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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,
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In October 2003 Bill Blannin recorded the relocation of the mainline through the gate at the start of Freeman's Cutting. See report and photos of 2018 sleeper replacement inside. Bill Blannin photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 14 July, 18 August, 15 September and
20 October 2018.**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2018: 16 Feb, 20 Apr, 15 Jun, 17 Aug, 19 Oct, and 14 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:0402 051 546 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

As reported last issue, we were successful in obtaining a State Government Gambling Fund Grant towards upgrading our Woodford station platform. This work involves a new face and raising the platform outside the D-Aguilar building to match the building floor level. This will improve access to both the building and our passenger train.

The grant does not cover all costs involved, so we need help from members to keep our costs to a minimum. This work is planned to take place after the running day on 15 July, and be completed before the next running day on 5 August. We will need help to remove and replace the platform seats, fit spacers to the building doorways, move and return the passenger and work trains, clean the site after, etc. We also need to run some work trains during the first week to remove spoil and relocate dirt from the footing excavation to the Peterson Road platform for work there. If you are available to help during this time let myself or Greg know.

As well as upgrading our platform at our Woodford station, the platform at Peterson Road is also badly in need of a facelift – particularly in light of all the work put in at the café!! Sam Smith has very generously offered to look after this important project and I would like to thank her for taking on this task. This work will commence at the same time as work on our Woodford platform with some materials relocated to this platform. As there is a fair bit to be done, the work will continue for some time.

Both of these platforms are part of our front face that passengers see so it is very important they present a good impression.

At the time of writing this, Sam has also commenced the upgrade of the second female toilet on our Woodford platform. Thank you Sam.

Thanks to the efforts of Morry Mason and the Landsborough Mens Shed, the Playstowe trolley has been given a much needed facelift along with some repairs. This trolley is now back on site and on display in the display room.

I would also like to thank Ian Stokes for the recent donation of a steam loco training aid which shows how steam loco Walschaerts valve gear works. This will be a very valuable training aid and also a very interesting display item.

Ryan has continued work on the new ballast wagon, while Aaron has continued giving our line cars an overhaul. Work has also continued on the Perry with the driving wheel springs removed and sent away for inspection and testing – thank you Ryan for arranging this, plus Bob for delivering them.

During May the new boiler tubes for the Melbourne and Bundy boilers were delivered and are now stored in the new loco storage shed until required.



Steam loco Walschaerts valve gear training aid donated by Ian Stokes. Terry Olsson photographer.

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 a very 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 and suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The Random Breath Test in May/June had no adverse results.

Neil Trevorrow undertook his 5 year diesel driver re-assessment during May. This testing was conducted by Tony Weber and Neil was confirmed as a diesel driver at the June board meeting.

On 22 May 2018, ONRSR (Office of National Rail Safety Regulator) conducted Compliance Inspection 3452. This was a Desk Top Audit held at its Brisbane office. The scope of this audit was Driver competency and only covered Diesel drivers because we have no current steam drivers due to the

period of time since we last ran steam. ANGRMS was represented by myself (Dave Caruzzo), Terry Olsson and Ken McHugh. No non compliances were found.

The ONRSR final audit report will be printed and available to read in the Station Master's Office.

The Safety Management System (SMS) is being reviewed and updated to comply with the requirements of the National Regulator, and needs to be completed before July 2019. This requirement applies to all accredited rail operators and infrastructure managers previously accredited in Queensland.

As part of this rewrite all ANGRMS members issued with a copy of the SMS are asked to reread it and put forward any suggestions/comments. Please send any comments/suggestions to myself or Terry Olsson.

During June, ANGRMS submitted our Annual Safety Performance Report for the 2017 calendar year to ONRSR. We also submitted a Notification of Change required because the new ballast wagon is of a type we do not presently use. This Notification of Change must be submitted a minimum of 28 days prior to any testing/commissioning/operation of this wagon.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

May and June are the start of the annual model railway show season which often results in fewer people being available for Saturday work parties at Woodford. This period typically becomes one of consolidation and preparation. This year, we have concentrated in cutting and welding steel sleepers and "processing" the ex-Ingham sleepers. When we collected the sleepers from Ingham, many of the round hole type still had at least two rail connecting plates bolted to them. Just over 100 of these remained to have the plates and bolts removed to allow re-use of the sleepers. This has now been completed and all ex-Ingham sleepers are ready for re-use. Special thanks must go to Ryan Thomas who has been using his spare time at home to clean-up the threads on the bolts removed to allow their re-use when needed.

Track Maintenance

During the last two months, we have replaced 21 sleepers on the mainline using 10 steel and 11 concrete sleepers. Four of the steel sleepers had the lugs for Pandrol clips welded to suit fish-plated joints. Before these were installed, three inner fishplates were replaced where it could be seen that they were being worn by the train wheels. The opportunity was also taken to renew the rail bolts where necessary and to lubricate the joints.

We have continued our practice when renewing sleepers marked for replacement to consider the condition of the adjoining sleepers at the same time. Near the gate at the start of Freeman's Cutting, one sleeper was marked but we renewed 2 adjoining sleepers at the same time to save returning to the area in the near future. Similarly, around Ch 600 where 1 sleeper was marked, we replaced the 5 consecutive timber sleepers between existing concrete sleepers.

All sleepers on the main line from Margaret Street to Ch 765 that were identified for replacement in the December 2017 annual independent track inspection have now been renewed. In this section, 7 timber sleepers still require reboring and respiking. From Ch 765 to the end of track at Peterson Road, 7 sleepers are marked for replacement. These are isolated single sleepers in an area that will be reconstructed when work resumes on the connection to the level crossing. Two of these sleepers are beyond the limit of train operations and are not trafficked. The overall condition of this area will be monitored until the reconstruction is undertaken.

Our recent inspections have also identified some sleepers under fish-plated joints are in poor condition and steel sleepers with Pandrol clips are being fabricated for these locations. Three sleepers in the passing loop at Margaret Street have also been marked for replacement. Some sleepers in the storage sidings near the workshop will also benefit from replacement.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing these 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 and are planned for **14 July, 18 August, 15 September and 20 October 2018.**

Locomotive Storage Shed

The Bypass track beside the shed to connect to the existing tracks in the Compound still needs to be constructed. As part of the "processing" the ex-Ingham sleepers a number of suitable sleepers have been stacked ready for use on this project. This will be completed as time becomes available.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

The exciting news during the last month was the reopening of the café at the Peterson Road end of our railway. The café is now called "Woodford Gardens" and they are keen to work with us. The new owners are to be congratulated on the high quality of the renovations.

Sam Smith has kindly offered to be our liaison person with the café and I would like to thank Sam for taking on this role. This will greatly improve the

relationship between the two of us and there will be many benefits for both of us. We need to review various things such as our timetable over the next few months to work out the best operation for both of us.

Other than normal day to day activities, please ensure any other ANGRMS contact with the café is through Sam or myself.

Thanks to the efforts of Roland, Brian and everyone who helped at the recent shows, we have had incredible passenger numbers during May and June. The 353 passengers on 17 June run set a new record!!! I would like to thank everyone who helped on this days, and particularly Moya and Elsie who had no cash register or credit card facilities on 3 June (they were in Toowoomba for the show).

By now all members of our Operations Team should have received the roster for the second half of 2018. If you have not received your copy please contact Neil. Preparing the roster is not an easy task and I would like to thank Neil for his ongoing efforts.

We continue to be short of operations staff so if you would like to join this team, or you know of someone who is interested in becoming part of this team please let myself or Neil know.

Thanks to all involved, we have continued to experience good passenger numbers and are presently running about 40% up on the same time last year.

New display box for sales room (right)
made by Sam Smith, 26 May 2018.
Terry Olsson photographer.

As mentioned in my President's report, there some fantastic things happening, or about to happen, at our Woodford and Peterson Road stations. Image is a very important part of marketing and getting return patronage.



I would like to thank everyone who helped with the AMRA and Toowoomba shows. As well as bringing in valuable income, both of these shows are an excellent opportunity to promote our railway by handing out brochures. It is important we market our railway as many different ways as reasonably practicable.

The Pine Rivers show is in August and being the same weekend as our running day we need as much assistance as we can get. We also have a large birthday party on this day so please mark this date in your diaries and let me know if/when you can help.

In line with the recent ban on one use plastic bags, we have purchased some paper bags which can be used for books etc and these will be available for sale on Woodford public running days and at shows.

Date Claimers

Pine Rivers Model Show (Strathpine) 4 and 5 August 2018. Being in the same council area it is important we "fly the flag" at this show and promote our railway (as well as make some extra income by selling the usual sales). Set up is on the Friday. Again this is also a running day on the Sunday so we need as much help as we can get. Please mark it in your diaries and let me know if you can help.

Monthly Statistics

	May 2018	June 2018
Paying Passengers	334	456
Guards Sheet	428	546



ANGRMS' stand at AMRA Show 2018. Terry Olsson photographer.



ANGRMS' stand at Toowoomba Show 2018. Terry Olsson photographer.



Bob Gough, Herb Coleman and Steve Baker relocating the mainline through the gate at the start of Freeman's Cutting, October 2003. We returned to the same location (photos next page) to replace defective timber sleepers on 16 June 2018. Bill Blannin photographer.



Dave Caruzzo removes dogspikes from defective timber sleepers before removing the ballast and sleepers. Dave Caruzzo and Terry Olsson use special lifting bars to position the last of the 3 steel sleepers before the Pandrol clips are inserted (below). 16 June 2018, Greg Stephenson photographer.





New boiler tubes stored ready for use, 5 May 2018. Terry Olsson photographer.



The timber sleeper face of the platform will be replaced with a concrete wall as part of the recently received grant. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Woodford Station on the 17 June 2018 running day with a record 353 passengers. Terry Olsson photographer.