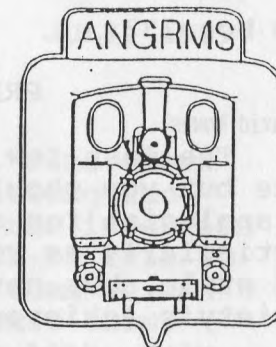


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

By David Mewes.

The last few issues of DRB have run a bit late but you should now have all the back issues. We apologise for any inconvenience to members, particularly as you may find some of the news a bit stale, but never-the-less a record of the Society's achievements.

Melbourne entered service at Woodford on the weekend of 26/27th. June, 1999 with a training and assessment program for our drivers to accredit them for operation of this locomotive. Most of our drivers were able to attend on this weekend and have passed an assessment by our Senior Driver, George McHugh and Safety & Training Manager, Paul Rollason. General comment by crews is that the Hudswell Clarke rides very well.

Pleystowe No. 5 entered the workshop over the same weekend to have its side tanks removed so that the new ones currently being fabricated can be completed and fitted. Tony Lindsay gave the running gear a good clean and was surprised to find that the loco has white wall tyres, hidden by years of accumulated oil & grease.

## ENGINEERING BRANCH.

Goondi No. 1. has had its radiator reassembled and lifting points fitted. No further progress has been made due to the need to attend to Melbourne re-entering service and Pleystowe No. 5's new side tanks.

A new Bendix spring is required for the starter motor on Condong No.5. A quote for this is being followed up with a spring maker.

## President's Report Cont.

Last trackwork day was the 5th. June. Work concentrated on APM straight in replacing and respacing sleepers which also meant the insertion of some additional sleepers. A length of rail in Freeman's Cutting is to be reversed when we can get sufficient people on site to tackle this task. We have scheduled this for the 10th. July.

**NOTE.** The August track day will be rescheduled to the 21st. August so as not to clash with a Small Museums Conference and also the Nambour activities.

Additional sleepers & more ballast are currently being sought.

## MEMBERSHIP.

A welcome is extended to new member -  
A.C. Lynn Zelmer from Rockhampton.

## Monthly Meetings.

Our next monthly will be held on:-  
Wednesday, 4th. August commencing at 8 pm.  
at the Scouting Assoc. of Australia,  
32 Dixon Street, AUCHENFLOWER.

We will also have our sales department at the meeting. Come along for special members discounts.

## SALES DEPARTMENT.

We have a number of new books on sale, some in limited supply. These are members prices.

A Queensland Sugar Cane Railway Album by R Gough & B Webber	\$15.00
Tasmania's Hagans by G Murdoch	\$18.00
Powelltown by F Stamford	\$16.00
Arsenic & Molasses	\$26.00
**** NEW ITEM **** BB181/4 Coffee Cup	\$10.00



President's Report Cont.

Sales Department.

A new item we have on offer is a coffee cup depicting Queensland Rail Heritage steam locomotive BB181/4 No. 1079. This cup complements our range of coffee cups including the A10; DD17 & Beyer Garratt - these earlier cups are currently out of stock (other than what you might find in retail outlets) but consideration is being given to re-ordering them.

An order has been placed for further copies of Train Hobbies excellent photographic album "Locomotive Profile Steam Cane Tramway Locomotives". Please let David Mewes know (Ph 07 - 3273 2014) if you want a copy as 5 of the 10 ordered are already reserved.

Don't forget to purchase your copy of A Queensland Sugar Cane Railway Album by Bob Gough & Brian Webber. This book is thoroughly recommended. Copies are available from our sales Department for \$15.00.each.

If you want to see more books published about Cane Railways, then get your copy of this excellent book NOW. Tell your friends; purchase some extra copies as gifts for friends. DON'T keep putting off buying a copy.

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Interesting Internet Sites.

All of you will have heard or know about the internet and the world wide web. The amount of information ( and mis-information ) is astonishing. The information web pages cover many, many subjects. Each month, for those who have access to the internet, we will give you the address of internet sites covering items of railway interest. For July, we have:-

<http://benmtnco.tp.net/locomotives.html>

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## TRAINING PROGRAM.

In order to keep our accreditation with Queensland Transport Rail Safety Authorities, we need to meet certain objectives, one of which is training. This is clearly set out in our Manual and the Safety & Training committee have put together a package to address this issue.

Yes, I know what you are all saying - here we go again, more training. Well, we don't make the rules, but if we are to keep our train running, then we have to abide by the rules. This training is essential and the committee have even tried to make it as useful as possible to every day living. Who knows when something learned at ANGRMS training may prove useful in some other situations.

As with any job these days, there is always a certain amount of training required to keep up with what is happening around us. We need to do our share too and hopefully after the training is completed, you will be able to see that it was not all that bad after all; in fact I would hope that each person attending these sessions will be able to come away saying that they have learned something new, especially the Emergency Training as this will cover some safety & first aid skills which can be applied to every day living.

**PLEASE NOTE.** All who are part of the Woodford Roster as well as all those who are part of the track gang but who are not part of the Woodford Roster **MUST** attend the Common Core Basic Training as well as the Emergency training.

For each roster position, there will be specific training for that role too.

## The Training schedule is :-

Sun. August 29th. At Woodford commencing at 8.30.AM.

- \* Common Core Basic Training.(Everybody inc. track gang).
- \* Role Specific Training.(Roster members)
- \* Bundaberg Fowler steam loco practical re - accreditation. (Drivers).

Sat. October 30th. At Woodford commencing with a BBQ lunch at 12 noon.

- \* Emergency Training (Everybody inc. track gang.)

Sat. Nov 20th. At Scouts Centre, Auchenflower, commencing 2 pm.

REPEAT class for those unable to attend the August 29th. session.

- \* Common Core Basic Training.
- \* Role Specific Training.

NB. All roster members & workers MUST complete the Common Core & Role Specific training to be accredited.

There will not be any re-run of this training until next year. Don't make it harder for those trying to keep our Society accredited by not coming to a course. If you are not accredited for the positions that you wish to be on roster for, then bad luck. The rules say that each person MUST have accreditation for the positions that they wish to be rostered for. If you can't make these dates, then please contact Paul Rollason ASAP on 3278 9110 or 3870 1300

\*\*\* Now that all the bad news is over, the good news is that by attending the required training program, your accreditation will last 5 years.

## TRACK WORK.

From Greg Stephenson.

There is still a considerable amount of work to be carried out. However, ANGRMS & Woodford are suffering from the effects of the continued rain which always comes at the wrong time.

Last Saturday, 10th. July, 8 sleepers were replaced. 5 were replaced in the section from the points leading to the compound to in front of the Wamuran building on the main line; 2 long sleepers under the points leading to the compound & 1 under the points leading to the Simsmetal road were also replaced. These were all close to shelter in case rain arrived. The gang are waiting for a relative fine day so the rail in Freemans' cutting can be turned.

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## Society Notes.

\* Speaking of rain, the cane crush at Nambour Mill has not commenced yet due to the continued rain in that area. The Mill have told us that they need 2 weeks fine weather to enable the fields to dry out sufficiently for cutting to begin. We hope that they dry out quickly so there is cane to haul when our loco is there in August.

\* ANGRMS is taking the BFC No.5 back to Nambour Mill this year for Nambour Sugar Festival. The loco will go to the Mill on Monday, 9th. August & haul cane from Howard Street yard to the mill ( if there is cane to haul) during that week. It will feature in the Street procession on Saturday 14th., when it will be parked at the Howard / Currie Street intersection for the parade which starts at mid-day. The loco will conclude its visit at the end of Saturday & will return to Woodford on the Monday.



## Society Notes. Cont.

\* In connection with our loco going to Moreton Mill at Nambour, Sunsteam were considering running a rail motor trip to Nambour on Exhibition Wednesday, 11th. August. However, Sunsteam have advised us that this trip will not be run. Anyone thinking of going to Nambour on this trip will have to use the Electric train services to & from Nambour on that day.

\* Our patronage has started to fall off a little in recent weeks. We can't decide what the cause is. However, the Queens Birthday holiday in June produced very good numbers. We did not advertise, just put out our signs on the road as usual & about 120 people visited & took a train ride. If you have friends who have not been to Woodford, bring them along one Sunday for a train ride. If you haven't been for a while, then make a point of coming to see the Melbourne in action & the new works that have happened at Woodford.

\* I apologise for all the spelling mistakes in the last issues of DRB; not to mention the lateness of them. It was good to have a few phone calls checking where the members DRB's were. This issue has tried to catch up with all the events and so I hope the news is current & not stale.

Laurie Erb.

\* We have some photos of the progress at the mechanical end of things. The cover photo is of the Melbourne on the train & the back cover photo is of action on the BFC. No.5. Thank you to Paul Rollason who took these photos.

\* The next issue of DRB will be delayed until after the trip to Nambour when we will bring you a report on activities there. Hope this meets with the members approval but like all things that ANGRMS does, it will be out sometime.

## Workshop Report.

By Paul Rollason.

"Melbourne" is back on track.

On Sunday, 27th. June, "Melbourne" was put into service at Woodford. Most of the current drivers were put through a practical assessment to gain accreditation on this locomotive. There are still a few minor things including a few steam leaks to attend to but these were anticipated and can be easily rectified in due course once Melbourne is run in.

None the less, Melbourne drives well & the steam leaks add to the excitement & realism, especially on a wet day as was Sunday 27th. June.

Melbourne will be repainted & brass polished when the Bundy Fowler returns to service after its Nambour trip.

The Bundy Fowler is currently out of service for general repairs. The new side tanks are being fitted. The loco is being steam cleaned & the side tanks will be painted. After Tony Lindsay steam cleaned the BFC No.5, comments were heard as to where the BFC had gone to & where the strange loco outside the workshop appeared from. The new side tanks will be fitted over the next 2 weekends.

The Goondi has had the radiator recored & reassembled and is awaiting a pressure test. Unfortunately, this loco will have to take a back seat until BFC No. 5 & Melbourne are finished.

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