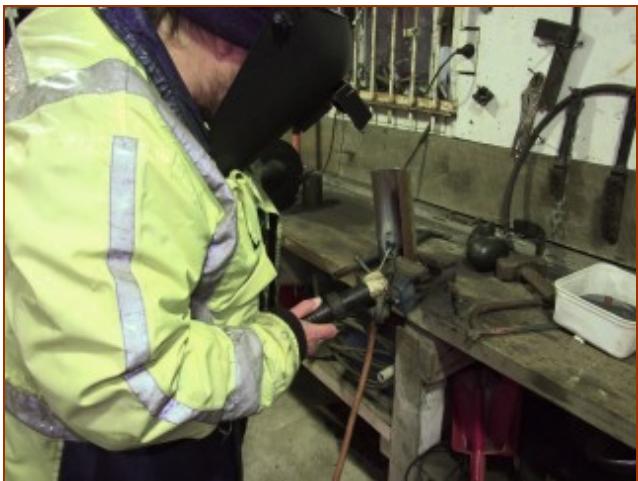
was some talk about securing the timbers on the E<sup>WW</sup>. I will Carl to watch and possibly learn up-hand welding for next Saturday.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

and I made a start to get the steel work ready to weld to for the supporting of the timbers along the side. I did the weld then got Carl to have a go at up-hand welding on the run. Carl did quite well for his first attempt, after he had a practice run in the workshop. As the day progressed the settled in which made things most awkward for us. I did manage to complete one weld on the first support. Carl suggested that he may take Wednesday off to try and complete the welding tasks.

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Carl and I went out and did some more welding etc. Between us we manage to get the six braces welded but I will have to check Carl's welding and touch up where necessary. I will finish this job on Saturday. Carl is picking up on the up-hand welding but this take some time to master.

We used two welders when we could. I used the little blue welder but this machine kept popping the circuit breaker/s. After some talking and looking we pulled the second green welder from under the bench in Bill's shed, and found this also is single phase. Plugged this in and it worked. Using this welder from Bill's shed it also kept popping the circuit breaker. What has transpired that the circuit breaker may be linked to a 10amp instead of 15/20amp. I have asked Carl to check this out and if

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possible to correct the problem.

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Denyse and Ben worked on where the nail plates where to go and nailed them home.

This ends this months' report.  
Photos Jim Blyde.