



From the Trust Chair

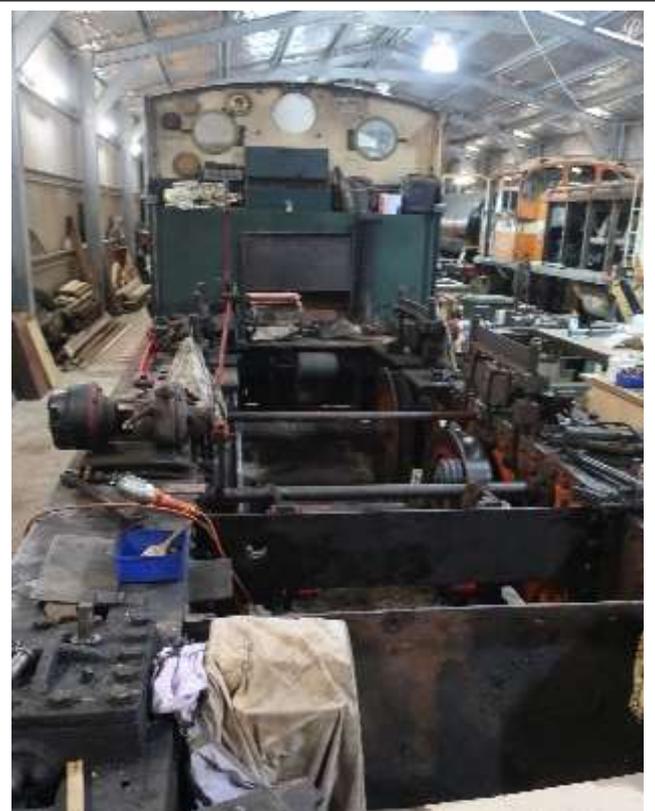
Volunteers are the life blood of the railway, and so it was wonderful to see so many actively taking part in a 'Vision and Values Day' which was held in May. There were many great ideas coming out of the day, and in conjunction with a survey conducted, will provide valuable information and insight as we transition through to the new operating company Keteriki Ltd.

Part of the day's programme included a trip to see the steam ship Minerva in Opuia, and everyone was impressed with the fantastic work that the volunteers are doing there. *See photos on the Right* Meanwhile, back in Kawakawa, the new machinery workshop was officially opened on April 13th, marking the completion of the first of the PGF funded projects, a very significant milestone. The contract for the build of the new service centre, alongside the existing station in Kawakawa, has now been awarded and work is expected to start in early July.

The rail restoration element of the PGF projects continues to be progressed, alongside the construction of a new cycleway. The build of Gabriel's new boiler is well underway and if all goes to plan we hope to have it in Kawakawa by November. The team leading the restoration of carriages have been doing some fantastic work and their progress has been amazing. Everyone is working really hard to bring life to these various projects and the commitment and effort is simply amazing.



PGF projects



Above: view to Gabriel's cab. Boiler will sit here. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsSGBdsp3Kk>



Inside Gabriel's chassis: Stevenson valve gear. Major components: reversing rod (red horizontal bar). Expansion link & lifting link (red vertical bar & curved black link next to it). On the axle - part of the eccentrics.



Around BOIVR: things on the rails



Above: Gabriel's old boiler, DSA225 & Moa carriage. Right: Dave drives Esmae, Braxton to change points



Above: Charlie at Taumarere Right: Denis jiggers past the rugby club



Left: Esmae & Ruby Above: Ruby, DSA225, Timmy & Charlie



Above: Ruby, Sweetie, Moa and DSA225 Right: Timmy & Esmae





Left: Sue Hamnett, BOIVR Trust Chair, cut the ribbon opening the new Machinery Workshop on 13th April - Denis Hewitt representing all volunteers and supporters held the ribbon with Henry Nissen, Trustee. Right: Inside - Sue, Mike Bradshaw BOIVR, Peta Tipene, NAX, with Ian Faulkner & John Clode (Minerva) and about 30 guests enjoyed the event. Below Left: Some of our guests listening to speeches inside the Machinery Workshop. Below right: Guests gather for the Blessing Ceremony for the Service Building which will soon be built on this part of the Station Yard.



The Gabriel Club's latest "food train" was a "Pie and Pud" feast – on a beautiful autumn evening on 15th May. Savoury pies with a drink on the outward journey, and desert pies at Taumarere Pies provided by the Bay of Islands Bakeries, Kawakawa – a delicious they were too!





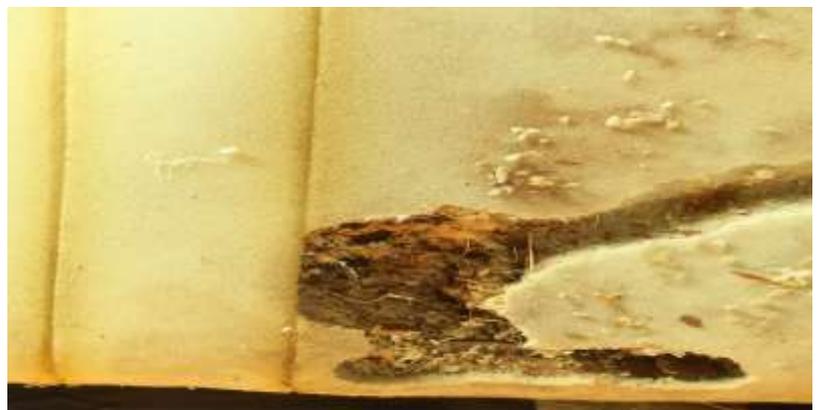
From the workshop:



*Top Left: Morris preps floor frame.
Top Right: Morgan creates walls.*



Fantail – rebuild of AL carriage with guard's compartment: *Above left* - Morris checking the floor frame. *Above mid*: protective wood floor placed & walls being built. *Right mid*: carriage wall frames placed, roof hoops added. *Right*: roof hoops seen sandwiched with roof & ceiling.



Mystery solved: one of the challenges faced by the carriage-refurbishing team... Frank shows a seat back. When stripped back for recovering, a tunnel was revealed, thought to have been dug out by a mouse with a beautifully crafted little nest - as seen above! We hope our visitors will enjoy the comfort of our seats to be put in Fantail, but be assured that any mouse will not be travelling with them!