

Thursday Report 19th February 2009

After all the heavy rain, unsurprisingly, not too many turned up at Glenreagh yesterday. The Orara Way was still under water at the Bluff bridge, so those coming from the north had to come a long way round via the Highway and Old Bucca Road.

Fortunately there was no real damage at Glenreagh West, although water did get in to the crib room, and the floor was still wet on Thursday morning. There was, however, some damage at Lowanna, although I don't have a detailed report. We are looking into the possibility of accessing the disaster relief funding to make repairs.

Those stalwarts who did make it all got stuck into the tidy up, concentrating this time on all the trikes and associated bits and pieces. These have now mostly been gathered together and stored under cover in the lean to at the back of the blue container. As well as protecting these parts from the weather, it makes the whole of the GW area look neater.

Ron battled both the weather and the flu to do a bit more work on the station building, and has now measured up for all of the fencing that will be required to make it place safe, in readiness for opening as a "mini museum". The date for this is getting closer, and when complete, will hopefully provide a bit of a revenue stream until we get running again, and add to the public interest once we are.

On running, I have received an acknowledgement from ITSRR of our request to move the tram, as part of the preparation for erecting stage 2 of the tram shed, but not permission to make the move. I have also added a request to move the 1919 a couple of feet to make access for the loco crew a bit easier, as well as several other incidental moves. The wheels of government bodies turn exceedingly slowly!

Also, on accreditation, we now have to hand most of the documentation that formed our previous application. I am making copies of everything for the safety management team, and hope to have all the documents identified and catalogued within a few days. We are going to have a meeting of the team, hopefully next week (floods, bushfires, earthquakes, etc permitting) and will divvy up a number of tasks then, aimed at getting our application together. If anyone there thinks they can offer the safety management team any help or assistance, please contact me, or, better still, come along to the meeting.

Andrew