

Bay of Islands Vintage Railway

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May your Christmas sparkle with
moments of love, laughter & goodwill.

Merry Christmas!



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.....

On behalf of the Trustees of the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust may I extend to you and your families our best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. We thank you sincerely for all your hard work and support through out 2017 which has been a most demanding year. However we have endured and look forward to an exciting 2018 , with the re launch of Gabriel , the launch of Moa and the journey back to Opua .

Thank You One and All

J. Davis (Chairperson/Editor)



What makes a Christmas Parade in Kawakawa Different ?

(above left) A train (Timmy) leads the parade through town with Santa onboard and (above right) After holding up the train and robbing Santa earlier the local Riding and Roping Club join the parade.

(photos courtesy Ward Jameson)





Longbridge—Walk-Over

(L-) Wallie Titchener, (key Benefactor for BOIVR) Frank Leadley (trustee) , Sue Hamnett (trustee) Ian Hutchinson (Hutchinson Consulting Engineers), Henry Nissen (trustee) John McLaren (Haig Workman) Frits Schouten (trustee) .

Yes it's smiles all around as the final pier has been completed.



Gabriel

Mike Bradshaw and Dave Mowat working on the wheels and axle boxes of Gabriel . Meanwhile the latest news from Dan-nevirke is that the first part of the boiler is now ready for inspection and certification by our boiler inspector.



Longbridge

(left) A view from the South side



“Tree today Gone Tomorrow “

... well actually gone on the 13th December . . Yes the old Gum tree which was becoming a safety issue has now been removed. Great work done by “tree Fellers Stu Renton and Joe Joseph



Kawakawa Christmas Parade

2nd December 2017



Welcome Aboard to.....

It was great to see the response for our call for volunteers that a number of volunteers have held their hands to help us out in the shop. Also a new Guard and trainee Diesel Driver. We thank you and welcome you and look forward to your valued input . There is always room for more volunteers with the holiday period starting 20th December and we will be running 7 days per week until the 6th February 2018. So welcome one and all



Diana Wood

Diana shifted from Orewa to Opua some 4 years ago where she owned a shop. Big thank you to Diana for the wonderful range of jewelry she has donated to the railway.
She loves gardening and walking .



Maryanne- James

Maryanne lives in Kawakawa and is also a Maori Warden . She is a keen volunteer



Helen Moorhouse

Helen moved from the South of England some 12 years ago to Okaihau. . In the UK she worked for a firm of sail makers . She has worked at the Opua store for some 6 years.
She loves gardening and history. Both her and her husband are keen cyclists.



Dave Haddow

Dave of Whananaki recently bought a house at 13 Church St Kawakawa where he can look down at the railway station. Previously he lived in Charleston, Westport .



Maurice Fordham

Formerly of Wellington Maurice now lives in Kerikeri and is a keen bowler. He served in the Navy from 1963-1972. He has a medical background where he worked as a Medic in an Operations Theatre . He then joined a firm which sold medical products until he set up his own business in 1986.



.... And the highest bid goes to ...

Yes proud owners of the 12ft dingy, trailer. Outboard etc donated by Brian Calvert was our own workshop Manager Gavin Davidson and local Robert Goodhue



(above) Tim Howard carrying out minor repairs on Kingfisher



Rewa Rewa School

(right) Pupils of Rewa Rewa School Whangarei came for a ride on the 1st December

