

Thursday Report 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 (actually written on Friday)

From hot last week to rainy yesterday – you can't win them all.

Ron Paul has collected all of the accreditation documents from Greg, and returned them to Glenreagh. There are several boxes of paperwork, so, in order to determine which components of our new accreditation we already have, to avoid re-inventing the wheel, several members of the Rail Safety Committee have taken some home and are cataloguing them. We will then be able to determine what holes we still have to fill, and therefore the amount of work involved in the new accreditation application.

Over the last few weeks, a safety issue has arisen, in that the timber on the roof of the LHG van has deteriorated to the extent that the corrugated iron was starting to fall off, and posed a danger of all coming off in the event of a good southerly, not unknown at this time of the year. This could potentially cause injury to someone in the rec ground at the time. Terry led a small team of members to move the most vulnerable items out of the van, and into other more suitable storage, and then removed the remaining iron from the roof before the wind did it for us, possibly injuring some.

Meanwhile, Ron and Kevin, with a small band of helpers erected fencing around the shed area, and did a lot of tidying up, to make the whole area much safer for visitors, who still come and see us, especially on market days.

During the week, Dennis spent several hours repairing the ride-on mower, and using it to cut some of the grass, making a great improvement to the general tidiness of the area. Don has acquired another ride on mower, which appears to be in very good condition, apart from needing one drive belt replaced. This will hopefully be more reliable than the existing one, which should save many ours of repairs.

In addition, the usual teams were beavering away, Dick and co in the trike shed, Ron and helpers on GW station building and Ron Swadling restoring windows for the tram.

This morning, a meeting took place in the Chook shed, which I attended, Derrick indicated that he wanted to pull back from running this facility, in order to make time to do other things. We are therefore looking for someone to take over this role. If you have an interest in it, please call the secretary. If we cannot find anyone willing to do so, we may have to stop using his facility, which would, I think be a great shame for GMR. In addition, Derrick is planning to hold a garage sale at the Chook Shed on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January to dispose of surplus materials and other bits and pieces, which hopefully raise some funds towards paying the rent there should it continue.

That's about all for now – we are still doing background work on the accreditation, and will keep you informed of progress.