

Pukemiro Junction



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STEAM!

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Peckett 1630 being driven by the justifiably excited Chris Mann after over 10 years of overhaul. (Photo courtesy of Chris Mann)

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GREETINGS

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

We need as many members as possible to turn up and help run these days but please remember that unless you have passed our training course for a particular job, you can't do it by yourself.

April	7th
May	5th
June	2nd

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:

March	24th
April	28th
May	26th

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership and those who have included a donation. Remember all donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Please make sure you check and sign your membership form.

MOTAT

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Cb117 and the Mamaku jigger went to MOTAT right after our December open day for part of the 30th anniversary of their rail section at Meola Rd in mid December.



This photo, taken by Ian Jenner, shows the line up at MOTAT. They had 4 locos in steam on the day.

I am told that both items from our club ran very well and have been used at other times at MOTAT.

I love deadlines.

**I like the whooshing sound
they make as they fly by.**

Douglas Adams

QUIZ Where was this photo taken?



Clue: It's near a large lake.

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GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY

They are planning a big festival weekend on 23rd and 24th March 2013. Our Cb117 and Mamaku jigger will be taking part with the Cb hauling a couple of wagons with passengers in the siding at Glenbrook, while the Mamaku jigger will be running on the main line perhaps as far as Fernleigh.

CARETAKER

Russell continues to do an amazing job around the junction. He keeps the lawns cut and the garden tidy. He has recently water blasted the rec room and toilet block. Unfortunately this removed some paint so Russell has repainted these areas.

During wet or very hot weather he has made and painted three new picnic tables. These will be put up on the hill.

PECKETT 1630

Good progress on this loco. On 16th January, the valve chest covers were removed and the valves set to previous measurements. After this, the boiler was filled and lit up. The loco was run up and down the yard, towing a diesel for part of the time. The loco sounded slightly out of beat while towing the load.

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Several new leaks were evident during the running but all have been attended to. The boiler inspector was booked for 13/2.

It was lit up on 7/2 for further testing to ensure everything was OK for the boiler inspector.

The boiler on this loco was designed around the coal from its home mine - Pukemiro.



As this mine is now being open casted, we purchased 1 tonne of coal as a trial. This is also the closest mine to the Junction so we will almost certainly be buying our coal from there.

CLIMAX 1650

Work continues on this with the welder due back again for his 1st visit since Christmas.

TRACKWORK



Our CW crew spent a day in mid-January replacing a rail on

the point into rotten row, at the top of the Pukemiro Junction yard. The web on this rail had rusted through so the head had collapsed.

The rest of the day was spent replacing a few sleepers in the yard. A day was recently spent replacing sleepers towards Glen Afton.

WATER WAGON

Now that the alterations have been completed, Russell has water blasted the wagon. He has painted the under frame black and the tanks grey.

SWITCHBOARD

Many years ago, in Lofty's days, we were told a new switch-board was urgent. We lashed out and purchased what he required and then it sat in the loco shed until Trev plucked up the courage to dismantle the old one and install the new one. To do this, he had to shut all power off, a job that took most of the day. Unfortunately, some of our new fittings aren't heavy enough so we had to purchase more.



(Photo courtesy of Chris Lucas)

The job is largely completed, until we buy the new fittings.

SCRAP

We recently had a good clean up around the Junction plus our regular scrap, a good truck and trailer load were sold. We banked a very healthy cheque as a result.

Its amazing how the scrap accumulates.

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3 CAR

Robin continues to work on this car. Some of the tongue and groove timber has been nailed in the car side. Gail has painted the window sills and some 1/2 round beading.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

We have received Chris' internal assessment report. Nothing out of the ordinary was contained in it.

AGM

Formal notice of our AGM will be mailed out shortly. It will be held on **31st March at 1.30pm**. It is important that as many members as possible turn up and give their view. We also need some more members to stand for the committee as well.

A shunting school will be held on the morning of the **same day**, starting at **10.30am**. It is important that all operating, or intending operating members, turn up to this important school.

Please bring your shunting handbooks, the new edition.

GRANTS

\$3000 grant from WEL Energy Trust:

The Club has been fortunate to get a grant of \$3000 towards the shed & siding that will go behind the wood workshop. This shed will be used to store some of our smaller locos in, eg Battery electric loco, Planet, Mamaku jiggers etc. It will be the full length of the woodwork shop. The project is being handled by the battery electric group under Chris Lucas.

They have already received \$1500 from Trust Waikato & \$2000 from Transpower for the project.

CULVERT

The last blocked culvert was found just before Christmas. It has had a 3 metre riser put on top & the ground around re-contoured to suit. The culvert wasn't exactly where we had thought it was. Thanks Lance for a job well done.

The Photo Gallery



Adventures at MOTAT: January 27th

Clockwise from top left: Cb117 pulling a load of passengers in an L wagon away from the platform at the top station.

Cb117 pulling passengers along the stretch of track from the yard to the top station.

Cb117 on the same stretch of track without the wagon.

The freshly lit, early morning fire.



Above is the space where the new small loco shed is to be built and on the right is the relocated water tank which was formerly behind the shed. (Photos courtesy of Chris Lucas)



The second shanty is coming along nicely with the paint brushes (or rollers rather) being put to good use. (Photo courtesy of Chris Lucas)



Congratulations to two BTC members, Erika and Robert, who got married on Saturday 29th December 2012 in the Coatesville Settlers hall. The wedding ceremony was followed by a dinner and then a ceilidh (dance + musical items). There were lots of musicians amongst the guests and the wedding was a musical extravaganza. (Photo and details courtesy of Chris Lucas)

QUIZ ANSWER:
The Kingston Flyer, Kingston station yard.

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