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Greg Stephenson was on site to see the first section of concrete poured for the new loco shed floor, 3 April 2017. The outside track on the other side was poured the following day. The spacers for the flangeways were removed after the concrete hardened. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 20 May, 17 June, 15 July
and 19 August 2017**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2017: 17 Feb, 21 Apr, 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 20 Oct, and 15 Dec at 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm; combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, park and enter at rear 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 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

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 25 March. I would like to thank Steve Baker for organising the use of St Marys in Peterson Rd at short notice due to our site not being suitable at the time.

The following were elected and I would like to thank them for their dedication and valuable contribution to the society. I look forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

President: Terry Olsson; Vice Presidents: Bob Gough and Dave Caruzzo (Safety Manager); Secretary: Ian Thompson; Treasurer: Steve Baker; and Board Member: John Parnell.

We have a vacancy for another Board member so please consider nominating for the Board and helping our society continue to develop and prosper.

After many weeks of work, the efforts of Greg and his team were rewarded on 3 and 4 April when concrete was finally poured on two out of the three roads inside the loco shed. Well done!

By the time you read this the concrete will hopefully have been poured on the section of the middle road being concreted (a section is being left unconcreted for a possible future pit). There is still a fair amount of work to be done on the approach tracks and some work still to do on the drainage but the end is now in sight. Now the weather is cooling off please come along and help us finish off this valuable project so we can start using it.

I would like to acknowledge Greg Adams for his much appreciated donation of a spare loco horn plus a quantity of new and very useful spare Gardiner engine parts which suit our Gemco. Thanks Greg.

We were hoping to apply for a grant for some improvements to our platform at our Woodford station but unfortunately some of the necessary paperwork was not finished in time, so hopefully next time....

Work on the overhaul of Melbourne has slowed of late due to Ryan being away a fair bit for work but is still moving along. Work on the engine unit has reached the point where it needs the workshop.

Work on the Perry is steadily making progress with the ashpan refitted on the 9 April workday.

Sadly we recently found out that Champagne and Roses, the café and gardens at the far end of our line has closed down. We would like to express our thanks to the owners who were great supporters of our railway and our

thoughts are with you. Time will tell what happens in the future at that end of the line.

Lack of workers continues to be an issue so if you or someone you know can help out please let us know. Unfortunately everyone leads busy lives now days but please do not leave all the work to the same few.



Mark Gough working on the ash pan of the Perry Loco, replacing worn out pivot pins with those made on his home lathe. Bob Gough photographer.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Rail safety is an important part of our operation and ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.

Communication is a vital part of rail safety. Members are reminded that a suggestion box is located in the Woodford Station Master's office for issues you wish to raise, or send by e-mail to Safety Manager, Secretary or President (e-mails in the contact section of this bulletin). Suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

On 28 February 2017, the Queensland Parliament passed the Rail Safety National Law (RSNL QLD) Act 2017. The new Act means we will transition to

the National Regulator and new Incident Investigator, on 1 July 2017. From this date the Queensland Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010 and the Queensland Transport (Rail Safety) Regulation will be replaced. After 1 July ANGRMS will have a period of time to review and update ANGRMS SMS/P (Safety Management System/Plan).

RBTs (Random Breath Tests) were conducted in March on Rail Safety workers at Woodford, with no positive outcomes.

A guard theory test was conducted for ANGRMS member Roland Paroz. After Roland also completed a medical, and practical test, the ANGRMS board passed Roland to be a rostered guard.

The hi-viz fence bordering the new shed and picnic area has been realigned to protect the bank leading up to the shed.

All drivers are reminded if you cannot make it to site in the near future can you please let the Safety Manager or President know your comments on the proposed alteration to driver hours as indicated in a recent amendment to the Rail Safety Regulations to allow use of two person crew instead of two driver crew as stipulated in the new regulation (refer to e-mail sent by Operations Manager T Olsson 09/04/2017).

Since the recent ANGRMS AGM (25/03/2017) I continue to be Rail Safety manager. I would like to thank all active members for their help, suggestions and comradery. It is also pleasing to witness station, operations and workshop staff interacting with those who visit our railway

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Future Locomotive Storage Shed

After months of preparation, the first concrete for the shed floor was poured on Monday 3rd April, 2017 when the slab incorporating the track closest to the picnic area was completed. It had been planned for the previous Thursday but was postponed due to wet weather caused by the passing of ex-tropical cyclone "Debbie". The second pour for the section furthest from the picnic area was undertaken on the following day. It was reassuring to see all of our preparation works in supporting and levelling the track paid off during the concreting.

While the concreter was setting up the reinforcing steel mesh and his formwork for the first 2 pours, we continued assembling the track panels for the centre track. "Dingo Pete" returned to dig out inside the shed for the centre track. He used his dingo to dig and move the "deco" and his mini-excavator to profile the sides of the trenches. We then placed the sleepers.

Prior to the AGM, we co-opted members to help lift and place the rails in the shed. Using 8 people to lift and carry a length of rail eases the burden somewhat. These panels of track have now been completed and supported to level. Plans are that the concrete for the final section of the floor will be poured after Easter. The end of the internal works is now in sight.

Now that the final levels of the floor and location of the internal tracks are fixed, we can turn our attention to external trackwork to link up to the shed. Work has commenced on lifting the approach rails to the final levels. Ralph Cumner helped with his back-hoe to carry and place ballast onto the tracks being raised. This has certainly saved considerable shovelling of ballast in these areas. This work will continue over the next few months with rails needing to be cut and drilled and track panels fabricated to connect up the three tracks in the shed.

Track Maintenance

March was a period of very high rainfall. Inspections of the track have been undertaken before running days to ensure that the track remains in sound condition.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel or concrete in the mainline. A number of steel joint sleepers have been fabricated for installation in the mainline. The long point throw-over lever timbers on some points in the workshop area require replacement with steel 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 20 May, 17 June, 15 July and 19 August 2017.

Peterson Road

This work has been temporarily mothballed whilst the track work associated with the new running shed is undertaken.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

During January and February our passenger numbers have plummeted and we are down approximately 50% on this time last year. However March and April made up for this and overall the first four months of the year ended with a similar total number of passengers as the same period last year.

While better weather certainly helped, a big boost in numbers resulted from Brian Webber becoming "Techno Brian" and spreading the word via various Facebook sites. Hopefully this increased number of passengers will continue. Roland Paroz has offered to assist Brian as well as taking over the "running

next Sunday" type posts on ANGRMS Facebook site (Ryan and Tony will continue with their excellent "what we did on workday" type posts, subject of course to work commitments). Neither Roland or Brian claim to be experts so if you have any ideas/suggestions, regarding Facebook or otherwise, to boost patronage please do not hesitate to let Brian Webber or Roland or myself know.

The upcoming few months will be tough ones for our roster officer Neil as several regulars are not available for various reasons so if you can help please let Neil know. As mentioned last issue, plus in my annual report, if we have to cancel a running day for reasons other than something outside our control, such as a cyclone, we stand to lose a lot more than just that day's income – the impact will be felt for a long long time after.

Date Claimers:

AMRA Show 6 and 7 May 2017: By the time you read this the AMRA show is now very close. This is our big fund raiser for the year so it is important we maximise the benefits. If you have not already planned to do so, please come along and help. We have a public running day on the Sunday which means we are stretched even further. We are setting up on Friday 5 May with the actual show on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May.

Toowoomba Model Trains, Craft and Hobby Expo 3 and 4 June 2017: We have been accepted for this show. Also being a running day weekend, we will need extra help. Not only is this show a valuable source of sales income, a surprising number of locals travel down our way and ride our railway. Please let me know if you are not required at Woodford on the Sunday and can help.

Pine Rivers Model Train and Hobby Exhibition 5 and 6 August 2017: Being at Strathpine this show is not only a valuable source of sales income, it is an important opportunity to promote our railway within our local government area.

Monthly Statistics

	March 2017	April 2017
Paying Passengers	199	179
Guards Sheet	257	214



Above: Ralph Cumner helping to place ballast on the tracks approaching the locomotive storage shed. Below: As concrete pours from the pipe from the concrete pump it is vibrated around the track and sleepers. The temporary timber boards to form the flangeways for the railway wheels can be seen supported beside the rails. Greg Stephenson photographer for both photos.

