

Pukemiro Junction



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

GREETINGS

Hope your Christmas was good and peaceful and that your New Year has got off to a good start.

The start of a new year is also the start of a new financial year for the Club. You will shortly be getting mailed your membership renewal notice. We hope that you will all renew your subs.

Remember any donations are very gratefully received and if over \$5 are tax deductible.

OPEN DAYS

The November open day was not a particularly good one passenger wise, though the weather was fine.

December was slightly better with rain setting in about lunch time. With the wet weather, our passengers largely vanished.

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**I believe that if life
gives you lemons,
you should make
lemonade... And try
to find somebody
whose life has given
them vodka, and
have a party.**

Ron White



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The Mamaku jigger was taking passengers for rides in November but the lack of a driver meant it wasn't used in December.



The Cb loco was taking passengers for short rides during the December open day. Santa was also present during December open day.

CARETAKER

Russell continues with his good work around the Junction. He is still clearing gorse and scrub. He has a nursery of young trees and shrubs. He has also been cleaning and painting handrails on the pit and generally gives a hand where required. He recently played host to some photographic models that were photographed in all sorts of poses around the Junction. I hear he is still trying to get his eyes back in his head. He also keeps our lawns cut and tidy.

TRACKWORK



UPCOMING WORKING BEES

These are held on the Sunday of the 4th full weekend of the month and are very important in keeping our railway running. There are always jobs to do. The next ones are:

January	27th
February	24th
March	24th

Another couple of days has been put in by our community work crews. One day was spent near the top end of the line chopping out and removing some large pine tree roots that had grown through and lifted the track. About 8 were chopped and removed, up to 8" in diameter. The track in this area was then jacked and packed. Half a Yb wagon of ballast dumped and spread. 30 sleepers were then unloaded and stacked close to the Junction.

The other day was spent replacing sleepers on the line to Glen Afton.

Part of a wet day was spent unloading and stacking 70 sleepers at the top end of the line.

COAL WAGON

This job is finished except for painting the numbers back on. The final top coat was put on by Gail and CJ. The first top coat was put on by our CW crew on another wet day.

PECKETT 1630

Some progress on this loco. Chris and Neil think they have sorted out the side rod problem. Ian B has been working on the steam pipework to the steam brake, while Peter has completed painting the smokebox with high heat black paint.

CLIMAX 1650

The welder has been back twice since last newsletter, welding patches on the firebox.

Work on the under frame is progressing well as is the tyre turning at Glenbrook Railway.

CB 117



This loco was running up and down Pukemiro yard during December open day. On Friday 7/12, it was loaded onto a truck and taken to MOTAT in Auckland as part of the 30th anniversary of their rail section at Meola Rd. It will be used at

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MOTAT occasionally before going to Glenbrook Railway in March for a planned steam festival there.

The same truck that took the Cb away also took the Mamaku jigger as Ian J wants to do some work on it before it goes to Glenbrook Railway for the festival.

3 CAR

Robin continues to work on this car, assisted by Derek. He recently put some building paper on the framework. Gail has undercoated the tongue and groove for some of the new cladding.

Bob was spotted using a router on the new end that fits under the roof of the veranda.

HUT RENOVATIONS

Work continues on this job. It even sports a Sky TV dish on the roof! The replacement of the cladding is now about complete. The grey paint they were using ran out and the new paint is a slightly different colour.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

This is part of our legal requirements and was carried out by Chris on Sunday 25/11. As yet we haven't received his report.

AIR COMPRESSOR

Richard put down some concrete foundations for our new air compressor. It was lifted into place recently.

Before we can power this up, we need our new main switchboard put in, a job Trev is looking into.

WATER WAGON



(Photo is from before changes)

Bruce has been altering the bracing on the tanks to make them less moveable. He has had to drill 20mm holes through the frame of the wagon and was assisted by Russell.

AGM

This will be held on 31st March 2013 at 1.30pm. It is important that as many members as possible turn up and give their views. Perhaps you'll even stand for Committee!!

Formal notice will be mailed out later.

A shunting school will be held the same morning starting at 10.30am.

Happy Holidays!

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