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Ensuring Safe Operation: Nambour Mill's 'Coolum' (EM Baldwin 5565-1-1074 of 1974 aka Lorry, the safety loco) waiting to cross the shared use David Low Bridge over the Maroochy River. Points person waves a car past who did not stop at red light on the eastern side of bridge. R Gough photo. 01/11/03

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

Trackwork Days: 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov & 11 Dec

Work Days: Every Saturday; Light Duties on Third Wednesday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: Second Friday: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec; combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, Garden City Shopping Centre, Mt Gravatt; 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm (after hours entrance at rear of Library)

Access Change: Note the removal of the head shunt area (Page 3) will change access to behind the station buildings.

Train Notices: Check out the train notice information on page 5 for updates on operational procedures.

Bequests

We appreciate your help and support now, but consider mentioning us in your will so your contribution to ANGRMS can be remembered. A bequest can be left for a particular project and commemorated through the placement of a permanent plaque or the naming of the project.

Bequests also allow us greater access to grants when a matching contribution is required from us or to assist with additional costs. For more information, contact the President.

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

Since taking over again as editor of the DRB, Lynn Zelmer has been doing an excellent job. With a lot of things happening in ANGRMS, we sometimes lose track of time and Lynn's reminders have certainly helped get the DRB back on schedule. This is why there have been several editions relatively close together recently. You will also notice that this edition has a new look. This freshen up is overdue and certainly improves the look of our magazine. Thanks again to Lynn for this suggestion.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council will be widening Margaret St past our site from early September. We will be losing some land from the front of our area, which will result in a new front fence and some changes to our gates. This work will also involve moving our Malcolm Moore and cane wagon display back slightly. This work has taken up a lot of Greg Stephenson's and my time.



The Malcolm Moore and cane truck display, soon to be relocated to allow for shire road works. Neil Trevorrow photographer.

Members should note that this work will reduce the width of the passage way around the end of our headshunt, so it is expected that it will be necessary to enter the area behind the station buildings via the second gate in future.

All members are also reminded to take particular care around any construction work.

Our Woodford station site is located in an area surrounded by housing, so all members are reminder to consider our neighbours and keep noise to a minimum.

Remember – safety first.

Safety and Training Report

Gordon Anderson, Vice President, Safety and Training

Training: Congratulations to the following Members who have completed their Training:

- Diane Thornton - 5 year Accreditation for Station Mistress
- Terry Olsson - 5 year Accreditation for Driver

Rail Safety Regulation Safety Alert

05/10 – Passenger Rollingstock – Open Windows

This Safety Alert covers an accident of a child falling from an open window on a passenger train. A preliminary investigation revealed the child was standing on a seat at an open window and may have overbalanced with the movement of the train.

While we do not have windows on our passenger train this Alert demonstrates the importance of the Safety Talk ANGRMS Staff gives to each carriage before the train departs the station. In particular:

“Passengers to remain seated whilst the train is in motion.”

“Passengers to keep within the confines of the carriage.” That is, no leaning out of the carriage.”

Train Staff should always monitor passenger behaviour when the train is in motion and take any necessary corrective action if required in the interest of their passenger’s safety.

Annual Review of Approved Safety Management System.

As required as part of ANGRMS Accreditation with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Rail Safety Regulation Branch. I conducted an Annual Spot Audit of ANGRMS compliance with our SMS.

This Audit was conducted on the 14 August, a work day; 15 August, a running day and 18 August, a Light Duties work day. I also conducted a Desktop Audit during this time.

The results of the Audit are that, overall, the operational practices on the Durundur Railway are safe and present no intolerable risk to the public or their staff.

Some issues were identified during the Audit. Appropriate action will be undertaken to rectify these items by consultation with all Volunteer Staff who assist in the operation of our railway.

Light Duties Work Day

Next work day, Wednesday 15 September. If you are unable to attend our Saturday General/Track Work Days, Why not participate in these Light Duties Work Days?

The gates will be open from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Even if you can only participate on this Work Day for a few hours, or only occasionally, remember this is YOUR Society. Its continued existence depends on VOLUNTEERS.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Maintenance Work

It's been quiet time for track maintenance with a number of other activities diverting resources. However, we plan to return to routine maintenance activities with our regular track parties held on the second Saturday of the month. Scheduled track work days are Saturdays 11 September, 9 October, 13 November and 11 December 2010.

Bogie Open Wagon - Ex-Nambour Mill

Work continues on this wagon with new timber ordered for the floor, sides and ends and expected on site early September.

Hudswell Clarke Locomotive "Melbourne"

Some work has commenced stripping back and undercoating the tender of this locomotive to ensure that it does not deteriorate whilst other repairs are underway.

Bogie Ballast Wagon - Ex-Innisfail Tramway.

This wagon has been moved to Tony Hewitt's workshop at Mt Mee where he is undertaking refurbishment of the hopper body and ballast doors.

Grovers Bogie Wagon - Ex Douglas Shire Tramway No. 56

This wagon will need some timbers in the floor and sides replaced in near future. This work will be scheduled for early 2011 when it can be taken out of traffic during the hotter months when patronage drops off and this wagon sees little use due to having no roof fitted.

General Site Works

A firewood cutting day held on Saturday 14 August with several members on site to help. A tree that blew over recently up along the track was cut up. Our firewood reserves are starting to run low so more firewood cutting days will

be organised in the near future. With the cooler weather, we have had a break from grass cutting. However, as warmer weather approaches, vegetation control is expected to be a constant drain on our labour resources.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Issue of Three Train Notices 1/10, 2/10 and 3/10.

All Operations staff please note that following discussions at Toolbox Talks, the following Train Notices have been issued, all dated 16 August 2010:

Train Notice 1/10: Placing and Removing of Chocks on Passenger Train – Clarification of Duties

Train Notice 2/10: Preparation and Stabling of the Passenger Train.

Train Notice 3/10: Chocking Passenger Train – Chock Reminder Device

The first two Train Notices are about clarifying the role of who has the principle responsibility when it comes to chocking and removing the chocks as well as checking the couplings and safety chains on the passenger train.

When it comes to placing and removing the chocks on the passenger train, it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that this is done.

When it comes to other train "Integrity" issues, it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the necessary checks are carried out. Even though the Guards duties require the guard to check the couplings and safety chains, it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that this has been done.

Train Notice 3/10 is to formally advise operating staff that a "Chock Reminder Device" (red piece of metal with the word "CHOCKS" written on it) has been introduced as a reminder to the loco crew to remove the chocks prior to moving the train. This device is to be placed on the hand brake handle when chocks are placed and only removed by the driver or on instruction from the driver after the driver has ensured that all chocks have been removed.

All Operations Staff must read and make themselves familiar with contents of these Train Notices when next rostered on. There is a sheet attached to each Train Notice that must be signed and dated when you have read the Train Notice. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Anderson or myself.

Roster

If you are not rostered on, but are available to help on a particular day, please let me know. In addition to being able to give someone a break, with our running days getting busier, we find we can always use "an extra pair of hands".

While the end of the year may seem a way off, it will be here before we know it, and another roster will be due. We are still looking for someone to take over the rostering, so that I can concentrate on other areas.

Public Running Days

Public running days continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Special Running Days

Brian Webber has agreed to take on the role of co-ordinating special running days and group bookings. Therefore if you have any suggestions or contacts in bus companies, car clubs etc please let Brian know (Ph 07 3354 2140 or e-mail bwebber5@bigpond.com).

Bus Groups/Car Clubs, etc

At the time of writing, we have another special run planned for Saturday 2 October for a car club. This is the day before our normal Sunday running day, and I am looking for operations staff to assist on this day.

Weddings

We have a tentative booking for Saturday, 30 October.

Shows

Pine Rivers Model and Hobby Show – 7 and 8 August 2010: This show has now passed and was very successful. We did not attend this show last year, but sales were down on 2007, they were up on 2008. As well as sales income, this show is a good marketing opportunity in our local area.

I would like to thank everyone who helped. It is great to see more members helping out at these shows, it not only helps spread the workload, but allows me to put more time into important things like networking, arranging additional sales items, etc.

Modelling Railways of Queensland Convention – Mt Gravatt – 28 August 2010: This convention has also now passed, and brought in needed sales income as well as helping “spread the word”. I would like to thank Bob Gough, Ian Thompson, and Wayne Harman for their help.

Mega Motor Show – Caboolture Historical Village – Saturday, 12 September 2010: We now have several things happening around this time, and with many members otherwise occupied on this weekend, we have reluctantly decided not to proceed with an ANGRMS display at this show..

Monthly Statistics

	August 10
Paying Passengers	157
Guards Sheet	216

New Sales Items:

There are no new sales items to report this issue.

Restoration of Rail Motor Trailer PL111.

Peter Hall, Project Manager.

Neil Trevorrow, with the help of Michael Wood and Allan Harris finished removing the end windows of the Railcar, have sanded off the rust and applied a coat of undercoat to the bare metal.

A start has been made on the replacement of the siding material to the Railcar. The bare material of the siding has been coated with primer and the lower sections have now been refitted.

We have been fortunate that the siding was marked when it was removed so the jigsaw puzzle of replacement has been relatively easy. Some new material will be required to replace rusted areas but the majority of the siding material is sound. This material was probably put in place in the late 1930s.

Woodford Work Parties: Saturday 17 & 24 July

Bob Gough

Ryan Silk and new member David Caruzzo have applied most of the red primer paint and the first coat of black paint on the Nambour work wagon. Rust areas have been cut out and replaced by Mark Gough and when the welding is finished these new pieces will also be primed and painted.

Wayne Harman and new member Ray Sergent were busy in the workshop removing green paint and rust from the Baguley. As each area was cleared to bare metal red oxide primer was applied. There is still a lot of work to be done before this loco is ready for the road: rust in the cab roof needs to be removed, Wayne is working on the air-activated gear box change unit, the side rods need to be removed, and all the oil ways cleaned out as motor oil was used as a lubricant on St Helena Island service. I have changed the oil to fresh turbo diesel motor oil and new oil filters.

While all the work was happening Bob Gough lit up the Bundy to prepare for the opening of the new retirement village next to our site on the former Wally Clark property. Terry Olsson was busy getting our site ready along with the Station Staff, and after the official opening and afternoon tea everyone came over for a train ride provided by the Society. Our former local Federal member, Jon Sullivan MP, had a ride, along with Councillor Adrian Raedel and other people from Moreton Bay Regional Council, making a good PR exercise for ANGRMS.



Mark Gough replacing rusted sections on the Nambour work wagon. Bob Gough photographer.



RMP Baguley showing the extent of rust on the bonnet. Brian Webber photographer.



Wayne Harman and Ray Sergent removing green paint and rust from the Baguley. Bob Gough photographer.

ATHRA Alert: Draft National Code for Disability Access

The Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB) recently released the draft National Code of Practice for Accessible Rail for review and comment following the first draft in March 2010.

The objective of the Code that is to document solutions for independent access for people with disabilities to rail premises, infrastructure, rolling stock and communications. As this includes heritage rail operations the Code could ultimately have a significant impact upon our operations; proposed changes will be followed closely by the Executive.

Making up the Wholestick Rake...

Lynn Zelmer, Editor

The changes to this issue's format are relatively minor but are generally intended to improve the attractiveness of the full colour electronic version and the quality of the black and white printed version. Other changes remove repetitive contact details and make headings more consistent.

As Terry has mentioned elsewhere, we are almost back on the newsletter's bi-monthly schedule and hope to soon have it regularly out in the first week of the issue date. Members on the e-mail list should receive their issues at the

same time as the electronic file is sent to the printer. The printer has turned around the last couple of issues within 24 hours so the paper version should be available a couple of days later.

Computer printing technology has improved significantly in recent years, so photographs should be quite acceptable in the paper copy. The same photos will be in colour in the electronic version AND should be uploaded to the web site about the same time as the issue goes into the mail. As before, the newsletter will also be available from the web site but not until after the paper copy has been distributed.

Finally, we are still somewhat stuck with issues containing multiples of four pages because of the need to avoid blank pages in the paper version. This issue, for example, could probably have been eight pages without the photos of our activities and associated industry interests. Please let the editor know (e-mail address on page 2) if you have particular interests you'd like to see covered, or if you have photos or other information for inclusion.



Caboolture to Woodford Centenary celebrations: Cutting the ribbon are (left to right) QR historian Greg Hallam, Moreton Bay Regional Councillor Adrian Raedel, and ANGRMS' Terry Olsson. Neil Trevorrow photographer.



Sales and Promotion: Ian Thompson and Terry Olsson (above) at our Strathpine Model and Hobby Show booth 7-8 August. Brian Webber photographer. Ian again (below) at the Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, 28 August. Lynn Zelmer photographer.

Given the financial structure of the Society such fund raising activities are essential to cover restoration costs, etc. Sales materials were much more focused to the Convention's niche interests than for a general audience.

