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Looking from gate towards Woodford Station. New mainline to left awaiting lifting, packing and placement of top ballast. To right, sleepers and rails placed to provide additional storage siding. Rail still needs to be fish-plated and spiked to sleepers. Brian Wilson photo, 19 Oct 03.

## President's Report

By Bob Gough

At Woodford work parties are still working hard on trackwork - they can always do with extra helpers. Beside trackwork we need people to keep the site clean. The BBQ area needs to be kept clean and now after the rain the grass will need to be cut.

We are always in need of people to man (or woman) the station on Sundays from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please contact Terry Ollson on 32351751 to advise of your availability.

We have sold four of the St Helena Island wagons to the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway in Victoria and we are hoping to dispose of more to other interested parties.

We have been approached by the Maroochy Shire Council to ask would we be interested in setting up and running a new railway venture at Coolum using the old station area to a proposed eco park a few kilometres towards the River Depot.

Please take note that the Christmas BBQ (BYO basis) will be held at Woodford on Sunday 30 November 2003 starting at 11:30 am. Please ring Diane Thornton on 07 3204 6321 and register your interest in joining the group.

**Special Notice:** It has been reported that several items have gone missing . The latest is a tin of smoke box paint. A full tin was stored in the workshops and when it was required to be used a few weeks ago it was found to be empty. It may have been taken away and used and then returned empty - as stupid as it may seem it has happened. Also seat upholstery has gone missing.



**Silent Auction—RG Henderson Book Collection:** See pages 7-11 for details of the members fund-raising auction of books of 'particular arcane intrinsic interest and significance'.

Use the bidding form on page 11 and submit your bid before 30 December.

The roof has been removed from the Malcolm Moore locomotive (left) for rust removal and repainting. Brian Wilson photo, 19 Oct 03.

## Track Matters

By Greg Stephenson



**Woodford Station Modifications:** Since the August 2003 edition of DRB, work has continued on reconstruction of the mainline through the gate at the start of Freeman's Cutting. On the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2003, we dug out the panel of track through the gate and turned the rails. This was required to reverse the direction of the curve through the gate. New sleepers were placed before the rails were placed into position. The day finished with the rails being cut to length and new holes drilled

for the fish-plate bolts.

A somewhat impromptu track day occurred on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 when we had 9 members participating. We split into two gangs with one concentrating on drilling and spiking the sleepers on the panel of track through the gate. The remainder worked on recovering ballast from where the points had been removed and placing it for reuse on the new mainline. The area where the points had been located was levelled and sleepers and rails placed to extend the storage siding towards the gate.

On Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2003, we started bolting up the fish-plates and spiking the sleepers on the storage siding. The next scheduled track day is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 when we plan to lift, align, pack and complete the ballasting of the new mainline. This will complete a significant milestone in the project.

Two recent acquisitions for the track gang are a Stumec petrol powered rail drill and rail saw. When these arrived on-site, we checked the spark plugs and oil and filled the fuel tank and they started first go. Some work has been undertaken on the rail drill to replace a broken stop pin on the drive mechanism. It is anticipated that these machines will eliminate some of the tedious manual methods currently used! We thank those that made these donations possible and those that arranged collection.

We are continuing to work on this project most weekends, however I plan to continue the major work parties on the second Saturday of the month. The monthly work parties for the rest of 2003 and early 2004 are scheduled for Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.

**Other Activities:** There are other on going activities that need to be undertaken that are not as physically demanding as trackwork but perhaps more important to our public presentation. With the onset of summer, the major one of these is mowing. As a property owner, this need has not diminished despite that fact that we have temporarily suspended train operations. It is regrettable that those prepared to undertake trackwork must be diverted from that work to undertake the mowing and ground maintenance that could easily be undertaken by other members.

If you can help on any of these projects, let me know on telephone 3844 9269 or via email at [greg.stephenson@ugconnect.net](mailto:greg.stephenson@ugconnect.net).

**Mechanical Activities:** Leslie Beahan and Brian Wilson typically spend one day mid-week concentrating on mechanical projects. Recently these have included repairs to the exhaust system on the Gemco Locomotive and fabrication of a replacement gear selector mechanism for inside the gear box on “Netherdale” – it is anticipated that this will overcome a long standing problem with this locomotive. Work is also in hand repainting the operational Malcolm Moore locomotive using paint already in stock thus minimising expenditure.



0121 – Looking along new mainline towards the gates at Freeman’s Cutting. Lifting and packing of ballast still to be completed. To the left the original mainline is being extended to provide additional storage.

**Cane Railway Operations at Sarina:** The photos on the next page were taken by Ken McHugh at the marshalling yard just outside the Plane Creek Sugar Mill, Sarina, during a recent trip. Ken says that ‘*it was my first time ever chasing cane trains*’. No prize for guessing that Ken is also interested in section cars.





**Moreton Mill Twilight:** Moreton Sugar Mill 0700 hrs Friday 26 September 2003 (top) and morning crew change. Locomotives Moreton (left) and Petrie are ready to begin another shift. Later the same day (bottom) finds Moreton at River Depot.



## **THE RG HENDERSON COLLECTION/SILENT AUCTION**

**By Graeme R Prideaux**

The Society has in its possession a large number of books and magazines which were formerly the property of deceased members. The majority of the quality books were owned by the late Rob Henderson and were obtained from his family by society officers who at the time were disposing of the material. The collection has since been complemented by titles from other sources and stored at Woodford or under the care of members.

The collection has now been catalogued and valued. Many titles are what can be termed generic, popular or 'coffee table', however there are a minority of titles of particular arcane intrinsic interest and significance. For security and conservation, these have been removed from storage at Woodford to another location.

As the Society is in no position to maintain a generalist railway or other type of library and storage is an issue wherever the collection is located, the Board has taken the decision to capitalise on the value of the collection through its disposal. The decision to dispose of the collection was not taken lightly and was under examination for a considerable time, finally being aided by an options paper which encapsulated the relevant issues and the outcome of informal consultation with members.

I am managing the disposal process for the Board. The disposal of the collection is being undertaken in three ways.

- By members inspecting the portion of the collection currently stored at Woodford and paying the market value of the items selected into society funds. Books have the value affixed to the front cover while magazines are notionally 50 cents each.
- Conducting a silent auction of members of the titles of 'particular arcane intrinsic interest and significance'.
- Titles of this second category remaining unsold will be released for sale to the public through consignment, auction or other arrangement.

Documentation regarding the silent auction for members follows.

Bids will only be accepted on the form and should be forwarded prior to 31 December 2003 in a sealed envelope endorsed 'Silent Auction to

**GRAEME R PRIDEAUX**

**Box 2853 GPO, BRISBANE Q 4001.**

Alternatively, the sealed envelope can be handed to me at any time prior to 12midnight on 30 December 2003.

Please do not send any money at this stage.

A reserve price has been set on each item and will not be disclosed.

The highest bid over the reserve will secure the item. In the event of the receipt of bids of equal value from separate bidders, the bid received first will be successful.

A coin will be tossed in the event of equal bids being received on the same day if the postmark or other receipt indication is of no guidance. This decision will be final.

An invoice will be issued against the successful bidder. This should be settled within 30 days or the items will be offered to the next highest bidder.

On receipt of the money in payment of the invoice, arrangements will be made to forward the titles to the recipient.

Goods will be supplied on an 'as is where is basis. Inspection prior to making the bid can be arranged by contacting me on 32612984 or mobile 0407575215.

Members are reminded that all work undertaken for the Society is of a voluntary nature and other things in life do have higher precedence. So members are asked for their forbearance and to be patient in regard to the outcomes of this silent auction.

On completion of the silent auction details of the results will be published in the DRB (having regard to privacy constraints).

## ITEMS LISTING

NOTE: Having regard to their age all items are in fair to good condition. None is near fine because of the rigours of storage and transportation. Some dust jackets have been torn and in a few cases there is evidence of previous insect presence. Items are in a condition which in the majority of cases is better than what can be seen for sale through specialist commercial outlets or those of the charities like Lifeline. Items are listed by their asset number and other information where it is to hand is also indicated. [E&OE]

19. BAGULEY LOCOMOTIVES 1914-1931; by Rodney Weaver 96P card covers, INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY SOCIETY (UK) 1975.

22. BRISBANE'S RAILWAYS STEAM TO ELECTRIC; by A M WEST; 52 P; card covers; ARHS QLD DIV 1979.

23. BRISBANE RAILWAY CENTENARY; by John Kerr & John Armstrong; ARHS QLD DIV 1976.

29. BURMA -SIAM RAILWAY(THE) THE SECRET DIARY OF DR. ROBERT HARDIE 1942 - 1945; COLLINS 1983.

34. CANADIAN STEAM; edited by David P Morgan; KALMBACH, MILWAUKEE, USA (FOURTH PRINTING) 1972. (hardcover A4/quarto format, quality pictorial)

39. CENTURY OF NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMCARS VOL 11 1903 - 1908, A; by K McCarthy, N Chinn; quality hardcover approx A5 historical text and photographs; SOUTH PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY 1968.



44. COOKTOWN RAILWAY, THE; by J W Knowles; hardcover ARHS QLD DIV 1966.
58. FLASHLIGHTS ON STEAM; by Len Whalley; hardcover, landscape format monochrome photos, RUSKIN PUBLISHING ca 1968.
62. FORGOTTEN PIONEERS - AXEMEN -THEIR TIMES AND SPORT; by P J Gabbedy; FREEMANTLE ARTS CENTRE PRESS, 1981.
97. LAST OF THE HUDSWELLS; by Ian Stocks; ANGRMS; 1982.
98. LEEK AND MANIFOLD VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY, THE; by Keith Turner; hardcoverAN 1980.
111. MAINE TWO FOOTERS, THE; by Linwood H Moody; HOWELL NORTH 1960. (a pure gem !)
117. MEXICAN NARROW GAUGE; by Gerald M Best; 180p hardcover, second printing , HOWELL NORTH 1971. (like water for chocolate !)
125. MOUNT MORGAN RACK RAILWAY, THE; by J W Knowles; 52p card cover; J W KNOWLES 1982.
126. MOUMT SOMERS TRAMWAY 1886 - 1943, THE; by I D Maffey; hardback; THE NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY AND LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY INC 1971.
127. MUNRO'S HAMPTON TRAMWAY; by R K Morgan; 24 p inc paper covers; LRRSA 1978.
129. NAMIB NARROW GAUGE; by Sidney M Moir, H T Crittenden; 154p hardcover, JANUS PUBLISHING second edition 1982. (wow !)
130. NARROW GAUGE THE WORLD OVER; by Patrick Whitehouse and Peter Allen; hardcover A4 224p; IAN ALLAN 1976.
131. NASMYTH WILSON & CO; by GS Moore; Arley Hall Publications Ca 1970.
135. NORMANTON CROYDON RAILWAY, THE; 12p card covers; NATIONAL TRUST OF QUEENSLAND 1980.
137. NORTHERN OUTPOST - MOSSMAN CENTRAL MILL; by John Kerr; hardcover; MOSSMAN CENTRAL MILL CO LTD 1979.
138. NORTH OF THE HARBOUR; by L A Clark; ARHS NSW DIV 1976.
139. NZR GARRATT STORY, THE; by E J Mc Clure, 100p hardcover A5; THE NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY AND LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY INC 1978. (delicious !)
151. PIONEER PAGAENT; by John Kerr; PIONEER SHIRE COUNCIL 1980.
152. PNKA POWERE PARADE INDONESIAN STEAM LOCOMOTIVES; by A E Durrant; 100p card cover; CONTINENTAL RAILWAY CIRCLE 1972.
163. QUEENSLAND RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES; RAILMAC 1981.
198. ROADS AND RAILS OF LONDON 1900 - 1933; by Charles F Klapper; A5 192p hardcover; IAN ALLAN 1977.
194. RAILWAY STEAM CRANES; by John S Brownlie; A5 369 p bw photos-text bound; JOHN S BROWNLIE UK 1973. (uplifting !)

215. SOUTH AFRICAN STEAM TODAY; by David C Rogers, A4 136p bw photos; IAN ALLAN.
231. STEAM LOCOMOTIVES BUILT BY CLYDE ENGINEERING CO PTY TTD; ARHS NSW DIV 1969.
234. STEAM LOCOMOTIVES IN INDIA PART 2 METRE GAUGE; by Hugh Hughes; 96p cardcover, THE CONTINENTAL RAILWAY CIRCLE 1977.
235. STEAM LOCOMOTIVE, THE UNFINISHED STORY OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVES AND STEAM LOCOMOTIVE MEN ON THE RAILWAYS OF GREAT BRITAIN; by O S Nock; GREER ALLEN AND UNWIN LTD London; second edition 1968.
257. SUGAR TRAMP COLORADO'S GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY; by Gary Morgan; CENTENNIAL PUBLICATIONS US 1975. (wonderfull!)
270. TASMANIA REMEMBERED; by H J King; MARY FISHER BOOKSHOP LAUNCESTON 174.
297. 24 INCHES APART; by Sydney H Moir, 182p hardcover A5, JANUS PUBLISHING RSA second edition (revised) 1981. (superb !)
299. UP OVER THE HILL (BRAZIIAN STEAM ALBUM VOL II RIO DE JANEIRO - SAO PAULO; by Carl Heinz Hahmann, Charles S Small; 92p card covers; RAILHEAD PUBLICATIONS 1985. (caramba !)
304. VICTORIAN STEAM; R M Carlisle and E J B Payne; hardcover landscape bw; ARHS VIC DIV 1975.
315. WEST OF THE TARARUAS AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE WELLINGTON AND MANAWATU RAILWAY COMPANY; by Douglas Hoy; 136p hardcover A5; SOUTHERN PRESS 1972.
319. THE WOLGAN VALLEY RAILWAY ITS CONSTRUCTION; by Henry Deane 28p card cover; ARHS NSW 1979.



Moreton Mill's River Depot, recently vandalised by fire. The sand drier to the right still has a stock of dry sand but has apparently not been used for years. A smudge fire in front of the building provides train crews with 'mossie relief'.

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Members Silent Auction  
BIDDING FORM**

Please accept my bid as outlined for the items listed below. (If space insufficient use separate forms)

Member's name: .....

Member's address: .....

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Phone :..... Email: .....

I hereby certify that I agree to, understand and accept the terms and conditions applicable to this silent auction.

..... Date: ...../...../ 03

Signature of member

Ref.	Item Title	\$ Bid

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## Scheduled Activities and Contacts

<b>Monthly Meetings</b>	TBA
<b>Track Work Parties</b>	13 Sep, 4 Oct, 8 Nov and 13 Dec
<b>General Work Parties</b>	Every Saturday
<b>Running Days</b>	Suspended until further notice

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## Our Safety Goal - No Injuries



No longer by rail: one of a string of molasses tankers leaving Moreton Mill, Nambour, 26 Sep 2003. Lynn Zelmer photo.