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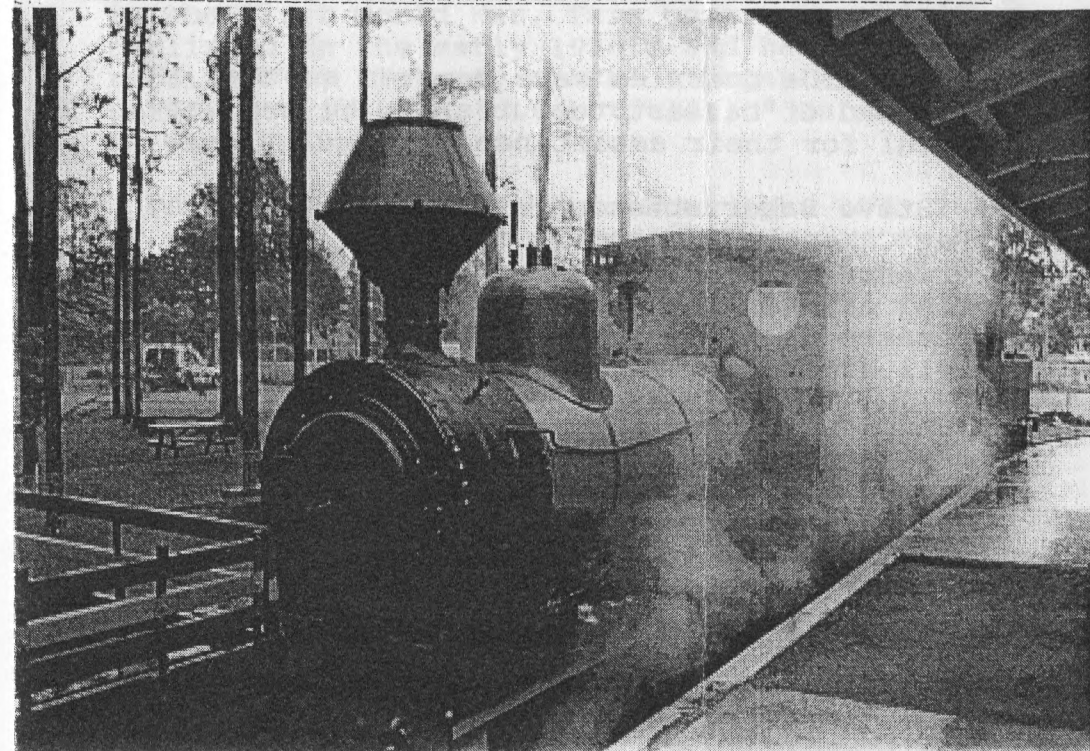
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

By David Mewes.

The re-entry to service of Melbourne has been a great step forward. Melbourne sounds very good with a nice strong exhaust beat as she heads up the track. Crews have found that the locomotive rides very well on our track.

Work on Pleystowe No. 5 is continuing with the side tanks all but complete. They have been painted inside and test fitted to the locomotive. Time is getting short before the locomotive leaves for Nambour on Monday, 9th. August. It is planned to have the side tanks finally fitted to the locomotive on Saturday 7th. August. The wet weather at Nambour has not been kind to us with rain every few days and further rain predicted for later this week (week ending 7/8). The mill has not yet started crushing due to the wet conditions.

Bracalba Quarries have donated another 20 metre load of ballast to our site. We are very grateful for their assistance.

Steve Baker attended a tourism networking day at Caboolture recently and found the experience well worthwhile. A further networking meeting day will be held later this month. Greg Stephenson will be representing the Society at a Small Museums Conference also later this month.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on
Wednesday 1st, Sept. at 8.00.pm.
Scouting Assoc., 32 Dixon St. Auchenflower.

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 P. Stamford. \$16.00.
Arsenic & molasses.	\$26.00.
Locomotive Profile Steam Cane Tramway Locomotives.	\$29.00.
Narrow Gauge at War Vol 2.	\$29.00.
The Light Track from Arras.	\$24.00.
Bagnall Narrow Gauge Locomotives.	\$19.00.
Narrow Gauge Railways Two feet and Under.	\$27.00.
Light Railway Construction.	\$12.00.
BB18 1/4 Coffee Cup.	\$10.00.

A number of new titles have just arrived from Plateway Press in the U.K. One title in particular could be considered a rare classic. "The Light Track From Arras" is the reminiscences of a member of a Light Railway Operating Company in the First World War. This book was originally published in the early 1930's and has now been reprinted by Plateway Press. It complements their other two First World War titles, "Narrow Gauge at War" Volumes 1 & 2.

Please let David Mewes know (ph. 3273 2014) if you want a copy of any of these books as only a few copies of each have been obtained.

Interesting Internet Sites.

This Month we have:-

<http://www.sydney.cyber.net.au/~mainline/>

This site has photos from some of Australia's top train photographers. There may be some 2 foot equipment included.

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TRACK MATTERS.

By Greg Stephenson.

On Wednesday 28th. July, Bracalba Quarries delivered a load of ballast to a stockpile beside the QCWA Cottage. The donation of this material will allow us to continue our vital track maintenance without draining our limited funds.

It is about 13 months since the Quarry last donated a similar quantity of ballast. Whilst some of this has been used to concrete the Woodford platform - a great job which should be finished by the time you read this and a real credit to all those involved - the greatest majority has been used for ballasting and repairs to the mainline. The improvement in the condition of the mainline over the past year is obvious.

The major area still requiring attention is a substantial dip/hole in Freeman's Cuttung. This location also corresponds with the rail to be turned and now contains the worst section of deteriorated sleepers. We hope to attempt this section on SATURDAY 21st. August, 1999 assuming that the weather is fine and enough people are available. We need at least 8 people to lift the length of rail so all help is appreciated. We'll kick off around 9.00.am and can usually find jobs for all levels of fitness. We look forward to seeing you there.

This month, the cover photo shows Melbourne at the platform at Woodford. The different coloured piece on the platform is the last remaining piece not concreted when this photo was taken a few weeks ago but hopefully completed by now.