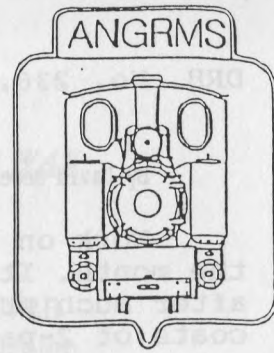




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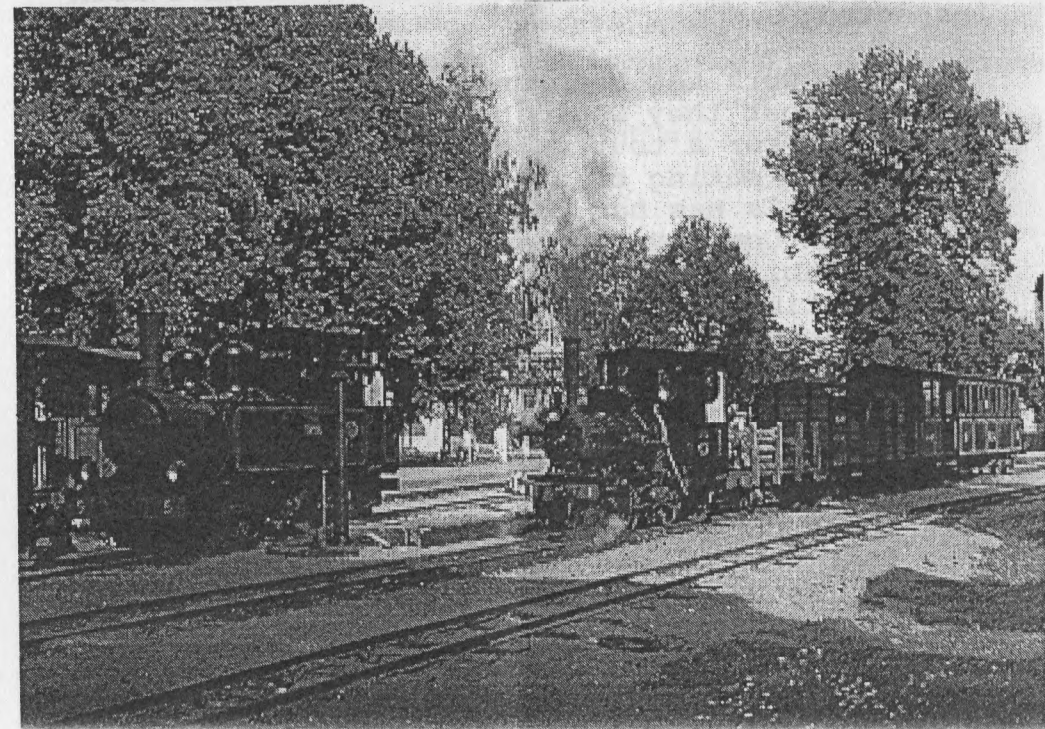
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

By David Mewes.

Work on PLEYSTOWE No. 5 has continued during the month. It has been thoroughly cleaned and after much preparative work has now had the final coats of 2-pack epoxy applied to the cab. The cab colour now matches the side tanks. The smoke box, domes and chimney have all been painted black. Red trim is now being applied. The task remaining is the lining out which will be undertaken by Gordon Grieve, a local Woodford resident.

The two wagons have also progressed. Both have been fitted with Willison automatic couplers and anchor points for safety chains. No. 8, the steel open wagon has been cleaned and painted. The other wagon has had a new wooden floor, sides and doors manufactured and fitted. It has also been painted. Both wagons have been lifted and the bearings, axleboxes and wheel sets have been inspected.

This work has been undertaken on the understanding that they would be despatched to North Queensland for a tour of a number of mills as part of the making of a television documentary. However, this has had to be postponed by the production Company, Gulliver Media, due to the non-availability of the director/cameraman at a suitable time. It is intended that this project will go ahead next year. We will be having a meeting Tuesday, 19th. Oct. with Gulliver Media and the director/cameraman to discuss the timing and logistics of this project.

You may recall this is the reason for the work being carried out on Pleystowe No. 5. We hope that this documentary still goes ahead. However, we will soon have a very good locomotive with new side tanks & a complete repaint.

WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP ....IN SOME WAYBy Ken McHugh, 1 October 1999

I read with interest the last paragraph of the September DRB that discussed the different jobs that are available to assist the Society. Upon reading it, I thought I would share with members the way I try to support the Society while not necessarily swinging a mallet.

Having a young family and a busy work schedule puts certain limits on the length of time I have available, AND then most of my free time is late in the evening. So finding time to fit in other activities and keeping the rest of the family satisfied becomes quite complicated.

After taking a look around and speaking to David Mewes about my situation, it didn't take long to recognise that not all tasks have to be performed on site. With this in mind I looked at an old derelict handcar, and asked David's permission if I could restore it. (Note: I had to make a plan and prove that this restoration would actually be completed within a certain time!)

Well it has since been completed and the restoration of the handcar (affectionately known as DR 143) has been the key point of interest at several locations, helping to make the public more aware of our Woodford operations. At each location we provide photographs, fact sheets and Train Ride brochures to make it an interesting display. This list is a summary the various locations it has been on show over the past 18 months



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| □ Morayfield Shopping Mall        | 1 day      |
| □ Miniature Train Exhibition 1998 | 3 days     |
| □ Narrow Gauge Conference         | 1 day      |
| □ Nambour Sugar Festival          | 1 day      |
| □ Brighton Bakery                 | 10 days    |
| □ Westfield Strathpine            | 5 days     |
| □ R.M. Williams, Queen Street     | 1.5 months |
| □ Banyo Library                   | 1 Month    |
| □ Bracken Ridge Library           | 1 Month    |
| □ Chermside Library               | 1 Month    |
| □ Bulimba Library                 | 1 Month    |
| □ Everton Park Library            | 1 Month    |
| □ Hamilton Library                | 1 Month    |
| □ Zillmere Library (currently)    | 1 Month    |

In its restored state, DR143 has spent some 9 months "on the road" and 1200 brochures have been taken by people walking past the display. Most of all it combines with one of the Society's objectives of preserving light industrial railway memorabilia and our collection of restored items is now 1 richer.

The display of DR 143 has also lead to a several unusual things happening.

**Unusual event #1** While at Everton Park Library, a middle aged gentleman visited the library to borrow a book. He saw the handcar and immediately contacted his mother to tell her of the display.

Apparently in the early 1920's the mothers' father would take the family to Pinkenba, and ride a handcar down to Luggage Point for a Saturday afternoon of fishing! This tale was a regular nighttime story that she shared with her children over the years. Coincidentally, when her son saw the handcar at

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Everton Park Library he was most elated because what had only been a vision of his imagination was now real and right in front of his eyes.

His mother also made a "bee line" to the library (for the first time) to see something she hadn't seen since she was 8 years old. She contacted me to pass on her gratitude the people that were responsible for restoring this handcar and also that it pleased her enormously to see it still existed.

Needless to say the Librarian was also happy that their library was useful in this way.

**Unusual event # 2** While in the R.M. Williams store in the Queen Street Mall, a BCC officer saw the display. He contacted me to advise that he could provide the Society with copies of detailed drawings of the track design and layout of the entire Luggage Point network, including the 5 miles to Pinkenba. I now have copies of these drawings for the Society.

He also provided copies of slides of a small train that BCC workers would assemble once a year for the purposes of Christmas party "kiddie rides".

So now that the DR 143 is regularly doing the rounds, I needed to find another "from home" project.

This time it is to prepare an Internet Site on behalf ANGRMS to share with the world our reason for existence and show off our collection of loco's and rolling stock to other interested people. Keith Davis and myself have taken digital photographs of most of our collection and this together with information from David Mewes will form the core of our web page

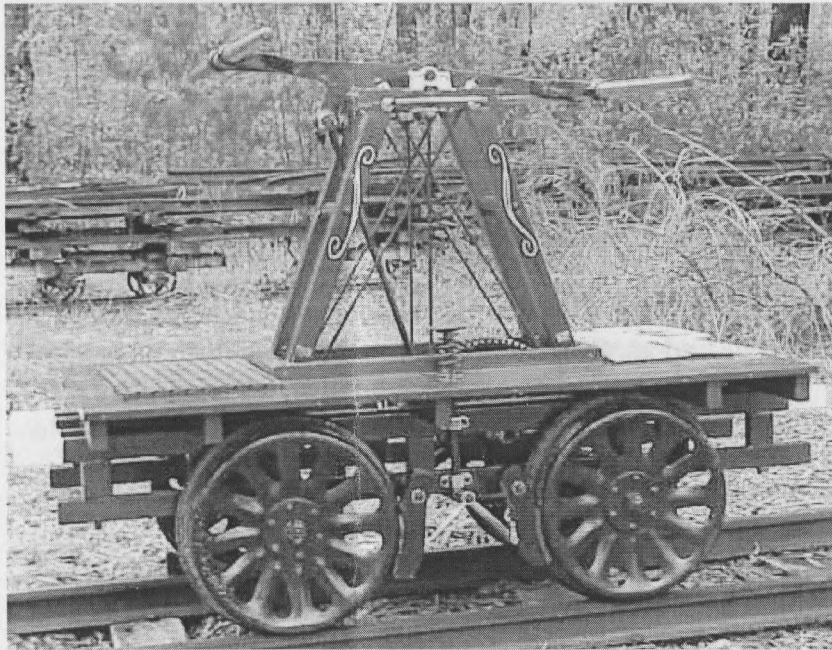
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I will put a note in the DRB when the site is up and functional, and at this stage I anticipate it will be late in October 1999. I have requested [www.angrms.org.au](http://www.angrms.org.au) as the Domain Name, and hopefully it will be approved by the Internet Naming Authority.

So it is possible to assist the Society in many ways. The one thing I have learned whether working on site or working from home is that taking on too much is not good, and doing nothing isn't useful, its just a matter of finding the "in between".

Regards,  
Ken McHugh

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### President's Report cont.

I have been attending a number of meetings in Woodford and Caboolture in recent weeks. A number of these are concerned with new tourism incentives by the Caboolture Shire Council. Other meetings are concerned with grant funding proposals we are working on. My thanks to Tony Lindsay for his help in this area.

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### Society News.

\* Remember the safety training day to be held on Saturday 30th. October at Woodford commencing at 12 noon. This is most important for those on roster as well as other workers. It will commence with a sausage sizzle lunch followed by the training session run by the St. John's Ambulance. This is all part of our accreditation, however we hope that this type of safety training and basic first aid may be of benefit to you during everyday life experiences. We all hope that we won't be involved in accidents of any type but it is handy to have a few basic skills should the need arise. Come along and make the most of it.

\* With Christmas Day this year being on a Saturday, it has been agreed that Boxing Day will not be a running day this year. This will allow our crews to prepare for the week of running associated with the Woodford Folk Festival. If you are not busy any day that week, why not take a picnic lunch and visit our site for a pleasant day out. Maybe you have not seen the improvements completed during the year; for example, the platform has lost some of the rustic charm now that it is concreted and there is no need to mow the grass that grew on it.



\* Monthly meeting.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd. November, 1999 at 8.00.p.m. at the Scouting Association of Australia, 32 Dixon Street, Auchenflower.

David Mewes will have his sales case open for us to buy items at members discount prices. I know that we have been saying for some time that some books are in short supply - well, there are still some left because no one has bought any. David would be pleased to move some along to make room for new ones next year. If you can't get to the meetings, give him a call on 07- 3273 2014 to place an order.

\* Interesting Internet sites.

Our Society has a new internet site which we own and control. This will be much better from our point of view as we will better control over the site maintenance and will be better able to ensure that the correct and current information is available. In addition, we will have a current news section which will give current news and photos of the Society's activities:-

<http://www.railpage.org.au/angrms>

Hope you have fun looking at our page!

Our thanks to Ken McHugh who is currently putting all this together and who will act as the Society's Webmaster.

\* The photo on last months DRB was not a projection of Woodford in the year 2525. It is of a rail museum somewhere in Sweden. The photo was sent to me by a narrow gauge rail fan there but it contained little information as to the exact location. Sorry about that. There is another one from the same area this month.