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Congratulations to the Turner Centre–
Supreme Winners 2011 Trust Power
Community Awards

Winter is nearly over and things haven't all been that bad. Good things have been happening.

(Above left) The BOI Vintage Railway year as the Trust Power Community Awards winner has come to an end with the crowning of the 2011 winner :The Turner Centre Kerikeri. Chairperson Doug Turner (who the Centre was named after) and Pat Todhunter Volunteer Co-coordinator receive the award from Mayor Brown at the function held in the railway workshop on the 1st August . A great night (see more page 3)

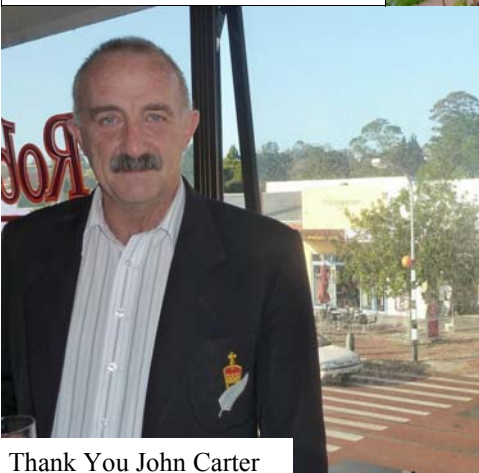


Congratulations Mike Bradshaw

(Left) Another winner is our very own Operations Manager Mike “the steam” Bradshaw. Mike is the winner of this years prestigious PS Heighton Award for Excellence and was made by FRONZ at their Annual Conference held earlier this year in Grey-mouth.. His award recognizes his re-incarnation of the BOI Vintage Railway , his work in Ffestiniog in Wales where he oversaw the rebuilding of some 12 steam locos, 6 diesel engines and 100 carriages before heading off to Argentina. Mike also won \$500 and he is not allowed to donate this to the Railway. Sincere congratulations from us all Mike and we hope you enjoy your deserved holiday .

(Above) 11 July saw the first steps in what will be the rebuilding of Longbridge. Here Ian Hutchinson , of Hutchinson Consulting Auckland, is introduced to Bridge 9 by

Wallie Tichener and Mike Bradshaw. Ian and his crew returned on the 3 August to



Thank You John Carter

(Left) Haere Ra and thank you John Carter. He performed his last official function in Kawakawa on the 13 July at the Community Link Office as our MP after serving some 24 years in Parliament. John has earned a well deserved rest in the Cook Islands as NZ Ambassador and we wish him and his good lady Leoni a most enjoyable stay in the Cooks . John has stood down as a trustee for now but is committed on his return to help us complete the journey to Opuia. (Right) The first Pou on the Coast to Coast cycleway located behind the workshop. Yes it will happen and we look forward to playing our part.



What has this got to do with the Railway??

Operations Mangers Report—Mike Bradshaw

Train running continues with few snags. The biggest drawback on steam running was the coal, and the last few weekends were truly terrible when we were right at the bottom of the heap. The pain suddenly turned to bliss with the new coal arrived from O'Reilly's mine at Huntly. We have found that a bunker full (just over one tonne) will easily do two days running of four round trips daily, and in holiday periods when we run four days on steam and the engine keeps warm, we can better that figure.

One slight spider in the custard was that we ordered 28 tonnes, and calculated that would just see us through to Christmas, but we only received 25 tonnes and therefore will have to order more in early Dec. At least we won't have to pay for it until end of Jan and by then we will be better placed financially.

The Price diesel has done itself a mischief in the main gear box, but we have a man who knows where to hit it with what size hammer, so maybe it will be back in business soon. We are also going to change the system of using the diesel fuel in the fluid flywheel to using a hydraulic oil instead. Whilst Price is resting we are using Ruby, our Drewery-Baguely on Fridays. It means that being half painted we will have to thoroughly clean it before we can complete her Ruby Red top coat.

The mid week carriage repair team are really cracking on with the next carriage. All inside and outside panels are done, as is inner roof and floor. Current job is making the trough that carries lights and speakers and all of the cabling through the carriage. The outer roof is next, comprising hundreds of laths curved to shape at each end.

At the end of August NZTA are running a series of seminars and Johnson, Grainger and myself are attending the Whangarei one. Apparently one item for discussion is the new form proposed where a whole years worth of incidents, accidents, derailments, deaths or other reportable things have to be sent in. As our railway is boringly devoid of any of the above, and if we HAD suffered any such incidents they would have been reported at the time (Within 24 hours the rule says, or immediately if a death or serious accident occurs) one could ask why this is necessary retrospectively or at all? We are advised by FRONZ to attend these seminars "With an Open Mind"

Our annual External Audit is to be carried out on Sept 3rd. As our GM who normally attends, is overseas, and our new Internal Auditor is cutting his teeth on this one, it would be good if I did not have to drive the train and that Johnson, Chair of Trust is not the guard on the day, so that we can give the Auditor some attention!

One of our regular sources of income, the monthly market day has ceased, at least temporarily. Two reasons; we have very little saleable stock, and it always falls to the same willing horses to set up, run the market and then pack it all away, and as often as not, one or more of the team has to drive or guard the train it has just got too much. If anyone has ideas on how we can re-commence this useful means of revenue please get in touch.

The shop on the train is earning a small but useful amount each day. It is a bit much for the guard to run the shop as well as do his job on a busy day, and there is the added risk of pilfering if the guard has to leave the shop car, so, again, we need more people to help.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a report on progress with Br. 9 but we also have bridges 1-8 and they need maintenance to keep them up to scratch and satisfy our bridge inspector. He is coming within the next couple of weeks, certainly before the External Audit. The sort of things needed are weed spraying at each end, cleaning mud off steel work, painting same and clearing waterways of logs and debris.

On Monday 1st Aug we hosted 2011 Trust Power Volunteer Award ceremony in the Carriage shed. This time it wasn't quite such a massive clean up as we had to do last time, but it still took a couple of days moving stacks of timber, piles of seats and benches. As we had won the National Award last year we were happy to watch, but very pleasingly The Gabriel Club got the Award for Heritage & Environment with a nice framed certificate and \$500-00! This money will be spent on paint which Paihia Rotarians will apply to the station building. Gabriel Club has already financed cleaning up the building, painting all barge boards, fitting new gutters and down pipes, providing and fitting new weather boards and getting all of the 1911 sash windows operating again.

Our ever-munificent benefactor, Wally Titchener, recently presented us with a magnificent double-faced clock. Being of wood it obviously cannot go outside, even under the station canopy so a cunning plan has been hatched to hang it from the Mezzanine floor walkway in the Carriage Works. As it is a real clock and requires winding every eight days putting it here makes access much easier than going up a wobbly ladder. It will also be very visible so there should be no more arriving in the lunchroom late for tea!

A little work has started on our other steam engine, Thomas. As we are without financial resources as yet, for this project, the amount of work is small, but is has started. Can you imagine seeing TWO steam engines meeting at our half way station on their way to, and from, Opuia? One Day!

Yes please more volunteers wanted. With your help we can win the Trust Power Community Award again...I reckon

Trust Power Community Awards 2011



(above left) This years representatives (winners)of the heart and soul of the Far North Communities. Great big thanks goes to Trust Power and the FNDC for their recognition and promotion of Volunteer Power. Without our volunteers there is little doubt our communities would be much the poorer as evidenced by the some 58 nominees and the diversity of the support they provide and promote within our /their communities. They are all winners. Thank you one and all. (Right) Mayor Brown welcomes the crowd with Trust Powers Suzi Luff . In his speech he said *As a Mayor I have to do some pretty crap things, and some wonderful things. This one of the wonderful things.* We all agree. (Right) Congratulations to the 4 winners of the Youth Community Spirit Awards



Natasha Murray—Okaihau



Tim Bandi –Kaitiāia



Above (Left) “ Gal Power” Suzi Luff (Trust Power) and Lau’re ll Pratt (FNDC) supervise the set-up for the evenings function (middle) The awards table is ready (Right) Master Chef from the Trainspotter Daniel Stratford preparing the “nibbles” for the evening function and tasty they certainly were.



Jadin Leslie –Taipa

(Above left) They say you can’t keep a good man down and here he is again..(Must have a bit of Irish in him the way he is holding the award). Mike Bradshaw receives from Mayor Brown and Graeme Purchases (Trust Power) the winners award for the Heritage & Environment Section : the Gabriel Club. This is the volunteer arm of the BOI Vintage Railway. Thank you to all our volunteers.(the nomination for the Gabriel Club was received from Canada)(Above right) Winners of the Health and Well-being Award was the St Saviors Church’s Feed My Lambs Programme. Here Robyn Reeves and Aveena Larkins receive the award. (right) Kelly van Gaalen accepts the award on behalf of the Kaikohe Community Arts Council who won the Arts and Culture section. . The BOI Vintage Railway congratulates all the nominees and winners and thank Trust Power for allowing us to host this wonderful event. Best wishes to the Turner Centre in their quest to defend the National Award in Ashburton won by the BOI Vintage Railway .last year



Harry Muunu—Kerikeri



Far North
Holdings Ltd

Kawakawa Steam 7,s

Vintage Steam Railway

Sat 17th Sept.

*Departs Kawakawa every hour From 9am to Taumarere (and returns every hour)
No Parking at or close to Rugby Grounds. Alcohol purchase on site only*

Park, Ride and Entry \$10. (same price as entry only)

Yes the BOI Vintage Railway , together with the North Auckland Rugby Referees , the Kawakawa Business Assoc and the United Kawakawa RFC are entering into the spirit and celebrations of the Rugby World Club in NZ this year by putting on this new and unique event. Where else could you ride on a steam train and enjoy a day of Seven's Rugby where the teams will be competing for a prize pool of some \$5000. (yes this is a serious Sevens Rugby tournament) All for only \$10 i.e. a ride on a steam train and entry to the game. Please note there will be no parking at Taumarere. Parking at the ground will be limited to players, officials and stall holders only

So come one and all. Grab your family and Friends and their friends and come and have a great day. Great food and drink available and stalls with all those goodies you need.

We are running a continuous shuttle service starting at 9-00 and then bringing them all back after the matches are all over. As there will be 16 teams playing and with knockout , quarter, half and final matches it will be a busy day .We will need LOTS of help to get people on the trains, stamp their hands after getting their \$10-00. So we would like to hear from you if you can help. Morning will be busier then the afternoon as on the way back there will be no money to handle, just making sure ever one is safely on board. Shirley would welcome assistance in selling raffle tickets at the grounds during the day.



Paint it Red

Yes we all need to get On Board with the Taniwha call to Paint our Towns Red as from the 1st September. Question; 1. Which shop in Kawakawa can you see one of the best collections of International Rugby Jerseys. Question; 2. Which of the 3 playing strips in the above photos will feature the three International teams to be hosted in Northland.?

Longbridge—Bridge 9

Thanks to the goodwill and support from Wallie Tichener and Ian Hutchinson the survey for the repair of Longbridge has commenced at no charge to BOIVRT . How good is that? Thank you guys so very much. 6 August saw Ian arrive with his team of 6 from his company Hutchinson Consulting Engineers comprising; Bruce Hutchinson Engineering Asst (and bro); Sharon Koch-Snr Draughts person; Rohann da Silva –Structural Engineer; Matt Jones Geotech Engineer and Jamie Black Geotech Engineer plus good old Dad; Tom .

At the end of day one Ian indicated that will be back for at least one further day , possibly two, in August before he completes his report. This will give a clear indication of what the costs will be to repair Longbridge— *Opu here we come.*



Sharon & Ian get down to it



Jamie- Now how far is it to China?



Bruce and Dad Tom



Matt- now this piece is from the Jurassic period - 63m years old



Matt keeps on eye on Rohann who was not sure if he was having a boat ride or train ride through Kawakawa

The whole team finish the first day at the Opu end.



Trainee shopkeepers Ainslee, Michaela and Jordan Steadman , Whangarei help out 18 June

Changing of the Guard..

In July we saw our secretary Sue Hamnett stand down as Rotary President. She handed the Chain of Office to Frank Leadley who also happens to be her fellow trustee at the Railway and who is also our chief fundraiser.

The change of office was preceded by a night steam train by all the Rotarians to the United Kawakawa Clubrooms at Tauramare and put to the test our new platform there.

Then in August we saw our Chairperson Alison Lemon stand down and fellow Trustee , yours truly, elected Chairperson of the BOIVRT. Thanks Alison for all your good work as Chairperson and we look forward to your expertise and help in you continuing role as a fellow trustee.

J. Davis (Editor)



Playcentre Visit 17 June

Kia Kaha Christchurch ; Kawakawa sends their best wishes to all the Cantabs following the devastating earthquakes,

(Photo courtesy Kate Shuttleworth)



Welcome Aboard-.....

(Top) the beginning of the Kaitaia Chapter; (we hope) .Trainee Driver Roy Peel with trainee Guard , his good lady Aileen and assistant fireman son Tomonui . He is just a bit young to become a trainee fireman now but when his Dad becomes a Steam Driver who knows....

(Middle) Pat Baker Shop Asst. from Kerikeri (Below). Shane Maddren of Ngaiotonga. Shane is limited by his job as a Bus driver but his assistance is most welcome. Thank you everyone and as Mike has said in his report more volunteers are wanted in all our areas of operation, Drivers, Fireman, Guards, Shopkeepers.



(below left) 1925 the fence at the station gets erected. (middle) 5 July 2011 the Council pulls it down. 19 July the fence goes up again after the footpath has been repaved. Great job and thanks Buildall Holdings and FNDC who also did a great job on part of the platform.

