



Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust

Risking Nothing But Success

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Welcome Aboard

To new Trustee Carolyn Eaton.
Carolyn is the daughter of well
known local Pakaru Road residents
John and Cheryl Leach,

Carolyn writes....
I was born & bred in Kawakawa.
Left at 17 after working in the
BNZ and went to Wellington.
Settled in Whangarei a year later
where I have been ever since.
Now married to Bryan with 2 chil-
dren - Gabrielle (11) & Kelsey (8).
We have lived at Maungatapere
for 13 years where we have re-
stored our villa. I operate an Ac-
counting business from home
and Bryan runs our other busi-
ness in town - Real Deal Tyres. I
manage to keep fit but spend
most of my time with the family at
Moto X, Hockey, Swimming or
Gymnastics.

Great to have new blood and enthu-
siasm on board and Carolyn has been
warmly welcomed especially by
trustee Vivienne . Carolyn is to take
over the role of Secretary while
Vivienne will concentrate promotion
and the website development.

Café at the Railway The “1203”

The Trustees are happy to support a new enter-
prise at the Station and have now let the station to
local entrepreneurs Tamar Noall with Bonnie
Chapman . Both Tamar and Bonnie have a lot of
experience in the Café and retail Industry and the
trustees were unanimous and very supportive of
the proposal following the presentation of the
Business Plan to open the new Café in August
this year.

In keeping with the Railway theme the new li-
censed Café will be called “ The 1203”. The main
focus of the Café is to keep the Café traditional to
the old Railway Refreshments stops by keeping
the building as close to original as possible and to
serve traditional food.

Outdoor tables and seating will be provided on the
platform adding to the atmosphere of the new op-
erations being planned for the future of the rail-
way.

Generally they will be open 6 days per week but
will be revised to work in with the Railway time-
table if necessary. The 1203 will be open for pri-
vate functions/meetings and catering services
(currently they provide Catering to the Kawa-
kawa-Moerewa Lions Club) beyond the Station.

The trustees welcome and extend the their best
wishes to Tamar and Bonnie in their new venture.

GABRIEL CLUB

Notice of Meeting

Saturday 29th April
10am at the Station

Business,
Election of Officers
Adoption of Charter
General Business

Pope at the Station

Minister for Social Develop-
ment and Employment David
Benson-Pope and Carol Bar-
nett, Regional Labour Market
Manager, WINZ met with trust-
tees, Frank, Peter , Vivienne
and Johnson. BOIVRT are
gratefully to the support already
received from WINZ and the
Minister is most supportive of



a continuing and developing continuing partnership.

Hundertwasser at the Station

As many are aware Friedensreich Hundertwasser was an avid supporter of the Railway. He served as Patron of the former Opuā - Kawakawa Railway Preservation Society and donated the purchase of a carriage. A plaque commemorating this will be replaced in the carriage when it has been restored.

The railway have now scored a coup, ensuring that a part of the Hundertwasser legacy will remain in the Kawakawa Community forever.

Joram Harel of the Hundertwasser Foundation in Vienna has given his approval for Hundertwasser's boat, the "La Giudecca" to be restored at the Railway workshops as part of the Apprenticeship/Skill training project being proposed in the new Maintenance/Training Shed.

Negotiations will continue with the Hundertwasser Trust regarding La Giudecca's permanent display at the Station. Ownership of La Giudecca will remain with the Hundertwasser Foundation and on loan to the Kawakawa Community as caretakers.

The BOI Vintage Railway Trust on behalf of the Kawakawa Community express their grateful thanks to Joram Harel and the Hundertwasser Non Profit Foundation, Austria for this unique opportunity and continued support.



La Giudecca in her former glory days

39 Steps

How many sleepers are there between Kawakawa and Longbridge. If you guessed 5625, give or take a few, you would be pretty damn close Mike has walked it and advises that there are 1600 to be replaced.

The Role of the Volunteer .

The volunteer. The dictionary describes it as *one who enters service on their own free will* . Never has the worth and value of anyone been so understated.

Since time immemorial communities have had to rely on volunteers for their wellbeing promotion and advancement in all areas of community life. People from all walks of life; the young and the old, the rich and the poor, male and female; the average person who make up a community. People, the lifeblood of communities , who give their all for no reward but merely for the simple satisfaction that they did it for the betterment of their community. They did it to help their community survive Where would our St Johns, Fire Services, sports and the Railway be without this most important and irreplaceable support. We humbly salute you

Who was it that said *Volunteering is a gift that our society relies on, but one we all can give*

Like all of our Community organizations the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway needs volunteers to help it get this Community facility underway .

To those who already help our grateful thanks

To those who are wondering if can . The answer is simply **Yes you can** Any help you would be greatly welcomed and most appreciated

Editor



Getting Closer.....The "pin" stares down at it's new home

Thank You

A& D Plumbing (Jason Coles) who donated the roofing iron for the Engine shed which has now been painted by our WINZ workers.

Operations Manager Report – April 2006
The workshop and storage shed.

This has been cleaned up. Everything sorted, junk disposed of and the rest put back. What's left now takes only about ¼ of the space originally used. The rear wall of the workshop has now been fitted with windows and a door frame for the fire exit. However we still need an exterior door. Does anyone have a spare one lying around please. It would be most welcome.

New lights have now been fitted in the store and new racks erected. All of the items currently in the station building will be stored here.

It is dry and safe. Lighting in the workshop has been improved. The old fluorescent lights have been removed and replaced and incandescent lights fitted.

All grease, oil paint and chemicals are now stored in a Dangerous Goods Store.

Rolling Stock

A gantry has now been built for lifting heavy pieces off the locomotives. This will be erected outside the shed on a temporary basis and will be relocated when the shed extension goes ahead. When this happens it means that both the steam engines and the Price Diesel can be stored and worked under cover. Also the second roof is long enough to completely house one carriage to be worked on. It is not ideal but it will mean that we can repair and repaint carriages one at a time.

In the short term we are going to work on open-sided carriage plus one 50 seater closed one. These are the carriages that need the least work and can be brought into working order first.

The Price diesel (which used to be called "Star" after the Star Hotel adopted it) at the time of writing this report is almost complete mechanically. Every bit of the fairly complete air system had been removed and quite a lot lost. In spite of this it is now 95% complete. The compressor has been completely overhauled by Kawakawa Engineering

Jobs still to be done include a complete new floor and a major de-rust, weld, fill and paint. The latter work really can't be done until it is in the shed so we all hope the extension shed is approved and finance obtained. Having said that, it must not be forgotten that all carriages, two diesels and the Peckett Gabriel were very extensively rebuilt to a very high standard by a few dedicated members of the former Preservation

Society in the very limited shelter available at the time.

Turntable

All of the concreting has now been completed and back-filling commenced. Next job is to fix the pin on top of the concrete work and then lift the main girders onto the pin. The very large bearing which supports the whole thing has been cleaned, checked over and greased ready for installation.

The 1203 (Twelve o three)

In preparation for the station Café all of the artifacts have now been sorted, the rubbish discarded, and safely stored. This includes all historic correspondence and accounts. We have to save the latter under the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act so a safe spot has been selected. The small room adjacent to the staff lunch room has, over the years, been an office, a store for tools, a workshop complete with lathe and drill, a catering store when we had a shop on the train and more recently a general store/junk-room. The clock has turned full circle and it will now become an office again. There is a room for a desk, computer, filing cabinets-just. It will make the occupant become a very tidy and orderly person.

Trainspotter.

Dan's the Man. Thanks to the generosity of the Train Spotter Café I was able to fly to Wellington and spend all day with Glen Summers of Land Transport which has helped tremendously with sorting out the tangle we currently have for a Safety System. There is still a lot to do but this trip has certainly got us a long way down the track. This all came about as I was simply enjoying the wonderful fare at the Train Spotter when Dan overheard a conversation I was having with the some over railway matters. When Dan heard that I might have meet the fare myself he immediately offered to pay Thank you Dan and Kelly. Thanks to your generosity we will soon have a "train to Spot" for you and your patrons.

Conclusion

One big problem with newsletters is that much of the content is out of date by the time it is read. (Hopefully by the time you read this the Price may well be shunting the yard and the turntable in place.) However we are progressing and there is still so much to be done. The biggest factor is that we are getting a few volunteers giving some of their time and this is making all the difference. However there is a need for a lot more. Can you help. -You sure can. No special skills required just a willing pair of hands to help where ever you can. You are not expected to be superman or superwomen. You will not be expected to do anything you are unfamiliar with' training and encouragement, tea and coffee will be freely given

Thank You

The Trustees express their grateful thanks to the following for their wonderful support.

- Fraser Tweedie of On Track who has agreed to waive the rental for 12 months. Originally he was not keen to give further rental waivers however following a visit in February he was impressed with the progress that was being made to restore railway services that he agreed to the waiver. He was also supportive of leasing the Station to provide income for the Railway.
- The digger operator who has offered to do the earthworks for the new maintenance/training shed free of charge.
- Richard Cookson for the spraying of the Railway line from the town to Taumarere.
- Quin Turton for his offer to help build the Loco shed extension
- And of course our current regulars:-
Stu Renton, Kawakawa; Dennis Hewitt, Whangarei; Mike Collins, Kerikeri; Graham Winterbourn, Cable Bay; David Mowat, Kerikeri; Philip Buddell (UK); Brother Paul, (UK)

What would you rather see???

Overheard at the Station recently. A question was put to our Operations Manager by a visitor from the UK who asked. "and when will a train run in town again"? To this our Ops Manager promptly replied " There will be a train running through the middle of town by the end of August or I will run up the Main street naked" With due respect to Mike I know what I would rather see running up the Main St. It has steel wheels and not two legs . So come on people we cannot foist or let this happen to our Community.

So please lets all get behind Mike (and I don't mean running up the Mains St of Kawakawa starkers). Lets help him get the train running through the Main St. before the end of August...*Please*

WHO AM I

Seen me at the Station recently? Yes you have and I am still there but sadly no longer in sight unless you go for a walk to wards Moerewa. I certainly don't look the same but over time with some loving hands and funding I can sure be made to look "beauootiful" again.



Yes I am the 1870 Peckett –Thomas, 0-6-0 Saddle Tank Locomotive .Built in 1934 by Peckett & Co Bristol. Ex Stewarts & Lloyds (Wellingsboroug)

No 85.Metre Gauge I was fully restored in 1984 and am now awaiting my second re-incarnation

(Photo courtesy Irchester Narrow Gauge Railway Trust)

Row, Row Row Your

Remember these. How many have had the pleasure of "rowing one of these .



In the long term it is hoped that as part of our training programs these old jiggers of the past can be build and become part of our railway attraction.

Corporate Colours

A new era; a new coat of paint; With so much refurbishing and restoration to be carried out what is to be the new livery for the BOI Vintage Railway. This was the vexed question the trustees had to consider recently After much consideration and debate it was resolved that the corporate colors (taking into account Gabriels livery) would be Green/Black/Gold with cream trim

For Sale

Now available Gabriel's Journey on DVD or Tape Only \$30.00 . Wonderful Gift for Mothers Day 14

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