

# “Pukemiro Junction”



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

## THE AUGUST OPEN DAY

The August Open Day can only be classed as one of the best ever in terms of passenger numbers, certainly the best since 1994. The main reason for the excellent turnout was an article about the Club in the Hamilton Press community newspaper. We threw the timetable out the door and just ran trains as soon as the carriage was full again.

Trev had to hurtle into Huntly and buy some more sausages and bread!!

A very busy day indeed.

## THE OPEN DAY IN PICTURES



Left: The classic club poster recreated with Cb117 instead of F185 and with a film crew in the background.

Above: Bruce McLuckie switches the points after moving 401 through them on his way to pick up a carriage from the Cb.

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THE AUGUST OPEN DAY IN PICTURES CONTINUED



The two person film crew from a Sky TV program about trucks and heavy machinery had come to see the Mamaku bush jigger, but they couldn't resist a look at the Cb as well.



Derek waves as he drives past in 401 with the one carriage passenger train. Hopefully this was the last time that we will have to run with only one engine and carriage.



Richard and Guy had the Cb steamed up bright and early for its first public appearance, before most members had even arrived. Good work guys! (no pun intended)



The Goodman battery electric was also out and about. Everyone on board was glad of the extensive water-proofing efforts. No one knew what the ladder was for though.



Some visitors were lucky enough to get a ride on a carriage pushed by the Cb. It is a welcome sight to see steam rides returning to the line.



Many groups of visitors turned up from all walks of life. The platform was busy even with a full train up the line. Shelter from the brief but heavy showers was well appreciated.

**THE SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY**

The September Open Day was also busy for the first 3 trips and then our passengers tapered off.

Thanks to all who turn up and help with the smooth running of our Open Days.

**THE SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY IN PICTURES**



402 was back in service for the September Open Day, allowing two carriages to be used on the train again. After it had a few runs up and down the line it was performing well.



Bob lowers the walkway between the carriages for the first time since 402 was retired from service last year. The passengers enjoyed the space from the extra carriage.



Two steam locomotives, two pillars of smoke. Tests on the Peckett boiler included heating it up. Hopefully we will see more smoke from it soon. Keep up the good work guys.



A well timed photo of the Cb blowing its whistle and 402 passing by with the train. The new whistle seemed to be louder than the last and probably gave some passengers a scare.



The Mamaku bush jigger was running with large loads between trains around midday. Derek was certainly kept busy, drinking tea on the run between driving the Mamaku and 401.



The Cb's wood bunker offered a good (if not wobbly) view of the junction and 401 pushing the passenger train as it headed up the line.

**OPEN DAYS :**

**October 2nd**  
**November 6th**  
**December 4th**

**WORKING BEES :**

These are an extremely important part of keeping our railway running. Please turn up and help, there is always heaps to do.

**October 23rd**  
**November 27th**

**None in December as it would be on Christmas day**

**CHARTER TRIPS**

One will have been run by the time you receive this but we lost two big ones through not having a steam loco running.

**2010 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

These have finally arrived from our auditors. We intend holding a special meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, after our Open Day but before our end of year nosh up, to ratify them.

Please note the date on your calendars.

**TRACKWORK**

Our CW crews have spent quite a bit of time at the Junction recently. Their first job was to jack up and pack about three tracksets just below Hangipipi Road level crossing. This area gave trouble in NZR days and has been lifted at least three times by us, It was lifted at least 200mm in the worst area. After the lifting and packing had been completed, a YB of ballast was dumped and spread.

They also built a small retaining wall over this area to stop the ballast rolling downhill.

This job took two days.

They have also spent three days replacing sleepers, mostly on a curve near the 2.2 km mark.

Ian B and Teresa spent a day and a half marking out the top part of the line into 100m sections.

Ian B and CJ spent a day replacing or tightening fishplate bolts up to the 2.50 km mark. They also did some work with the gas on the point that will give access to a siding near the sandfill.

**PECKETT LOCO**

Some progress on this loco. The boiler has been tested to its 200lbs test pressure on two occasions but each time some leaks appear. The most frustrating is from the regulator casting in the smokebox. Ian B has had it off at least four times. The last time was the September Open Day. Peter was noticed cleaning up some of the parts for the loco while Chris, Ian B and John warmed the boiler and tested it.

**QUIZ**

Where was this anniversary night run held?



**Clue: This was to celebrate it's 80th anniversary**

**Answer on next page**



**STATION**

Our CW crews continue to keep the lawns mown around the area.

Jan continues to keep the toilets clean, while Ian B and Teresa gave the station a good going over with the water blaster.

Bruce has re-painted the yellow safety line on the platform.

**DIESEL LOCO 402**

Dave Shaw from Shaw Diesels came down to sort out the idle problem. He had to come back the next week with a new governor spring. The loco is now available for use again and was used on September Open Day.



**CB 117**

The boiler was passed in steam in late July and was in use during the August and September Open Days. It is good to see it in steam again.

**KS WAGON BODY**

Bruce has purchased a Ks wagon body in good order. He intends using it for storage of parts as he overhauls the Ds loco.

**NO. 3 CAR**

More work has been done on this car. The second to last section of the framework on one side is now in place with Robin putting in the nogs during the September Open Day.

Derek spent some time sanding and painting the new head-stock after Ian B and CJ had spent some time cutting the necessary holes in it.



**QUIZ ANSWER**

**The Hamilton Model Engineers 80th anniversary night run.**

Many loco's and their drivers turned up from around the country to celebrate the occasion, and to have a chance to drive along the line in the dark



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