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**Homebush's 100th birthday** (Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0, #1067 of 1914, originally serving at Homebush Mill, then Victoria Mill 1922; preserved in working order 1978) and the Official Launch for our new book **Salute to the Hudswells**: (left to right) David Mewes, Paul Giordani (Wilmar GM Cane Supply & Grower Relations), Ian Stocks, John Browning. Ordering details inside Photo supplied by Wilmar Australia.

**Running Days: First and Third Sundays**

**Trackwork Saturdays: 22 November (4th Saturday), 13 December (2nd Saturday) 2014, 17 January and 21 February 2015**

**Work Days: Every Saturday; Light Duties on Third Wednesday**

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**Our Safety Goal - No Injuries**

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### Scheduled Activities

**General Meetings: 12 Dec 2014**, 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). **20 February 2015 (third Friday, location TBA)**.

**Light Duties Work Day:** Third Wednesday of each month. The gates open 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

### Donations and Bequests

Donations to the Society's Museum Fund are tax deductible. Cheques to be payable to the 'Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society' and mail to the PO Box above or deliver in person. Remember to include a note indicating that it's a donation, plus your name and address so that a receipt can be posted to you.

We appreciate your help and support now, but also consider mentioning the Society in your Will. Donations/bequests can be for a particular project or for museum development (restoration or infrastructure). For details, contact the President

## **Geoffrey Victor Sims — 1950 – 2014**

Foundation member Geoff Sims passed away on 19 September after a short illness. Following a private cremation a memorial service was conducted by Reverend George Barnes at the Wilston Uniting Church on 29 September, attended by foundation members David Mewes and Graeme Prideaux, their wives, and long standing member Greg McHugh.

High regard for Geoff was apparent through the attendance at the service of Geoff's many friends, fellow parishioners of the Uniting Church and a large number of his colleagues employed by Brisbane Transport. Geoff served for a time as Treasurer, as a board member, as leader of Sales and Services, and ANGRMS Secretary. He was an early member of the Brisbane Tramway Museum Society and also served for an extended period on the Tours Committee of the Australian Railway Historical Society – Queensland Division. However, his major extra-curricular activities lay in a strong belief in social justice which found traction within the Uniting Church where he participated in youth activities and for many years supported ministry in a voluntary capacity. He was the Chair of the Congregation at the Wilston Uniting Church until his illness prevented him contributing.

Employment originally was with David Jones in the city before moving to Gardam's Bridal Store in Queen Street. A change in personal focus arose through employment with the Brisbane City Council Transport Department as a bus operator. He was involved in mentoring new operators and service planning utilising his encyclopedic knowledge of the demographics, industries and road and street layout of Brisbane, particularly the Northside. While living in the Philippines with his then wife, Leah, an adverse weather event unfortunately destroyed all of his personal effects. Geoff returned to Brisbane and resumed work with Brisbane Transport. Sadly he became ill and early in 2014 was diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas.

Geoff is survived by stepdaughter Moricar who resides in the Whitsunday region.

## **ANGRMS' Christmas Party — Sunday 14 Dec 2014**

All ANGRMS members and their families are invited to our annual Christmas BBQ at our Woodford site on Sunday 14 December commencing at 3pm.

I will be sending an invite to members of the Woodford Men's Shed so if you have any other guests you would like to invite please let myself or Ian Thompson know.

ANGRMS will provide the usual BBQ – if you have any special dietary requirements please let us know. Soft drinks, cold water, tea and coffee will

be provided but if you want anything else please BYO. We have the normal picnic shelter tables and chairs, plus we have the plastic chairs. If you have your own chair you would prefer please bring it along.

For catering purposes please let Ian Thompson know (e-mail [ianthompson359@gmail.com](mailto:ianthompson359@gmail.com) or phone 3848 5611) by 5pm on Sunday 7 Dec if you are attending and numbers.

## President's Report

*Terry Olsson, President*

It is the Nov/Dec issue already – where has the year gone? I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during 2014. Not only have we achieved a lot, but we have done it in a professional and safe way.

I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a great New Year. I would also like to invite you and your family to our annual Christmas BBQ at our Woodford site commencing at 3pm on Sunday 14 December – see separate item in this DRB.

11 October was a big day for ANGRMS. At our Woodford site the Kilcoy-Woodford Anglican Church hired our train and used the site for a Family Fun day. Our partners on the site, the Woodford Area Men's Shed also participated. The day was a huge success with our train carrying 281 passengers in four hours – a fantastic effort! It was great to be able to do something for the local community and hopefully this might become an annual event.

On the same day in Ingham, members and authors David Mewes, Ian Stocks and John Browning officially launched ANGRMS' latest book – “Salute to the Hudswells”. This event was sponsored by Wilmar Australia at their Victoria Sugar Mill and coincided with the celebrations to mark the centenary of their Hudswell Clarke “Homebush”. I would like to thank Wilmar Australia for their help and support.

At the Ingham event, it was fantastic to hear that Wilmar management were very impressed by the professionalism and safety focus of the ANGRMS members who undertook the concrete sleeper recovery in July last year. This is a credit to all who attended and well done!

New owners have taken over Storeybrook Cottage at the Peterson end of our railway and have renamed it “Champagne and Roses”. They have initiated a lot of improvements and are keen to work with us to benefit both parties. We wish them success with their new business.

The change of ownership and name of Storeybrook has raised the issue of the name for our station at Peterson Rd. I have had discussions with the new

owners and we have both agreed we will not be changing our station name to Champagne and Roses. We recently took the bold step of changing our railway name from Durundur Railway to Woodford Railway which has proved very successful. Therefore I would like members to give this some thought and we can discuss the issue at the AGM in March next year. As something to start the thinking, we can either leave it as Storeybrook and put a sign under the station name board (when goes on new station...) with something like “Detrain here for Champagne and Roses” like the old “Change Here for ...” station signs, or we could change the name totally to something like “Peterson Rd”. Any change would take time as the name Storeybrook is on a lot of things like our tickets, in our SMS, etc., but a change does have merit. Something to think about....

Sadly I have to report the passing of founding member Geoff Sims in September. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

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## **Remember – safety first!**

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### **Safety and Training Report**

*Noel Haynes and Dave Caruzzo*

Safety is a very important part of our operation and ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.

On 20 October Queensland Transport conducted their annual review. This year the focus was on track. No issues were found which is a great credit to Greg and his track team.

### **Some Civil Notes**

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

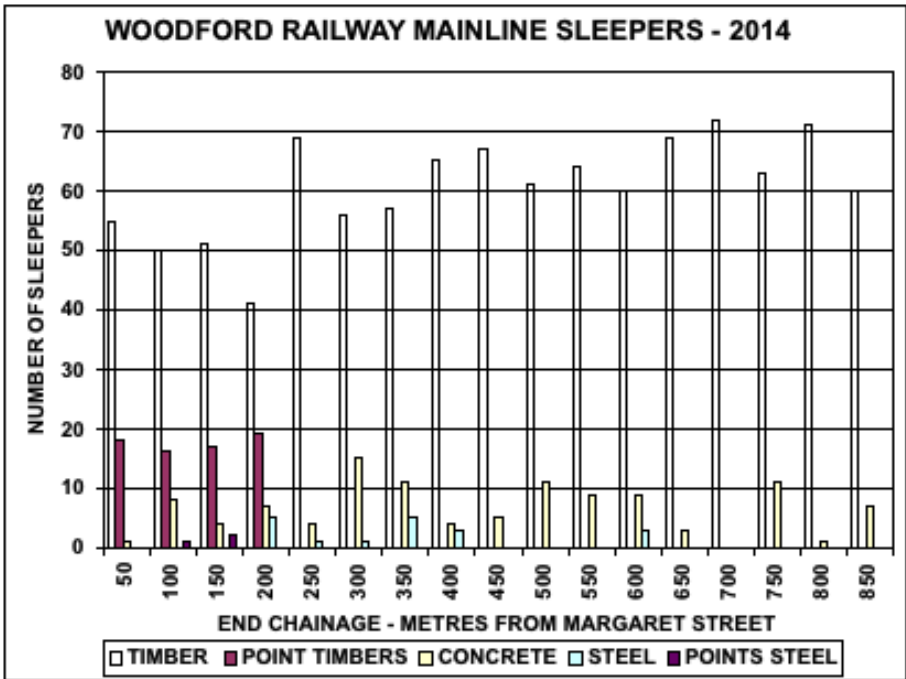
#### **Track Maintenance Work**

The independent track inspection on 25 June 2014 identified 62 defective or ineffective timber sleepers and 2 turnout timbers under the main line points that lead into the compound roads. These were marked with white paint for replacement. We have concentrated our efforts on replacing these sleepers. The 2 turnout timbers have been renewed in steel with brackets welded on for pandrol clips to attach the rails.

The graph at the top of the next page showing the number of each type of sleeper per 50 metres of track highlights the progress being made in replacing “time worn” timber sleepers with concrete and steel sleepers. There are currently 131 of these sleepers in the mainline compared with 74 in April this year. They now represent 10.6% of the mainline sleepers. Whilst this is a

significant achievement, it will be some years before all the timber sleepers are eliminated.

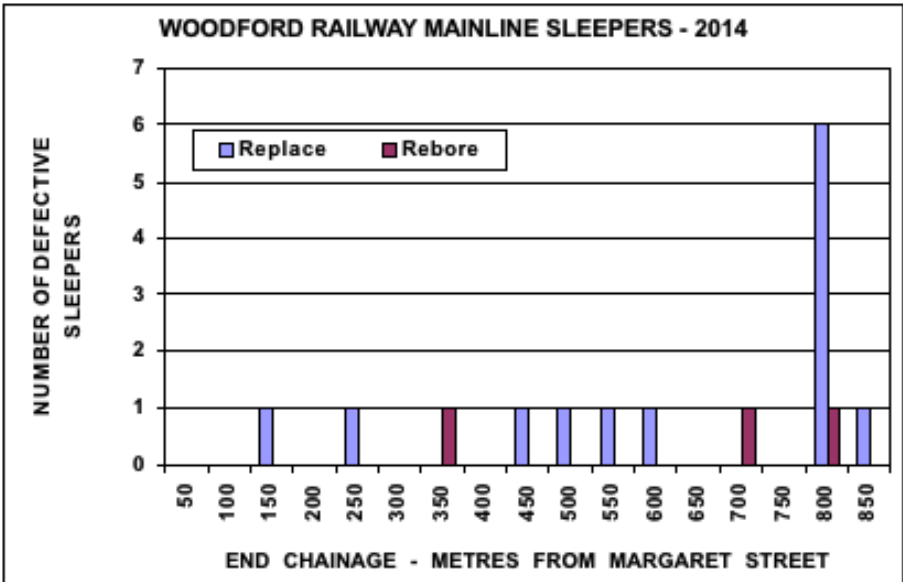
Four months on from the independent track inspection, it is a good time to assess progress and the work that remains to be completed. The second graph (page 7) shows there are 16 sleepers marked for replacement or re-skiping – generally only one per 50 metres with the exception of Ch 750m to Ch 800m where there are 7 ineffective sleepers. This area is part of the new work at Peterson Road and will be replaced when the new pointwork is constructed. Overall, we have a very low rate of defective sleepers. The single isolated defective sleepers will be attended to as other works are required in their vicinity.



It is vital that we continue with our regular maintenance on the existing track and position ourselves for the long term. Our plans are to continue our sleeper renewals in concrete or steel. The monthly track work parties will generally be held on the third Saturday of the month and are scheduled for Saturday 22 November (fourth Saturday), 13 December (second Saturday) 2014, 17 January and 21 February 2015.

### Peterson Road

Whilst most work has concentrated on the existing mainline, two Saturday charters prevented access to continue our re-sleeping activities so these days were devoted to works at Peterson Road. Two panels with 42lb/yd rail and concrete sleepers were assembled and fish-plated into position. The necessary tools and materials were transported to the work area in Dave Caruzzo's utility.



More recently, holes were drilled in the transition rails for joints to connect the points at Peterson Road end of the future passing loop. Transition fish plates were also used to connect the different types of 60lb/yd rails being used.

As the backlog of mainline maintenance is completed, we plan to return to these works. The steel sleepers for the pointwork on the existing mainline are being progressively fabricated for these works.

### Position Vacant - Diesel Locomotive Driver on Saturdays

As we move back into construction work at Peterson Road, we need the work train to transport tools, materials and people from Margaret Street to Peterson Road. We are still keen to hear from any of our drivers that would like to assist and diversify their driving experience on Saturdays.



## Operations, Sales And Marketing

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

The Strathpine Model and Hobby Show and the Woodford Antique Machinery Show in August have now both passed. Strathpine show income was down on last year but the same as 2012. This show was a valuable marketing exercise with a lot of brochures handed out. Unfortunately bad weather did not help the Woodford Antique Machinery show with patronage well down. Considering the weather Morry, Liz and Laurie did a great job handing out brochures and making some sales.

As mentioned in my Presidents report, we had a very successful special running day on Saturday 11 Oct for the Kilcoy-Woodford Anglican Church Family Fun day. Thus resulted in 281 passengers being carried in the one day which is our best daily patronage since April 2010.

We continue to have a shortage of volunteers for our public running days so if you can help please let myself or Neil Trevorrow know.

A highlight of the last couple of months was the official launch of our new book "Salute to the Hudswells". I would like to thank everyone involved for their fantastic effort – it has resulted in a truly magnificent book. The profits from the sale of this book are being allocated to the overhaul of our Hudswell Clarke steam loco "Melbourne". I would also like to thank the authors for their support of this project.

### Date Claimer

A car club will be visiting on our normal running day, Sunday 16 November.

### Monthly Statistics

	September 2014	October 2014
Paying Passengers	178	454*
Guards Sheet	219	492*

\* Includes special charter for Anglican Church

### Sales Items

**Salute to the Hudswells** – This new ANGRMS' publication, written by Ian Stocks, David Mewes and John Browning, is fantastic book and a must have. The book contains a lot of photos, most in colour, drawings of the various versions, and a very informative and easy to read text. Price: \$35.00 plus \$15 postage anywhere in Australia if required

**Tracks in the Sun** – This DVD by Noel Condon is an excellent collection of steam, diesel and electric shots around Queensland. The DVD has been



updated with an additional 140 minutes of new footage and is now a total of 254 minutes (over 4 hours!). Price: \$59.00 plus postage if required.

## Winston Churchill Fellowship

ANGRMS' members engaged in rail heritage research requiring overseas investigation might consider applying for a Winston Churchill fellowship. Applicants must be Australian citizens over the age of 18, have experience in and commitment to the field of your project. The 2015 application process starts early November and closes mid-February 2015. Tertiary study is not allowed. Further information: [www.churchilltrust.com.au](http://www.churchilltrust.com.au)



Vintage Car Club visit, 31 August 2014. Neil Trevorrow photographer.



Hudswell book launch, Victoria Mill, 11 October 2014. John Browning photographer.



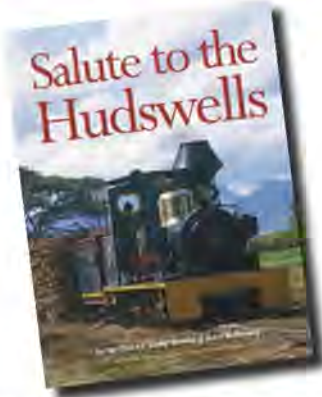
Special charter for Kilcoy Woodford Anglican Church Family Day, 11 October 2014. Terry Olsson photographer



ANGRMS' BBQ/picnic area, Kilcoy Woodford Anglican Church Family Day, 11 October 2014, with Men's Shed in background. Neil Trevorrow photographer.



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Salute to the Hudswells tells the story of the 41 Hudswell Clarke locomotives used on the 2ft gauge sugar cane railways of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co Ltd in Queensland and Fiji between 1911 and 1976. 34 were of the classic 0-6-0 tender type of which examples are preserved in working order in Australia, England and the USA. Also included are the prototype 0-6-0T type, the 4 4 0 passenger locomotive of Fiji's 'Free Train', the Fijian 0-4-0ST wharf shunter (also preserved), and some pioneering 0-6-0 internal-combustion machines.

The book gives an outline history of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company and its sugar mills in Australia and Fiji which largely relied on narrow gauge railways for the transport of cane from the field to the mill and in some cases raw sugar from the mill to the port.

A focus is the last ten years of operation of the Hudswells at the Victoria and Macknade mills in north Queensland where author Ian Stocks worked in rail and transport operations, with 2 million tonnes of cane hauled in a six month period each crushing season. Ian finally arranged for the preservation of the remaining locomotives when steam came to an end after the 1976 crushing season.

Lastly, details are given of the Hudswells that survive in preservation.

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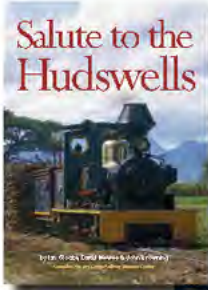
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