



Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust

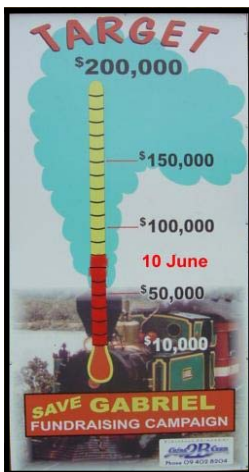
Risking Nothing But Success

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The Gabriel Campaign has raised nearly \$80,000 by the 10th June. Still short of the target so donations still very welcome please

“STOP THIEF”

The fundraising barometer at Opuia has been stolen. As this has been reported to the police any information would be appreciated.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Funding Update— F Leadley

The funding for the Railway is a huge task, but we are continuing to make progress. The “Save Gabriel” campaign is still chugging along and we now have nearly \$80,000 in the kitty towards our target - still a long way to go, but the next stage is to use the funds we have to apply to major funding bodies for a subsidy, so we will get there! We are extremely grateful for the many, many donations we have as we move towards our target. It would be nice to receive donations that match the \$50,000 from Wally Tichener of the Heritage Foundation and we are still working on this.

Lottery Heritage Grant

The big news is that we have received \$75,191.00 from the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee, so this has given us a great boost. This funding is to be used towards restoring the track in the station area and as far as Long bridge. This will be going towards sleepers, rail fastenings, ballast, and equipment required to lay track such as a rail drill and rail saw.

Pub Charity

We have also received funding from Pub Charity of \$9,500 for a tractor loader/digger to assist with track work, and other Pub Charity funding is currently under way for a replacement engine for the jigger and for a spray unit to keep the track well maintained.

Sleeper Programme

The “Buy A Sleeper Certificate” campaign is still bringing in funds, with certificates available at Paihia Pharmacy, Opuia Store and the Grass Hut, Kawakawa as well as at the Railway Station, so if you haven’t bought a bundle of certificates yet, now is your chance! This campaign has brought in close to \$10,000 so it is worth while supporting.

Gabriel

The original intention was to have Gabriel restored at the Glenbrook Railway facilities, but we have been advised that they do not have the time to look at this work for several years due to other commitments.

So, at their last meeting, the Trustees resolved that we will do the work in Kawakawa. Obviously, a start will have to be delayed until the new maintenance building is built, but it will have the workshop facilities to enable the experts among us to do the work. Some of the work will have to be farmed out, of course, and components purchased, but this is seen as an opportunity for real involvement by those with the necessary expertise and enthusiasm, and will also provide a great opportunity to commence an engineering training programme which has always been part of the dream for the Railway.

- Frank Leadley

New Trustees Get On Board.

With the departure of our Treasurer, Steven Anderson, to Australia, the Trust has lost a very hard-working member. But two new Trustees will be a great boost.

Peter Hirzell is a past owner/manager of the Four Square in Paihia and has strong business and financial experience. Peter will take over as Treasurer. "The restoration of the Vintage Railway from Kawakawa to Opuia is a fantastic project," Peter commented, "and when approached to join the Trust my wife and I felt that this would be a very interesting and worthwhile commitment. We met some of the other Trustees at the farewell to Steven Anderson - what a great bunch of committed, enthusiastic people! An added bonus", added Peter, "was sharing the moment when the NZ Maori team beat the Lions!"

The other new Trust member is Vivienne Cummings. Vivienne is from a long-established Kawakawa family and has great experience and expertise in events management and secretarial work. Vivienne will take the role of Secretary, but will also be assisting her "old" principal, Frank Leadley, with funding aspects. Vivienne has a vivacious personality and will help to add light and fun to the hard work of getting the Vintage Railway up and running.



At the Station—A Painting by Gay Heald.

ART Comes to the Station

Yes one of our own returns to provide international support to our cause. Artist Gay Heald is holding an Exhibition at the Station 2 July—17 July and will be donating 50% of the proceeds to the Railway. In her words ***All the views in this exhibition are along or very near the rail track from Kawakawa to Opuia . My aim has been to paint the simple beauty of these places in a simple conventional style.***

Gay Heald was born at Kawakawa in 1944 and grew up on a farm at Ohaeawai. She became serious about her art at Secondary school and eventually tutored in a fine arts degree course.

In her early twenties she exhibited in a number of galleries in Auckland and later in Birmingham and more recently in London. Her paintings sell internationally.

Gay is now dividing her time between Kawakawa and the UK .
So here is a real opportunity to purchase an international art piece which portrays our community and history and supports our great cause.

Out With the Old.....

Not really . The trustees wish to express , on behalf of ALL the Railway "Family their grateful thanks to hardworking, enthusiastic and former Trustee Stephen Anderson.

Even though he his is an Aussie (who is returning home to further his rapidly expanding business in Brisbane,) Stephen exuded an irrepressible enthusiasm for the restoration of our Vintage Railway to Opuia. Not afraid to "kick down doors " Stephen went door knocking on the doors of the powers to be in Wellington whenever the need arose or whenever he thought there might be something there for advancing our cause.

So Stephen Haere-ra and best wishes to you, Anna and the two young Kiwis you are taking home with you. Also we wish you every success in your rapidly growing business... Who knows perhaps Cannex will one day be a major sponsor of the BOI Vintage Railway ... Hint! Hint!

(P.S. Sorry , humblest apologies I deleted your script in error- ED.

STILL ON SALE

**Buy a Sleeper
Build the Track**



The BBQ Stop - Painting by Gay Heald

Thank You All Very Much For Your Wonderful Support

The Trustees and Friends of the Railway are extremely grateful for the support we have received to date. We are still short of our Targets but we will keep working to ensure our various projects get underway. However there is little doubt that the support received since we commenced in earnest in March has been most gratifying and every \$ be it \$1 or the \$75,000 we received from the Lotteries Heritage Trust all are greatly appreciated.

PROJECT One
Est. Target \$350,000

Yard Upgrade, Turntable Installation, Maintenance & Training Shed



PROJECT TWO (Stage 1)
Est Target \$250,000

Track Kawakawa to Long-bridge
Raised to date \$75,100



PROJECT THREE

TARGET \$350.000

Restoration Gabriel Rolling Stock

Raised to date \$79,000



Thank you to.....

Maromaku Womens Institute

“We are a small organisation that held a trade table at our monthly meeting. “

“ The income was split between Paul McIntyre and Gabriel.”

How good is that.....

Thank you to....

A lady from Pakuranga purchased 6 sleepers in memory of her Son –In – Law.He had a house in Russell, but sadly who died of a heart attack “

I have in previous years traveled on your Vintage Railway and thought it was wonderful.”

Thank you to.....

The lady from Karori ..”Just to help get the Steam Engine going.. Heard you on Merv’s Show”

Thank you to.....

The Railway Fraternity...

1. Midland Rail Heritage Trust, Springfield, Canterbury

Set of plans and specifications for the Turntable.

2. Taeri Gorge Railway

Plans and Specifications for the Turntable.

3. Glenbrook Railway

New improved triple value (braking system) for the Open car.

Thank you to

The Mayor’s “Hit “List

Mayor Yvonne Sharp is really supporting the Railway. Not is she only fully involved in chairing the Go Kawakawa project(the Railway is identified as one of the Key Projects) but in her journey throughout good all NZED she has managed to obtain the following from her fellow Mayors

Peter Tennet, New Plymouth	5.00
Peter King, Kaipara	30.00
John Tregidga , Hauraki	50.00
Dale Williams , Otoranga	10.00
Paul Matheson, Nelson City	10.00
Bob Harvey, Waitakere	200.00
George Wood , North Shore	200.00
Tim Shadbolt, Invercargill	50.00
Pamela Peters, Whangarei	50.00
DickHubbard, Auckland	100.00

Mayor Sharp has also donated



Railway stalwart Denis Hewitt and former Trustee and Secretary Tony Mundell admire the new digger purchased for the track installation.



Pristine restoration of the track in the yard. Big thank you to Murray Third and his team of workers who have set the standard for track restoration to Opuia. On the right of the photo one can see the new sidings under construction which will eventually link into the turntable and the new Maintenance/Training shed. The beginnings of a new motor trolley can be seen on the platform.

Things are definitely happening as the journey to Opuia gets un-

WANTED

Cathy would dearly love a clothes dryer for the station. It has been difficult getting the workers overalls dry so if you have one looking for a good home Cathy would be delighted to take it off your hands

Video Donations

Tony Mundell, former Trustee and Secretary has donated some 13 train/plane Videos to the BOIVRT. These have now been catalogued and can be borrowed by signing for them at the Station. Thank you Tony and it was great to catch up with you again at the Station.

Some of the Titles available are:-

- Railway Adventures Across Australia, Thomas & Friends, The Best of British Aviation, Wings of WW11, The Mosquito Story, Trams, Steam Railways Isle of Wight etc etc



Waiting..Waiting...Waiting

The turntable pin awaits FNHL to carry out the installation of the turntable as agreed when the turntable was lifted from Opuia.

The installation is now well overdue and is now causing a delay to the yard and Maintenance/Training Shed programme.

Come on Far North Holdings Ltd; please honor your contract. The delays are impeding the economic recovery of Kawakawa.



Should they stay or should they go.....

Murray asks the question. These trees certainly look great and they provide a restful, welcoming and tranquil presence at the station. However as can be seen by the fallen leaves and branches on the ground they will over time cause a build up of organic material on the tracks.

Friends of the Railway are asked please for their view. Should the trees go or stay or be replaced. If to be replaced what should we plant in their place Your thoughts and comments please.

OFF THE RAILS

Great big thank you to Marcus Lush (Producer/Presenter) and Melanie Rakena (Producer) for including our Railway in their wonderful and informative overview of Rail through-out NZ

Rail sure has played a huge part in the development of NZ and also in presenting our spectacular scenery. Sadly the Country is the poorer due to the withdrawal of so many lines.

All in all a very enlightening series and given his comments; when we are up and running again we have to invite Marcus Lush and his team back to finally complete his journey