



R to L: In the engine shed, Timmy & Esmæe greet Gabriel - over the pit to fit the ash pan & secure water tanks

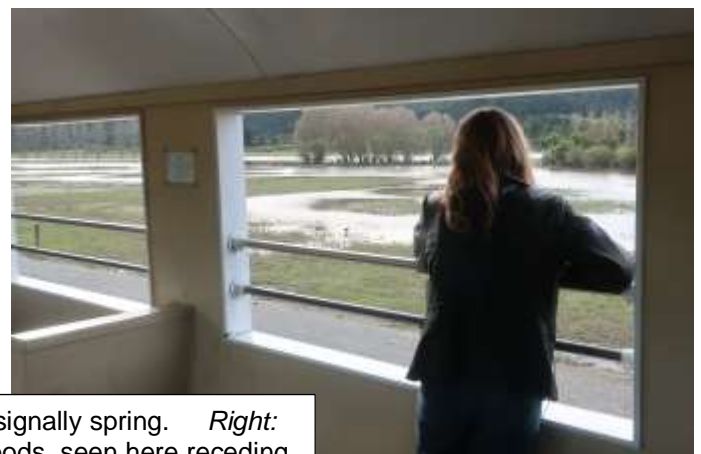
From the Trust Chair:

I think the amazing photos in this edition of the newsletter speak volumes on the progress we have been making, even considering the terrible winter weather we have all had recently.

Gabriel is making great steps towards steaming again, and it's fantastic to see her taking shape and looking more like the beautiful engine she is as every day goes by. Work on the carriage Fantail is simply outstanding, given the enormity of the project, and she will soon have pride of place in the fleet.

The Trust extends huge thanks and congratulations to all the volunteers and Keteriki employees who have worked hard to bring these projects to this point. There's still a lot to do, but there's also great confidence in the skill and dedication being shown by all those involved. Great work everyone!

Sadly, the winter weather has not been so kind to us this year, and we have had many repairs to make to the rail track as a result. Luckily, we have had the hard work of Albie Barr and his Keteriki track crew to call on, and they have all worked amazingly in atrocious weather to get the track back in running order very quickly. Let's hope that we can now say goodbye to the rainy and stormy weather and look forward to a good spring and summer.



Left: The swallows return signally spring. **Right:** Trains were stopped by floods, seen here receding



Mystery object:
Bit yicky-looking! What is it, an old flannel?



Timmy hauls the passenger train past the Hundertwasser toilets

In the Workshop:



Progress on the carriage, Fantail. Above: two similar views a year apart. **Left:** cladding almost complete. **Below:** 18 months ago, start of rebuild



Trust Chair continued ...

Meanwhile in Kawakawa, Te Hurihanga Service Centre is now fully operational as an administrative hub for Keteriki staff, as well as providing a great training facility for new trainees. I urge you to call in next time you're down at the Station in Kawakawa and have a look at this very busy Centre – you're guaranteed a warm welcome.

As we begin to look forward to spring and summer there's still lots of exciting work going on and we are always looking for volunteers to be part of our success. If you feel that you can help in any way, from being a trustee, to drivers, guards, restoration work on our rolling stock, or working in the shop, please call down to Kawakawa Station and chat with us – we'd love to welcome you on board.



Above: Projects awaiting: carriage Bittern to refurbish & engine Lennie to complete. Can you help as a volunteer for such projects, & being a diesel engine mechanic? **Ring 021-171-2697**

Around BOIVR:



Our track has flooded three times since our last Newsletter. Once with a washout needing a rebuild





Gabriel has a woolly jumper! Karl and David fix it over the boiler. One of her 2 side tanks is in the foreground. Spot the "flannel"??

Below: Side tanks & funnel on prior to insulation & David & Mike puzzle out "fittings".



Busy yard: **R** track work, DSA225 & Ruby. **Left:** Fa250 is here, more next time