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trading as the Woodford Railway, is located
25 km west of Caboolture in Woodford, Queensland*

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Bundy #5 at the Woodford station platform, likely on 16 November 2008. Neil Trevorrow photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

Trackwork Saturdays: 16 April, 14 May, 18 June and 16 July 2016

Work Days: Every Saturday; Light Duties on Third Wednesday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2016: 19 Feb, 15 Apr, 17 Jun, 19 Aug, 21 Oct, and 16 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.

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

I would like to remind every member about the societies AGM on Saturday 19 March. This meeting commences at 2pm at the Catholic church hall in Peterson Rd at Woodford. With the following weekend being Easter, and the Sunday being a running day this is the latest we could hold the meeting and still meet our company obligations.

Being local government election day, please remember to vote prior to the meeting. You are also reminded you need to be a current financial member (or honorary/financial) life member to vote at the AGM. If you cannot attend and wish to vote you have the right to send a proxy vote.

I encourage you attend as this is your opportunity to raise any concerns, discuss any issues you have, ask questions etc.

Also, I encourage members to nominate for a position on the Board. Again, this is your opportunity to be involved in running the society.

Discussions are still on going with council with regard to the new arrangements for use of the council owned land we occupy. While the Rail Safety act and being a railway adds complexity to the issue, overall I believe we will gain out of what is being proposed.

Work on the new loco shed is progressing steadily with the trees still to be removed and updated earthworks/concrete footing quotes to be received.

While work on steam loco Melbourne is progressing at a rapid rate, unfortunately there has been a delay to work on the Perry with the new stay needing the boiler raised before seal welding can be completed.

Remember – safety first!

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

During January and February, there have been frequent wet days on Saturdays limiting some outdoor activities. One Saturday, we resorted to setting up the stand for cutting steel sleepers on the platform so we had an undercover area to continue to work. The other effect of hot and wet weather is rapid grass and vegetation growth requiring regular commitment to mowing.

Track Maintenance Work

Following the annual track audit, we have concentrated work between the workshop points and the gate at the start of Freeman's Cutting. We have been replacing sleepers in groups of 2 or 3 together using steel sleepers. We normally dig down beside a sleeper to be replaced and knock it sideways into the hole so it can be removed. By removing the ballast between two sleepers, we can move the sleepers into that space for removal.

In the points to the workshop, we replaced one point "timber" with steel and, on the siding side, regauged the check rail opposite the frog. The previous inspection had revealed "tight" gauge in this location and some wheel flanges were hitting the frog.

Future track days will concentrate around Ch 200m to Ch 300m and Ch 450m to Ch 550m where there are higher concentrations of poor condition sleepers. It is proposed to continue these renewals with the monthly track work parties generally being held on the Saturday before the second running day of the month and are planned for Saturday 16 April, 14 May, 18 June and 16 July 2016. Depending on available people, we can undertake some form of track activities on most Saturdays.

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.

Future Locomotive Storage Shed

Two of the 3 sets of 42lb/yd points between the mainline and the future storage shed have been "re-timbered" with steel sleepers. The work is well advanced on the third set of points. As we work along the points, we check the gauge before drilling and bolting the sleepers and replace any other defective components like bolts. We are also planning to refurbish a fourth set points currently stored at the start of the compound. These points will be installed when the tracks to the locomotive storage shed are reinstated to provide for a future connection to the adjoining property.

Peterson Road

This work has been temporarily mothballed whilst the track work associated with the new running shed is undertaken. However, vegetation control continues in this area.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Public Running Days

We are still very short of operations volunteers so if you would like to be part of his team please do not hesitate to contact Neil or myself. Running days are not only a valuable source of income, but an important part of our “public face”.

As can be seen we also have several shows coming up so all offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Passenger numbers were up during January/February compared to last years so lets hope this trend continues.

I would like to thank Brian Webber plus Neil and Diane Trevorrow for looking after our stand at the Caboolture Historical Village on Australia Day. Unfortunately wet weather did not help but it was still well worth attending.

Date Claimers

Bundaberg Model Train Expo 19 and 20 March 2016: ANGRMS will have a sales stand at this show which is held in the Civic Centre, Bourbong Street Bundaberg.

AMRA Show 7 and 8 May 2016: We will have our usual sales and promotion stand at this years AMRA show. It will be held in the same place as last year. This is our biggest sales/promotions event for the year and requires a lot of helpers to set up on the Friday as well as during the show on the Saturday and Sunday. Please mark this in your diaries and let myself or one of the Board Members know if you can assist.

Toowoomba Model Show 4 and 5 June 2016: Please mark this on in your diary as we will need extra help because it clashes with a running day at Woodford. I will also need help on the Friday to set up.

Bus charter Monday 20 June 2016: We have a bus charter on this day.

Strathpine Model Show 6 and 7 August 2016: Please mark this on in your diary as we will need extra help because it clashes with a running day at Woodford. I will also need help on the Friday to set up.

Monthly Statistics

	January 2016	February 2016
Paying Passengers	148	139
Guards Sheet	193	155

Sales Items

There are no new sales items to report this issue.

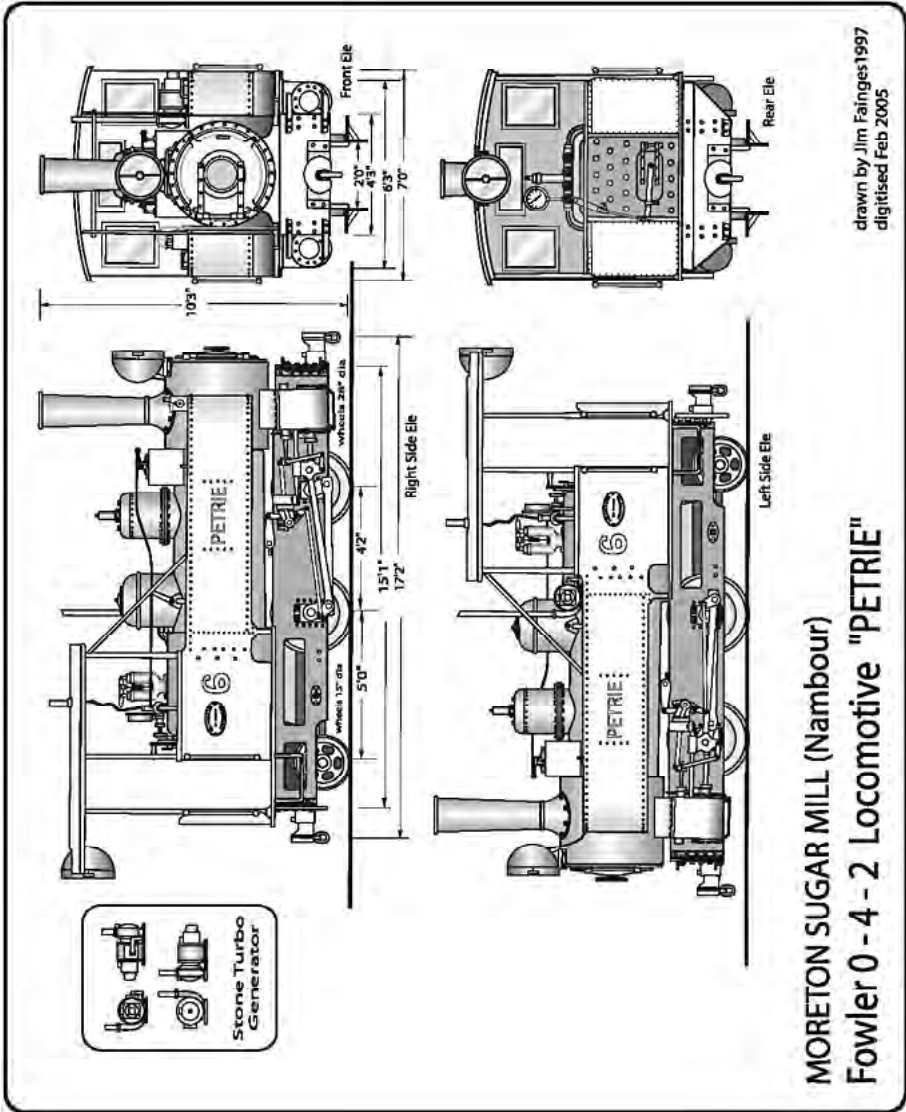


One of BFC5's 'batch mates', Bally Hooley's 'Speedy' (BFC 6, 1952) on their St Crispin's (ex-QR 40') Turntable. 30 July 2006. Brian Webber photographer.



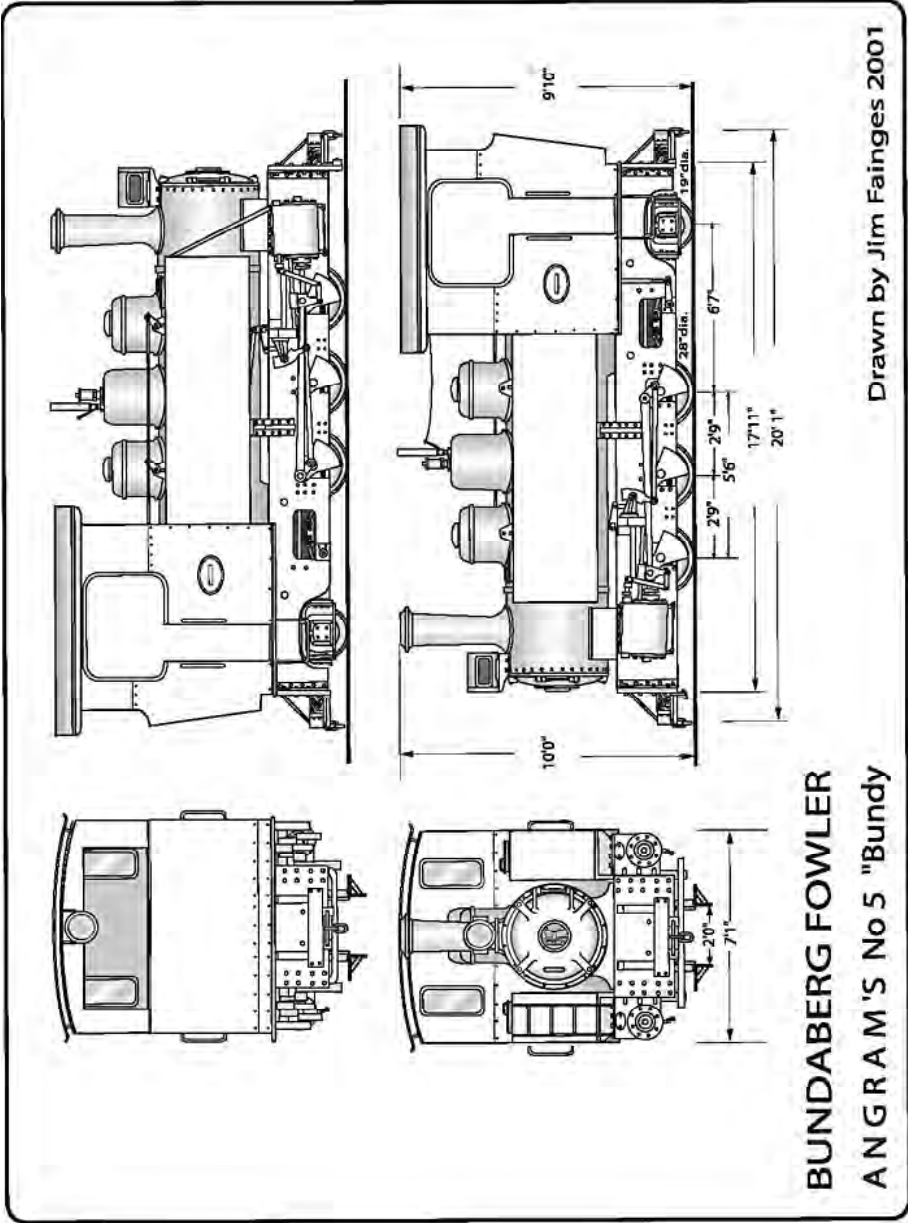
And a reminder that cane had to be transported from the field to a rail pickup point, Farleigh Mill area, 19 August 2006. Brian Webber photographer.

Fowler Locomotive Comparison



MORETON SUGAR MILL (Nambour)
Fowler 0 - 4 - 2 Locomotive "PETRIE"

A brief look at two generations of Fowler designed steam locomotives through the late Jim Fainges' drawings. Here is Moreton Mill's Petrie (0-4-2T John Fowler 19930 of 1933).



Our own Bundaberg built Fowler (0-4-2T Bundaberg Foundry #5 of 1952).