



The Goldfields Express

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Message from the Vice Chairman:

It's been a while since the last newsletter, but hey good things take time. This summer is gearing up to be one of the busiest for the society, as full flow of the Hauraki Rail Trail hits. Completion of the KP wagon will mean our small UG wagon won't get **flooded of bike's either**. It's good to see many projects **happing** around the society by the dedicated Monday/Thursday team. The replacement of bridge 11 is coming together and the push for funding is under way.

Finally I wish all members all a safe and happy new year

Thanks

Ashton

Baird



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The Current Running Schedule

Trains run all year on a **Saturday & Sunday**
`three times per day

From **Waihi**

10.00 am 11.45 am 1.45 pm

From **Waikino**

11.00 am 1.00 pm 2.30 pm

December 15 to Mid February
7 days a week service

OUR Bike Carriage

***Start or finish your Hauraki Trail Experience at Waihi
By Train***

Special Excursions by Arrangement,

***All times are subject to change
Or unless closed for maintenance***

Recent Events at the Station:

Cheese & wine evening

Was a great event held on the 25th October, A full dining car travelled the line to relaxing music from Sarah Spicer. Big thanks to Connie and her crew for putting together a fantastic event

Gold fest train robbery

The 11th of October was the annual train robbery, run in conjunction with Gold Fest. The young ones enjoyed it and the free crunchy bars were a hit.



New Members to the Society

Thank you for your interest and support in Goldfields Railway.

Connie Riddle
Ann-Marie Bidios
Bruce Huggard
Alison & Barry Howie
Christine Scothern
Deborah Armstrong



Life Membership presented to

Phill and Ruby Boyd

Thanks to our Sponsors:

And of course our thanks must also go to the many volunteers and supporters that are involved with Goldfield Railways, including operation of the trains, restoration work etc.

Thank you everyone

From the General Manager's Desk:

- Track:** Twenty meters of track caused by derailment has been re-gauged, new sleepers have been installed in this area. Since 1st of November Thomas and his crew have installed 88 new sleepers. Only 25 sleepers left of 250 which were purchased in late June.
- Hi Rail Digger:** Dennis has purchased a hi-rail unit that the society will use. This machine will greatly speed up track maintenance, and finally our water ways and drains can be easily maintained. Thanks Dennis.



- 🔧 **Loco 5** With no spare engine to pull the passenger train, this loco was assessed. After ten years stored .Amazingly she started first pop. Engine is in good condition. Work carried out lately is thermostat housing cleaned/repaired, new radiator hose and fuel filter's cleaned
- 🔧 **Loco 7** After a block radiator caused ongoing overheating, the loco was withdrawn for repairs. Radiators have been sent away for cleaning, new Drive Belts installed and Compressor drive seal repaired. Big thanks to Phill Boyd for the hard effort
- 🔧 **Loco 1** Is temporary running the work train till loco 7 is back onboard
- 🔧 **Office staff** Sherryl has intentions of retiring this summer from the office; Jackie Wenham has been introduced to the office. Jackie has great ambitions' for the railway; she intends to create an educational package for schools. Connie Riddle is the society's new secretary, and has been working on special events for the railway (Wine & Cheese, train robbery).

Update on Restoration Projects:

Kp Class Wagon

Equipment stored inside has been removed. Doors removed for repair, box unit sandblasted and painted. New train pipe installed and brake rigging repaired. Thanks to NZCT and Grass Roots Trust for their grant to enable the Sandblasting and painting of this wagon.



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Replacement of the decking on our much loved open car took place early June .But the decision was made to Carry out further work ,which included ,chassis striped, bogies overhauled, headstocks replaced ,chassis sandblasted and painted. Hutchins engineering carried out the above work.

Currently the flooring is been prepared for installing we hope to have this wagon back by Christmas



A1196 (Glenbrook carriage)

Seats frames have been sandblasted and painted ready for installation. Inside skirting boards finished and timber work complete to top of windows. Don has moved onto repairing the rear Veranda roof (pictured).



Waihi District Model Railway Club

DOC/HPT has approved the proposed 7¼ inch railway line around house six. Plans are to construct the line this summer, Anyone interested in joining with the group or giving assistance should contact Contact Dave Cole (07 863)

Update on Houses:

House 2 is now complete and is being rented out as a bed and breakfast. All the houses are looking good, and we have a nice group on people renting them. We have nearly finished putting fences around these houses, which makes it more secure for those that have children running around.

House six will soon have a new car shed moved on site from the paddock

Car parking in paddocks between house 3 &4 have been created for Hauraki Rail trail users. Insulation has been installed in all of the houses.



We look forward to your feedback and contributions to our newsletter. Just email or write to us.

From the pages of history

Work train to remove parts of the old ECMT ready for track uplifting ,hauled by DI 1101 is seen here passing through Karangahake and Waihi station

