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Christmas at ANGRMS, Saturday 15 December. Terry Olsson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 19 January, 16 February,
 16 March and 13 April, 2019**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2019: 15 Feb, 19 Apr, 21 Jun, 16 Aug, 18 Oct, and 20 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

Another year has flown by and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your help and support during the past year. For a small group with a small work force I am continually amazed and very proud of how much we achieve. I look forward to working with you all during 2019.

While the big things we achieved during the year were the new Woodford Station platform, upgrade to the Peterson Road platform, carrying a record 407 passengers in one day and over 4000 for the year running, a railway is a team effort and you all played a very important part.

From the Operations staff who presented a very cheerful and professional image to our passengers on public running days (even when we were under the pump) to the quiet achievers behind the scenes like Ryan and his team who not only kept our running fleet well maintained but managed to do a lot of other repairs and even some restoration work, Greg and his team who not only maintained our existing track but managed to work on some new, Roland and Brian and their helpers with marketing, those who kept the grass mowed and our site tidy, Davo with the Safety, Lynn with the DRB and everyone else who helped in any way, a very BIG THANK YOU. Take a bow, you can all be very proud of your selves.

We continue to be short of helpers in all parts of the society so if you are not already helping out, or know of others who would be interested in joining and helping please let myself or one of the board members know. We certainly need the helpers...

As noted in his Civil Engineering report, Greg and his track team have been busy during the last couple of months of last year.

On the rollingstock front, Ryan and his team have been very busy. During December Ryan undertook the annual rollingstock inspections which is a big but very important part of rollingstock maintenance. Work on the ballast wagon has been slow but getting there, while Aaron has continued work overhauling some line cars. Unfortunately during recent work on the Perry, issues were found with the driving wheels and these will need to be sent away for some work. If we are going to send wheels away we are looking to also get Bundy's and Goondi's done – more on this next issue.

The annual ANGRMS Christmas BBQ was held on Saturday 15 December. While numbers were less than expected, those that did attend enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Moya and Elsie for organising the food and Ryan for operating the BBQ, donating meat and ham and doing a very nice marinated lamb chop!

For those of you living in Queensland, you will be aware the State Government recently introduced a 10c refund on certain cans and bottles. To claim the money the container needs to have the 10c refund wording on it and needs to be undamaged (ie do not crush cans). As a non profit group ANGRMS has registered with Containers for Cash and our Scheme ID is C10047214. Every little bit helps so you can help you society by quoting this number and the money will go to ANGRMS.

The Board has decided that the 2019 AGM will be held on site on Saturday 30 March so please mark this in your calendars.

And finally, a reminder that your annual membership fees are now due. If you pay annually and have not received a renewal form please let Neil Trevorrow or myself know.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

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

Communication is also an important part of safety and member's feedback is always welcome. Remember there is a suggestion box in the Station Master's Office at Woodford station. Any suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

RBT (Random Breath Testing) was conducted over the reporting period with no adverse results. A second Breathalyser is now permanently located in the cottage if you wish to test yourself - 0.000% BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) is required. Remember the unit is only a guide - only a blood test can accurately determine BAC (which will be mandatory if found positive by a Regulator's RBT).

Operations Audit AOP.18 was conducted in November 2018. One of the findings regards the checking of Train Notices. Because of the long periods between issuing of Train Notices (and there were no new ones at time of audit), one option being looked at is a pre-start talk – a short meeting attended by all signed on that running day to discuss Rail Safety, any Train Notices, weather events, any visits by clubs or bus tours (numbers, ticketing, parking, riding return /stopping at Peterson Rd), any workshop work on that day, and any queries that need to be raised.

NOTE : If you have a copy of the SMS (Safety Management System) I would like you to revisit it. The Board is in the process of a rewrite for 2019 with all

aspects of rail safety to be reviewed. Your input and suggestions will be most welcome and will be considered as part of this rewrite. If any members wish to make a comment/suggestion, please send an e-mail to the ANGRMS Secretary with the subject heading - 2019 SMS REWRITE (ianthompson359@gmail.com).

Thank you all for your work relating to Rail Safety/Training throughout 2018.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Maintenance

Over the years, the painted distance markers along the mainline have deteriorated. New markers have now been made and installed. Marker plates to identify the points have also been fabricated and await installation. These markers help us in recording track work condition and identifying the location of defeats. This aids in reporting defects and ensuring that maintenance is directed to the correct location.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel or concrete. 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. The April track work day will be a week earlier to avoid Easter. Track work days are planned for 19 January, 16 February, 16 March and 13 April, 2019.

Locomotive Storage Shed

There has been a concentrated effort on the by-pass track to reconnect to the compound area. The points from Nambour Sugar Mill have been refurbished and the rails bolted to the steel bearers. The panels of concrete sleepered track assembled using ex-Ingham round-hole sleepers have now been completed and the rails connected through to the compound.

On Saturday 15 December 2018 track jacks were used to lift the pointwork and track to their final levels. Ralph Cumner used his back hoe to carry ballast from the stockpile behind the ex-QCWA cottage and place it over the completed track and pointwork. Over the coming weeks, we plan to pack and shape this ballast to finish off this section of track. Once this work is completed, final testing and commissioning can be undertaken.

The point throw lever still remains to be fitted. However, until the track from the curved lead is constructed, these points will remain clamped for use on the through track only.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

We did it!!!

We carried over 4000 passengers for a total of 4013 carried in the year!!

Our passenger numbers last year were up 28% on 2016, and this year our passenger numbers are up 29% on 2017!!! Not only did we carry more passengers overall, but we carried 3208 “paying” passengers which was more than last year's total passengers (roughly 20% of our passengers are under 5, etc., who don't pay). This is despite having no special running days during 2018. This is an incredible effort!!

When it comes to sales on site, these were up 6% while general donations are up an amazing 200%. Credit card usage is steadily increasing with the percentage of total income up about 10% compared to last year.

Getting passengers to ride our train is a team effort. While those who drive the train, sell the tickets, etc., play a very important role in our “public image”, those that work behind the scenes maintaining our rollingstock and track, doing our marketing, looking after our stations and grounds, etc., are all just as important. Without any one of you the process fails. A big thank you to you all!!

At the time of writing this I had not yet undertaken the annual stocktake of sales items so cannot say how we went overall during 2018.

For those on the Operations team, you should have received your roster for the first half of 2019 by now. If not please contact Neil. We continue to be short of operations staff.

Guards are reminded that the gate at the boundary between our station area at Peterson Road and the Woodford Gardens Café carpark needs to be opened on the test run on public running days, and closed on the last run of the day.

Due to ever increasing costs, our fares will increase from the 1st January 2019:

Adults - \$7

Seniors - \$5

Child (5 to 15) - \$4

Family - \$25

Date Claimers

AMRA Show — 4 and 5 May 2019: We have submitted our application to attend this show. It will be held at the Brisbane Showgrounds (RNA) again

but this year but will be held in the “Exhibition Building” in Gregory Terrace. Not only is this a significant opportunity to market our railway, but it is also our biggest show sales income wise. We have a Woodford Running day on the Sunday so we need a lot of help that weekend – please earmark it in your diaries.

Monthly Statistics

	November 2018	December 2018
Paying Passengers	236	63
Guards Sheet	292	80



Ralph Cumner using his back hoe to carry ballast to the by-pass track beside the locomotive storage shed. The track jacks supporting the track can be seen in the foreground and the pointwork in under the ballast that has been placed. Wayne Harman photographer.



Ballast placed on the by-pass track and awaiting lifting and packing. The track jacks supporting the rails to their final levels can be seen protruding through the ballast. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Bundy #3 during the Australian Sugar Cane Railway 30th Anniversary celebrations, Saturday 17 November 2018, (Ryan and Terry represented ANGRMS). Terry Olsson photographer.