

# Pukemiro Junction



T H E B U S H T R A M W A Y C L U B I N C .

## GREETINGS

Looks like our marvellous run of fine weather has ended and we're into the real winter; cold and wet.

Safety refresher school, this held on 27th May and rather poorly attended, however a good general discussion was held amongst the more formal parts of the meeting.

## OPEN DAYS

### MAY :

A fairly good day passenger wise with the first train full and the next with two cars also full. Patronage tailed off towards the end but, for the first time in ages, we had to run the 3.30pm train.

The Cb puffed up and down the yard.

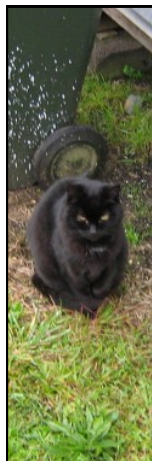
### JUNE :

Another fairly good open day largely following the now familiar pattern of

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**“It's so cold I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets”**

**Bob Hope**



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**UPCOMING OPEN DAYS**

The next ones are:

**August 5th**  
**September 2nd**  
**October 7th**

Please turn up and help with these days.

**UPCOMING WORKING BEES**

These days are very important to keep our railway running, there are always jobs to do. The next ones are:

**July 29th**  
**August 26th**  
**September 23rd**

passengers. There were only two passengers for the last trip, so they were taken in one of the diesel loco cabs.

The fine weather on both days certainly helped. Thanks to all who regularly turn up and help with these days. We could always do with more help though. Are you interested?

**CHARTER TRIPS**

One was held in mid May and a full morning is planned for 26/6 with three Kindies coming to the Junction.



If you know of any Club, School or Kindy that may like a trip on our railway, please contact me (CJ).

Charter trips are run very much according to the loco drivers day off.

The Auckland Steam Engine Soc. Visited on Saturday afternoon 26/5 after they had visited Huntly Power Station. They were shown around the Junction by Bruce and Richard.

**ASSESSOR**

Our new assessor, Terry Bonner, visited us during our May open day and seemed pretty impressed with what he saw. He has picked up a few things we are not doing properly, mostly in the paperwork side of our railway. We have to have our answers to him by mid July.

**TRACKWORK**

The main job here has been re-gauging the curve between the Junction and Campbell's level crossing. In all 40 metres was re-gauged. In as many places as possible bed plates were put under the rail to hold it better.

CJ spent 1/2 a day cutting out old fish plate bolts, 16 in 3/4 km. He would have done more but ran out of bolts.

CJ and Ian B spent 1/2 day trimming back line side growth with Ian B's petrol hedge trimmer.

**PECKETT 1630**

A lot has been done on this loco but not by the regular crew who have been working on it.



Richard has attached the feed lines from the injectors to the boiler check valves, mostly to suit the different injectors that have been fitted, assisted at times by Guy and Elliot.

Richard Lee made a new steam supply pipe to the fireman's side injector while Ian B and myself (CJ) have made a new steam supply pipe for the driver's side injector.

Ian B has made and fitted a new blower in the smokebox while John, Ian B and CJ have made a new steam pipe from the cab to the blower.

Neil has been sorting out the air brake pipework.

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Ian B has 'tidied up' some cracks in the welds on the bunker patches.

**N O . 3 C A R**

Robin continues his work on this car. All studs and nogs now in place. He has run a string line along the length of the car and marked the correct height for the window sills. Derek has been helping on this job.

**F 1 8 5**

William wants to tidy up the appearance of this loco so has spent a few days scraping the smokebox back to bare metal. He is assisted at times by Bob. The smokebox is almost ready for painting.

**P U K E M I R O P I C K I N G S**



Richard has roofed over the area between the container (with Climax parts in it) and the KS box wagon body. Our tractor fits under the roof except the back hoe which must be left outside. (A safety bar has been installed across the front so that those who might forget about the back hoe don't smash the roof :Ed)

Gail spends a lot of time at working bees spraying the weeds around the Junction and Jan continues to keep the toilets tidy.

A CW crew spent most of a day raking up and getting rid of pine needles at the top end of the yard.



**G R A N T F O R P E C K E T T**

We have been very fortunate to obtain a grant of \$5700 towards the cost of getting the Peckett going again. Many thanks to the Lion Foundation for the grant.

**F E D E R A T I O N O F R A I L S O C I E T I E S O F N Z A N N U A L C O N F E R E N C E**

This year it was held in Rotorua and attended by myself and Jan. A series of talks were given, including rail safety, drug and alcohol policy, preserving and archiving historical rail films.

An update on Rail 150 was also presented. This is to be a celebration of 150 years of rail in NZ and will be held in Christchurch during Labour weekend 2013.

Visits were made to the Caterpillar experience, a Caterpillar tractor museum, Rotorua-Ngongataha Rly. and Rail Cruisers at Mamaku.

Rail Cruisers is a new railway experience that runs from Mamaku to Turekenga, about 10kms each way. The rail cruisers carry four people, are automatically controlled but can be stopped by a passenger in an emergency. It is rather an eerie feeling to slow down, speed up automatically.

Awards this year went to:

Steam loco award – a small Barclay loco at Silverstream Railway.

Non steam loco award – a TR at Canterbury Railway.

Carriage award – a 50 ft. steel bodied car at Weka Pass Railway.

**G A T E A T T H E B O T T O M O F T H E D R I V E W A Y**

This gate is to be locked at night. The last club member to leave the Junction is to lock this gate. Jan recently found the chain had been cut with bolt cutters.

The reason the gate is to be locked is to keep unwanted visitors out. The price for steel and other metals is still going up.

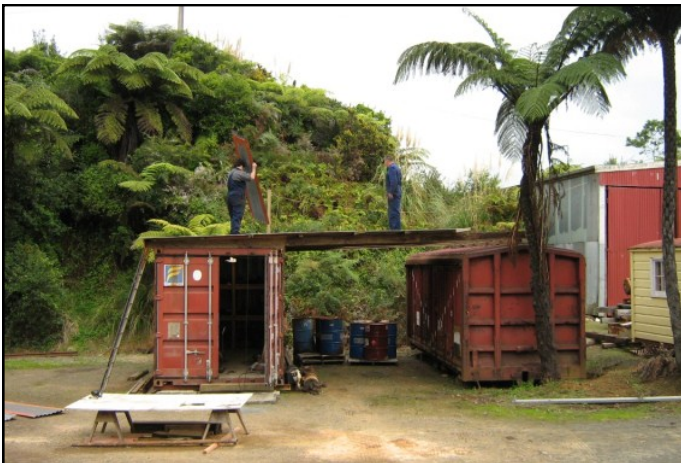
# The Photo Gallery



The club has joined the rest of the nation in the switch to digital with a satellite receiver. Now we just need something to decode the signal it's receiving from electronic non-sense!



Here we have Kelly Gifford and Ian Hampton (well most of them) repairing the track boundary fence. A unpleasant but necessary job. Keep up the good work.



The two figures of Guy and Richard are hard at work putting up the roof over the KS wagon and the container. That is before the weather interrupted (as usual).



In what *some* might call a rare sight, here we have the editor at work with a grinder preparing the slightly used corrugated iron for the roof seen in the picture on the left.



A lovely view of Cb 117 taken from the top of the hill on the May Open Day.



Another sight from the May Open Day: the Goodman, Cb, and Mamaku Jigger in a line, with 402 in the background.

# Notices

## FILM SCREENING

A while ago a lady by the name of Paula Bisphan was seen taking some video footage around the junction for her 'Waikato Poetry In Motion' DVD series. The first entry in the series has just been finished and contains 11 clips from around the Waikato with accompanying poetry for each, one of which is of our very own junction. If you would like to have a look, she is holding a screening. It's on Friday the 27th of July in Hamilton from 7:30 to 9:30 at 87 Boundary Road, opposite the Migrants Resource Centre (the car park of which you can use). Just walk down the side to the big room at the back. Gold coin donation. Light refreshments will be offered.



## PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION

The winner of the very first photo caption competition is:  
Teresa Bettison, congratulations!

“Guy, I think you have collected the GM—maybe we had better attach a cow-catcher if you are driving.”



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