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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,  
trading as the Woodford Railway, is located  
25 km west of Caboolture in Woodford, Queensland*

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Condong Mill's Ruston & Hornsby number 5 (4wDM, 279567 of 1949), which went to ANGRMS in 1974, soon after the closure of the mill tramway. Frank Davies photographer, courtesy Matthew Davies.

**Running Days: First and Third Sundays**

**Trackwork Saturdays: 16 May, 20 June, 18 July & 15 August 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: 2015:** 20 Feb, 17 Apr, 19 Jun, 21 Aug, 16 Oct, and 11 Dec at 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm; combined with LRRSA at the refurbished BCC Library, 107 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains, a 10 minute walk from Coopers Plains Railway Station or a phone call to Dan Sheehan or Bob Gough for transport to the new venue. A bus stop is at the front of the shopping centre and Express buses run services from the stop. [ANGRMS/LRRSA/AMRA NG group at AMRA, Zillmere, 10 April 2015.]

**Light Duties Work Day:** Normally 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Neil Trevorrow m:0402051546 if planning to attend.

### Donations and Bequests

Donations to the Society's Museum Fund are tax deductible. Please make cheques 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.

## President's Report

*Terry Olsson, President*

Great News!! After over 20 years, the much needed loco shed is now in sight!!

I am very excited to be able to announce that ANGRMS has been successful in obtaining a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant for just under \$35,000 towards purchase and delivery of a 20m x 12m loco shed. This shed will have three tracks and be able to hold the majority of our operational loco fleet.

This grant will only cover about half the cost of getting the shed to basic lock up stage. Despite this, the Board considers this shed a high priority, and concrete floors, electricity etc can always be added later.

With the end of the financial year not far off, donations to help cover the extra costs are very welcome and tax deductible! This shed is a good reminder to remember us in your will as this project is only possible because of the bequest left to us by John Green.

In addition the "paperwork", there is also a lot of physical work required before actual work can commence. With our existing work teams already busy, we need additional members to come along and provide assistance with this project.

The society's AGM was held on Sunday 29th March. The following were elected and I look forward to working with them during the upcoming year:

President: Terry Olsson

Vice President: Bob Gough

Vice President (Safety and Training): Noel Haynes (Dave Caruzzo assist.)

Secretary: Ian Thompson

Treasurer: Steve Baker

Board Members (2 positions): John Parnell plus one position still vacant.

As can be seen we still have a vacancy for one Board member so if you can help your society by filling this position please let me know.

One item discussed at the meeting was raising our fares. After considerable discussion and some very good suggestions, it was decided to raise the fares from 1 July 2015. The new fares will be: Adult \$6.00, Senior \$4.50, Child \$3.00 and Family \$20.00. Group and all day prices will also be raised. I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and suggestions.

Work continues on our new Perry steam loco. Unfortunately the news has again not been good. The leaking stay in the firebox will need to be replaced

while the regulator valve has been found to need replacement. The wheel on the trailing truck also has problems which are still being assessed. Long term member Laurie Erb has joined the project team and has been a great help. More assistance is always welcome.

The complete overhaul of our steam loco Melbourne is progressing well thanks to Ryan Thomas, Curtis KanTERS, and Aaron Chant.

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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.

As mentioned last report, Queensland Transport (Rail Safety) adopt a co-regulatory type approach. As part of this and to assist groups like ours, they have commenced regular “non audit” visits where we can discuss any issues we are having, as well as discuss and provide us with guidance material on different aspects of the Rail Safety Act. This also allows members of the Queensland Transport rail safety team to visit our railway and understand our particular operation. We had another visit on 18 April, during which Assess Management was discussed.

During April one of our members slipped on the entry to our platform on a work day. The platform was wet from recent rain and all members are reminded to take extra care when things are wet, hot, etc. Take your time and watch your step.

### **Some Civil Notes**

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

#### **Drainage Works**

As noted in the last edition of DRB, over the weekend of 21 and 22 February 2015, Woodford was subject to heavy rain resulting from Cyclone Marcia that crossed the Queensland Coast north of Yeppoon on 20 February 2015. An inspection during the rain on Saturday 21 February highlighted some area where improvements to drainage – mostly cleaning existing drains – need to be undertaken.

We have met with Council’s maintenance staff to highlight where the water flowed across Peterson Road before reaching the pipes under the level crossing. Council has now deepened and widened the table drains in

Peterson Road and cleared the drains from the swimming pool to the existing pipe under the railway.

Around Ch 500 metres to Ch 600 metres, the water nearly reached rail level as shown in the photograph below.



Water approaching rail level near Ch 550 on 21 February 2015 following cyclone Marcia. Greg Stephenson photographer.

With the return to fine weather, Ralph Cumner answered our call for assistance and donated his time and back-hoe for half a day to clean out the table drain in this section. Accessing the area was a challenge with Ralph needing to drive along the railway from Peterson Road.

The rain also highlighted that the table drains through Freeman Cutting need cleaning out and reshaping to ensure that they function correctly. However, we will need to use a small excavator in that area and will need to remove the spoil from the cutting. We plan to use the steel 4 wheel Douglas Shire Tramway open wagon for this project. Since this wagon was full of ballast, it has been unloaded in preparation for the work.





Ralph Cumner excavating the drain at Ch 550 whilst Steve Baker and Dave Caruzzo level out the excavated spoil. Greg Stephenson photographer.

### **Track Maintenance Work**

The drainage works are an important part of our track maintenance and combined with regular mowing, there has been little progress on other track activities. However, we have managed to install two steel joint sleepers and 12 concrete sleepers in the main line. A number of steel sleepers are being prepared to place at rail joints.

Our plans are to continue our sleeper renewals in concrete or steel as part of our regular maintenance. The monthly track work parties will generally be held on the Saturday before the second running day of the month and are planned for Saturday 16 May, 20 June, 18 July and 15 August 2015. Depending on available people, we can undertake some form of track activities on most Saturdays.

### **Peterson Road**

Whilst Ralph Cumner was on-site with his back-hoe, he loaded some lengths of 60lb/yd rail onto bolster wagons. They had been stored near the entry to the compound and were later transferred to Peterson Road. Workshop

personnel were seconded to help with unloading and placing into position on the future mainline. This will allow an additional three panel of track with compatible 60lb/yd rail and concrete sleepers to be assembled as time permits.

The ballast unloaded from the steel 4 wheel Douglas Shire Tramway open wagon was placed on the future passing loop close to where it will join the existing mainline. This allowed the wagon to be unloaded directly where the ballast is needed with minimal double handling.

The constant demand for mowing and poisoning has diverted the track gang from track building activities. If any members would like to contribute to the work at Peterson Road but are not up to track work, you might consider assisting with mowing so the track gang can concentrate on the new track construction.

As well as more members for the track gang, 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*

During March and April passenger numbers were up on last year but continue to be very variable from running day to running day. During this time we had three car clubs visit which has been a great help.

Members are reminded that most of the money we use for projects etc comes from sales. Help is needed for the upcoming shows, particularly the AMRA show which is our largest for the year. Several of our regular members who put in a lot of time are not available this year for various reasons so your help is needed even more than usual.

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.

Brian Webber's new book "Exploring Queensland's Railways – West and South from Toowoomba" has been received from the printers and looks fantastic. It will be released at the AMRA show. This will be the first show since "Salute to the Hudswells" book was released, so ANGRMS will have two new books at the show. We will also have a new book "A Short History of the Buderim-Palmwoods Tramway" by the Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway group.

### Date Claimers

**AMRA Show 2015 – 9 & 10 May 2015.** Our biggest show for the year, the annual AMRA show will be held on the second weekend in May this year and

is nearly upon us. This show is our major marketing and sales event for the year so your help is needed. Remember assistance is also required on the Friday to set up.

**Toowoomba Model Trains, Craft and Hobby Expo – 30 & 31 May 2015.**

Only two weeks after the AMRA show, this show is another important marketing and sales opportunity for our railway so your help and assistance is also required. Again, help is also required on the Friday.

**Special Running Day Anglican Church Open Day – Saturday 13 June 2015.**

The Woodford and Kilcoy Anglican Church will be holding another of their open days at our site. Based on the success of last year we will need several additional helpers as well as a train crew.

**Bus Charter – Tuesday 23 June 2015.** We have a bus charter on this day.

Wedding Charter – Sunday 28 June 2015. Help is also required for the wedding on this day. We also need help to clean and prepare the train during the lead up to the wedding. So please let Neil know if you can help during the week, and myself if you can help during preceding Saturdays.

**Pine Rivers Model Train and Hobby Show – 22 & 23 August 2015.** While it is still a fair way off, please also mark these dates in your diary.

**AMRSQ Heritage Fare Woodford Showgrounds – 22 & 23 August 2015.**

This antique machinery show will again be held at the Woodford Showgrounds. This is a good opportunity to bring in some extra income as well as promote our railway. Being the same weekend as the Pine Rivers Show we need additional help.

**Monthly Statistics**

	March 2015	April 2015
Paying Passengers	191*	200
Guards Sheet	194*	234

\* The unusual proportion of Paying to Guards Sheet passenger numbers are due to a large number of all days tickets purchased but only one trip taken.

**Sales Items**

As noted above, there will be several new items at the AMRA show.