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Conner and Ryan Work on RM Trailer, 16 October 2016. Terry Olsson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 19 November, 17 December 2016, 14
January and 18 February 2017**

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

We will be holding our annual Christmas get together on Saturday 10 December and I invite all members and their families to attend. Not only will it be a great opportunity to socialise with your fellow members and have a nice BBQ lunch, it will be an opportunity to inspect our long awaited new loco shed.

While the shed has now reached the lockup stage, there is still a lot to do and we need as many members as possible to come along and help construct the tracks in the shed, plus the various other jobs which need to be completed before the shed can be considered finished and brought into use.

It is great to see that work has commenced again on the repairs to the railmotor trailer. Being led by Conner and Tony Weber, this is a very important task so if you can help please contact Tony. Recent wet weather has highlighted the need for an enclosed passenger car if we are to maintain the required levels of patronage. This vehicle is vital, along with the return of operational steam loco/s, if we are to chase the wedding market which can be an important income earner. Having an enclosed vehicle will also help us chase the charter market.

Recently we needed to purchase some concrete sleepers for spot replacements on the mainline. It is not always possible to use the sleepers we obtained from Ingham in this situation due to their need for a different sleeper spacing. The new sleepers are an excellent example of how we can save considerable money by making the effort to obtain discounts/donations, while still getting what we want and still meeting our safety and other requirements. I would like to thank Shane Yore for negotiating a significant discount on the sleepers, Pandrol for donating the clips that go with the sleepers, Raymond Mewes for his donation towards their purchase, and Tony Lindsay for providing free transport to site.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and on behalf of the Board, and myself, I would like to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo

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

On 6 September, Queensland Transport conducted a desk top audit on ANGRMS internal auditing processes and compliance of our Safety Management Plan to the requirements of the Rail Safety Act 2010 Queensland.

While no actions were found as a result of the audit, there is always room for improvement.

Part of any Safety Plan, is consultation with, and feedback from, those involved and covered by the plan. While we regularly have Toolbox Talks where members present get a chance to raise issues, etc., being a volunteer society, not all ANGRMS members are on site at the one time. Therefore commencing late November, we will be introducing a "Suggestion Box" in the Station Masters office at Woodford. We will trial a suggestion form which can hopefully be used to help. Any suggestions can then be discussed at a following Board meeting.

The new loco shed has reached the lock up stage. Once tracks are laid, and prior to it coming into use, we will be developing a procedure for its use which all members of the Operations team will need to be aware of before moving any vehicles within the shed.

The points leading to the loco shed are presently clamped to the mainline as these tracks are still to be considered as under construction.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Recently, I visited British Columbia in Canada for my eldest nephew's wedding. I did manage to visit a few railway museums, mostly of standard gauge. I read in the newsletter of one group that they were undertaking an audit of their rollingstock to reconcile what they had – being connected to the Canadian National Railway network a number of items had just turned up on their sidings and were never accessioned into their collection or were of no particular historical significance. This is a challenge for all Museums worldwide about what they can realistically maintain and preserve. It was also interesting to see museums that concentrated on the rollingstock in purpose built museums and others that turned existing industries into the museum of which the railways were just a part. Certainly, seeing these railways as part of the industrial complex gave the railways better context.

As I write these notes, I am on long service leave in North Queensland. It is good to see modern cane railways in operation again and witness how far cane railways have developed since the days of steam locomotives. It is a good opportunity to reflect that the Woodford Railway Museum exists to preserve the history of this part of the sugar industry.

Track Maintenance

Whilst we still have many of the 1220mm (4 foot) long concrete sleepers from Ingham in store, for the section of the mainline between Ch 75 and Ch 575 we have been using 1370mm (4 foot 6 inch) heavier sleepers. We have now acquired more of these sleepers from Isis Central Mill and the appropriate "e" clips from Pandrol. This will allow us to continue resleepering in this section, planned for normal track days during November and December – typically the Saturday before the third Sunday running day.

Locomotive Storage Shed

Since last December, we have "re-timbered" 3 sets of points with steel sleepers and re-manufactured another set of points. To provide a better approach to the new shed the points were moved about 5 metres closer to the shed and short section of curved track installed. On what turned out to be wet Saturday morning, Ralph Cumner brought along his back-hoe to lift and drag the points to their approximate position. These were jacked to roughly the new grade and Ralph travelled back and forward with many bucket loads of coarse ballast from near the Cottage. He returned two weeks later to bring more ballast and move some more rails. Work has continued to re-make all the rail joints unbolted during the move and winch and jack the track to its final position.

With the locomotive storage shed nearing completion, we now need to finish the 3 tracks leading to the shed and the fourth track that will run beside the shed to reach the compound. The three tracks leading to the shed are the priority so the three tracks can extend inside the shed to allow the contractor to place the concrete floor inside the shed. At least the work inside the shed will be out of the summer sun and we should not be delayed by rain. There is still a big track construction task for us to have the shed completed so all possible assistance will be required.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Public Running Days

While the income from sales is most welcome, the recent Woodford Antique Machinery Show and the Modelling Railways of Queensland Convention, were both also excellent opportunities to promote our railway. I would like to thank everyone who assisted on the actual weekends plus in the preparation/post show work. Your help was much appreciated.

During September we ran a special running day for a large bicycle event which started in Woodford. This was another good opportunity to promote our railway, so again thank you to everyone involved.

After over a hundred years of waiting, the new Redcliffe Peninsula Railway held a public open day on the public holiday on Monday 3 October. I would like to express our gratitude to the Moreton Bay Regional Council for allowing us to hand out flyers for our railway on the day, and to Brian Webber who did the hard yards handing them out.

Passenger numbers in September were average, with one rainy day which did not help. While it is normally a quiet month, for some reason patronage during October was exceptional, helped even more by a birthday party, car club visit, and a short notice bus charter.

We are still desperately short of staff on Operating days so please also consider helping out in this area of ANGRMS.

Just a reminder for any driver, fireman or guard who have dropped off the roster because they have let their Cat 2 medical lapse, or for someone considering joining the Operations team, they should doing their medical before the end of November. Dr Hadwen who performs our medicals at a very generous price will be retiring and we would like to express our gratitude for his support over many years. After this time we will need to go to a different doctor (probably at Nudgee) and the price will go up significantly. Also, be aware Dr Hadwen is starting to wind down towards retirement and now only works part days on a Tuesday.

Monthly Statistics

	September 2016	October 2016
Paying Passengers	154	331*
Guards Sheet	195	366*

* Assuming 46 passengers for the October 29 bus charter as booked.

Sales Items

Buderim Tramway and Mapleton Tramway DVDs: The Sunshine Coast Council recently had two short DVDs produced on the shire tramways in their area. One is titled "Full Steam Ahead – Stories of the Buderim – Palmwoods Heritage Tramway" while the other is titled "Full Steam Ahead – Stories of Nambour – Mapleton Heritage Tramway". While they are both only short (about 12 minutes) they are certainly well worth watching. Price: \$5 each (plus postage if required).

Recent Passings

In April this year, many of us gathered for the funeral of Merv Olsson – Terry's father – and regular visitor to Woodford. Terry was the primary carer for Merv and prior to his passing spent considerable time visiting him in hospital. Regrettably in early October, we gathered again for the funeral of

Terry's mother, Mavis. Our condolences are extended to Terry and his family for the loss of both parents in such a short period of time.

During this whole period, Terry has continued to lead the negotiations and make arrangements with the builders of the Locomotive Storage Shed – a difficult enough task without coping with the bereavement of both parents. We owe Terry the highest praise for continuing to fulfill the needs of the Society under such trying conditions.

Christmas Party – Saturday 10 December 2016

After much discussion, it has been decided to have a BBQ lunch at our Woodford station site as our annual Christmas get together. All members and their families are invited to attend. Come along and inspect our new loco shed (will not have tracks in it by this date).

We plan to have lunch ready by about 12.30 so you are welcome to arrive anytime prior to that. ANGRMS will pay for a basic BBQ and soft drinks – if you want anything else please BYO.

If you can it is suggested bring along a comfortable chair.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Ian Thomson by the preceeding Sunday evening (4 December). Ian can be contacted by either e-mailing him at ianthompson359@gmail.com or phone/text his mobile 0421239309 (Note: Ian has recently had an operation so it is better to call him on his mobile rather than home phone).



Car club visit, 16 October 2016. Terry Olsson photographer.



Loco shed construction, 15 September 2016. Terry Olsson photographer.



Loco shed construction, 2 October 2016. Terry Olsson photographer.