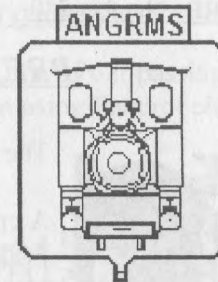




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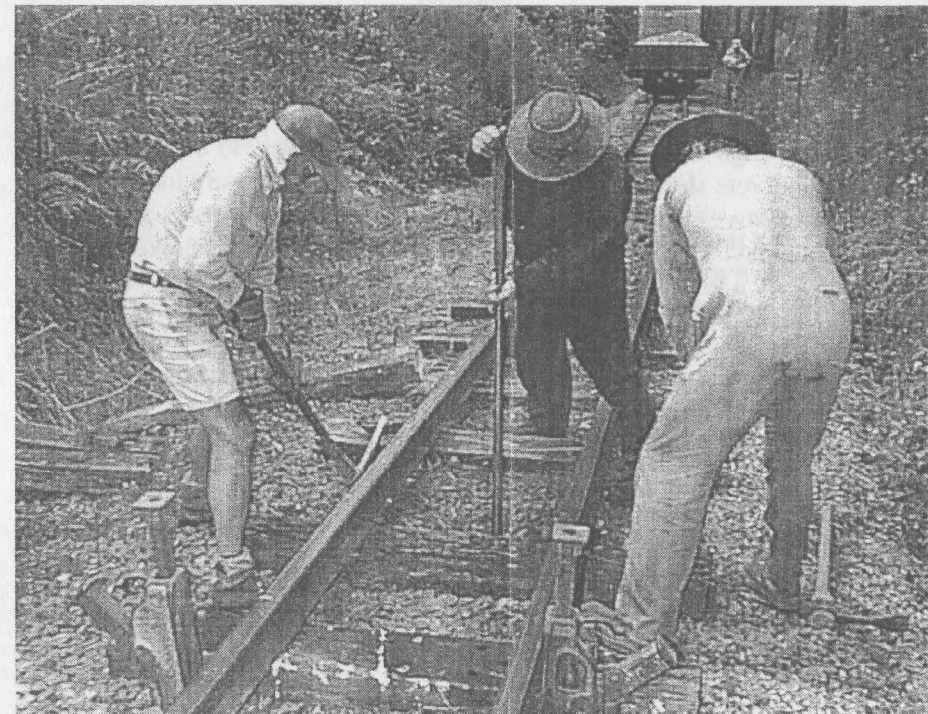
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PRESIDENTS REPORT - by David Mewes

The year has already seen some major developments for the Society.

A crew from Channel 7's The Great South-East were on site on Friday, 21st January. They spent some time on our site filming our activities. The segment is expected to go to air early in March 2000. This should be good publicity for our project.

Wednesday, 2nd February, saw Professor Ross Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Centenary of Federation – Queensland Committee, present the Society with a special headboard which will be used during the documentary film project in north Queensland. The Centenary of Federation – Queensland Committee is a major sponsor for the TV documentary being made by Gulliver Media Australia. In addition to the Centenary of Federation funding another sponsor is Queensland Heritage Trails and plaques to be affixed either side of one of the two wagons (No.50) involved in the documentary project were also presented. The event was covered by ABC-TV as well as local media (radios and newspapers). The ABC-TV film footage was also made available to commercial TV stations. This presentation was originally set down for Tuesday, 18th January, but was postponed as Professor Ross Fitzgerald was unavailable at short notice.

Dreamworld, through the efforts of Bob Gough, appear likely to donate some second-hand concrete sleepers to our Society. These sleepers were inspected by Society representatives, Bob Gough, Rob Deskins, Raymond Mewes and David Mewes on Thursday, 13th January. More than 400 sleepers were counted during our visit with only a few showing signs of cracking and being unsuitable for further use. The majority are in excellent condition but will require some effort in removing the old spikes which will have to be knocked out from the bottom using a drift and heavy hammer. The rail was removed from these sleepers by using an oxy to cut off the heads of the dog spikes. The Dreamworld track gang require a number of sleepers for re-use in their loco shed so the final number we will get is uncertain but we expect it will be over 200.

It is expected that these sleepers will be used to construct the first of our passing loops. Dreamworld is changing to an alternative sleeper design using Pandrol clips and wish to have all their mainline converted to this type.

During January, the Society made an offer to purchase STELLA a Krauss 0-6-0T B/No. 3423 of 1896 located at the Goulburn Water Works. STELLA is a sister engine to MORETON at Nambour. The Board considered that this locomotive would represent those locomotives built by German manufacturers, used in the sugar industry. STELLA, herself, is interesting historically, having worked at the Gin Gin Mill, Wallaville until retired in 1965 and being transported to Goulburn for a steam museum located at the Goulburn Water Works. This museum operated for some time under different ownerships until closed down in recent years. STELLA is currently dismantled but, her boiler is sound and the loco can be reassembled into a working locomotive. The Society also made an offer on a bogie coach made from a former Melbourne cable car trailer. This coach will assist us in providing additional coaching stock for the time being.

There is a constant need to maintain the grounds and gardens around the site. Simple tasks such as mowing and gardening are constantly needed. If you would like to find out how you can help then please do not hesitate to contact myself on 3273 2014 or e-mail mewesdj@powerup.com.au

The Society's deepest sympathy is extended to Woodford member, Ken Wace, on the passing of his wife and also his mother-in-law, within a week of each other, late last year. The passing of a loved one, especially a life-long partner, is very difficult but two bereavements in such a short time is even more so. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Ken at this time.

David Mewes - President

SALES DEPARTMENT -(Members Prices)

A new book is now available -

- One for the Road by A. Roberts - \$42.70

This book covers most mill areas in the State and has a large section of full colour pages of cane railway interest. There are many cartoons depicting the anecdotes and humorous stories covered around each mill. Additional interest is created in the builder's photos from E.M.Baldwin.

- Light Railways No.151, February, 2000 - \$ 5.50

The latest issue of Light Railways is also now available – Issue No.151 February, 2000 Contains articles on the Happy Valley cane tramway (Penang Mill, Fiji); Part 2 of an article Introducing Timber Tramways of Southern New South Wales; The Acland Coal Mine and news of industrial and heritage railways.

Summary of Items for Sale: -

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| One For the Road | \$42.70 | A. Roberts |
| Light Railways (Feb 2000) | \$5.50 | (magazine) |
| A Queensland Sugar Cane Railway Album | \$15.00 | R. Gough and B. Webber |
| Tasmania's Hagans | \$18.00 | G. Murdoch |
| Powelltown | \$16.00 | F. Stamford |
| Arsenic & Molasses | \$26.00 | F. Stamford |
| Locomotive Profile Steam Cane Tramway Locomotives | \$29.00 | Lindsay Crow and John Sargeant |
| Narrow Gauge at War Vol II | \$29.00 | Keith Taylorson |
| The Light Track From Arras | \$24.00 | T.R. Heritage (1931) |
| Bagnall Narrow Gauge Locomotives | \$19.00 | Catalogue (1910) |
| Narrow Gauge Railways Two Feet and Under | \$27.00 | Leslie S. Robertson (1898) |
| Light Railway Construction | \$12.00 | E.R. Calthrop (1897) |
| BB18¼" Coffee Cup | \$10.00 | |
| Train Whistle Blow'n - At Nambour! | \$28.00 | Our own Video of our main loco. Have you got your copy? |

NEWS, NOTES & COMMENTS - FEBRUARY, 2000

In this section of the DRB, information has been gathered from 1 or more "newsgroups" that reside on the Internet. Rail enthusiasts may see or know or something special and decide to place it (their information) and placing it on a 'notice board' or the Internet. It works just like a notice board used at work, only this is electronic.

Anyone with Internet access anywhere in the world can 'subscribe' to a newsgroup and read the information. In this edition of the DRB, you will see some interesting notes from aus:rail (an electronic notice board). Please note that the accuracy of the details is unchecked.

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A visit on the 16/01/2000 revealed the following –

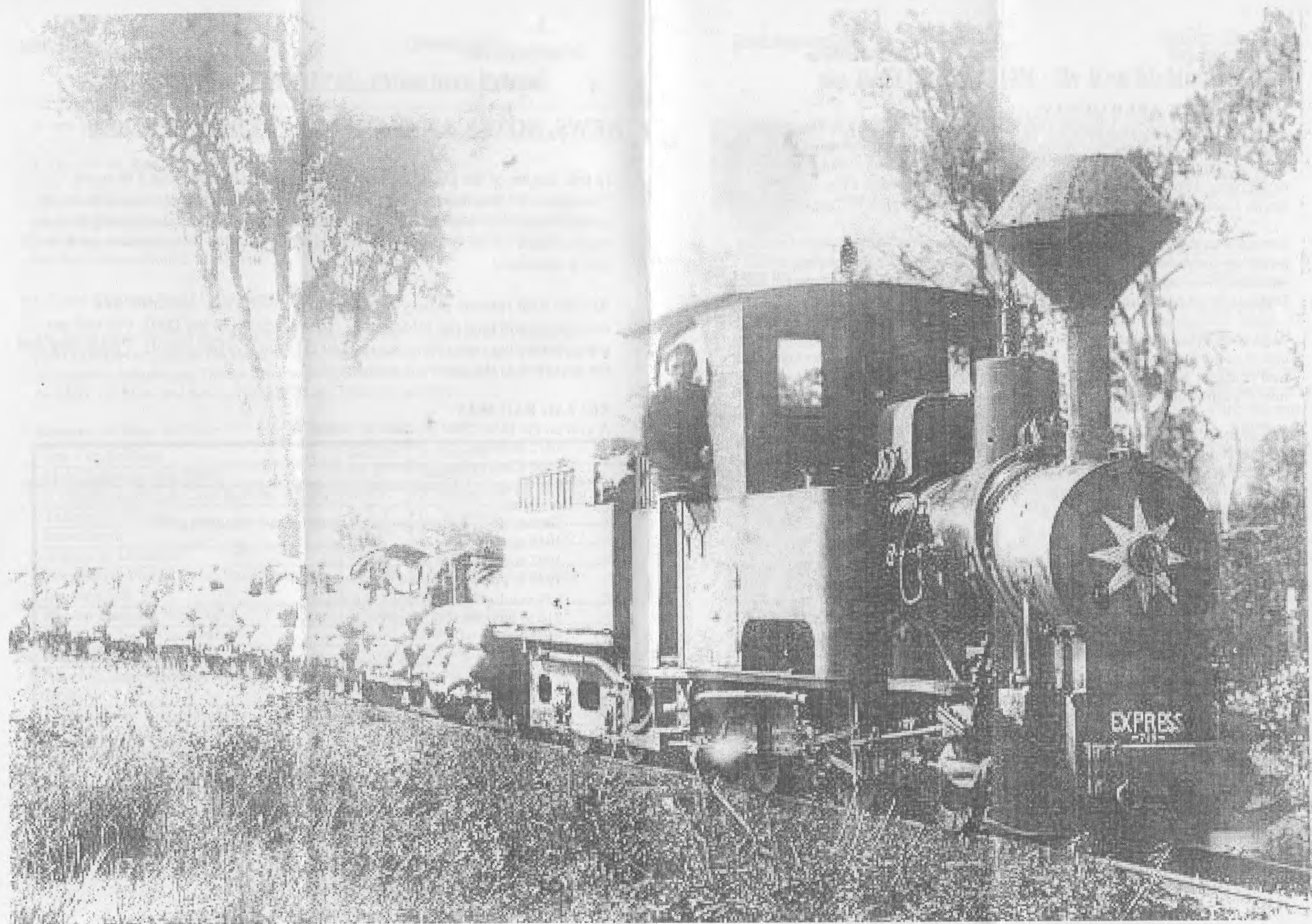
- * 1072 in steam
- * 2000 Class railmotors in use
- * Rail layout at Clarence has been modified to provide access to the Dargan's Creek deviation.
- * Garratt 402 is being cosmetically restored and repainted green
- * 1049 spare
- * 1047 stored behind workshop
- * 1046 in pieces – next for overhaul
- * 934 overhaul approaching completion
- * 218 in workshop, no apparent progress
- * 967 stored

Newsgroup: aus.rail Ted 16/01/2000

SOUTH BULLI COLLIERY:

No.4 Avonside 0-6-0ST B/n 1571 of 1909
Has been removed from display at the shopping centre in Corrimal and moved to the Wollongong City Council's depot at North Wollongong, for repairs.

Newsgroup: aus.rail Chris Stratton 24/01/2000



MOUNT LYELL ABT RAILWAY:

Work has commenced on rebuilding the Mount Lyell Abt Railway in Tasmania. Tuesday, 25th January saw the official "raising of the arches" of the new Queenstown Railway Station. Building work is proceeding quite rapidly on the station site, and the developer and operator of the railway, Roger Smith (Honeybank Corp. of Penny Royal, Launceston fame) is hoping to have the station complete by June, 2000.

Site work on the workshops and depot site at the "fire track" further down Driffield Street has commenced, and one house on the formation in Queenstown has been relocated. New fences where the railway comes out of the station and onto the side of Driffield Street have also been erected against affected properties.

At Strahan, Hazell Brothers, the contractors for the earthworks, has set up their site offices in the old quarry near Lettes Bay, and a walk along the line yesterday from the Iron Bridge at Teepookana to the Quarter Mile Bridge revealed survey pegs along the line. No earthworks appear to have commenced yet at that end.

One of their first projects is to build an access road from the Strahan Road down to Rinadeena (at the top of the rack) to give them access to the middle of the line, so earthworks can commence on several fronts at the same time. West Coast weather will be critical to the timing of the earthworks, which has already been delayed by the time taken to get the project this far.

Locos Nos. 1 (from the Zeehan Museum) and 3 (from the Miners Siding Centenary display) are in pieces in a workshop at the Mount Lyell Mine awaiting the awarding of the contract to rebuild them to operating condition, along with the building of the necessary rolling stock. The original coaches are beautifully restored and working at Puffing Billy. Hopefully, locos 2 and 5 (No.4 was scrapped) may come home to work again, after the credibility of the project is proven.

The Federal funding for the project of \$20.45 million is just for the railway project. Associated infrastructure is all to be built by the developer awarded the license to operate the railway. He is currently planning to spend about \$5 million on this part of the work alone.

With 34 km of line, a 7 km rack section, 60 tonne loads per loco, it will be challenge to operate successfully, but is also a very exciting world class tourism project for Tasmania.

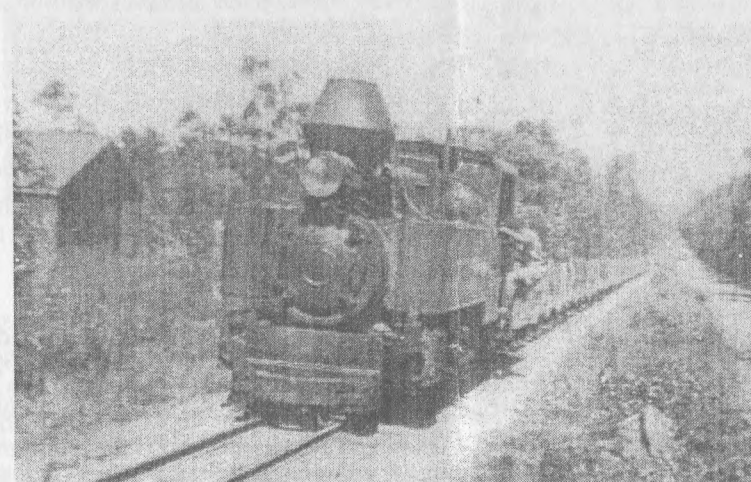
News group: aus.rail R.G. Bushby 29/01/2000

OUR COLLECTION - By Ken McHugh

Well this month I had hoped to bring you a *before & after* of our loco "Alison", however locating the *before* photo was a harder exercise than anticipated. Therefore, the selection this month will be on one of our other locomotives "Miallo". It is with thanks to member E.M. Loveday who came to the rescue with the *before* photo dated 1945.

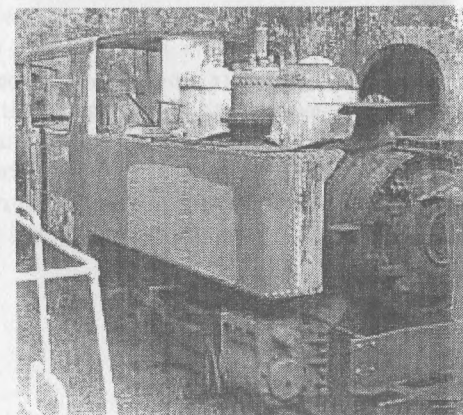
FACTS

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| Name | Miallo | Wheel Arrangement | 0-4-2t |
| Built By | John Fowler & Co | Weight | 14 tonnes |
| Build # | 20276 | Horse Power | |
| Year | 1934 | Cylinders | 2 @ 9.5 x 12" |
| Drive Wheels | 28" | B.P. | 180psi |



This photo of Miallo was taken while she was "... enroute to Saltwater Junction with empty cane trucks for cane haulage contractor, W.A. Frost to deliver."

E.M. Loveday



Today, Miallo rests in number 1 road within our compound at Woodford, 2nd Locomotive from the front.

Ken McHugh - January 2000

BACKGROUND

The Mossman Mill purchased Miallo in 1934 and is typical of the type of locomotive turned out by John Fowler & Co. at that time.

It was laid aside during an overhaul, which was never completed in 1964. It lay out of use at the mill until purchased by ANGRMS in 1973. Then in 1974 it was transported to Brisbane and stored. Miallo was transferred to our Woodford Site in 1983.

(D Mewes)

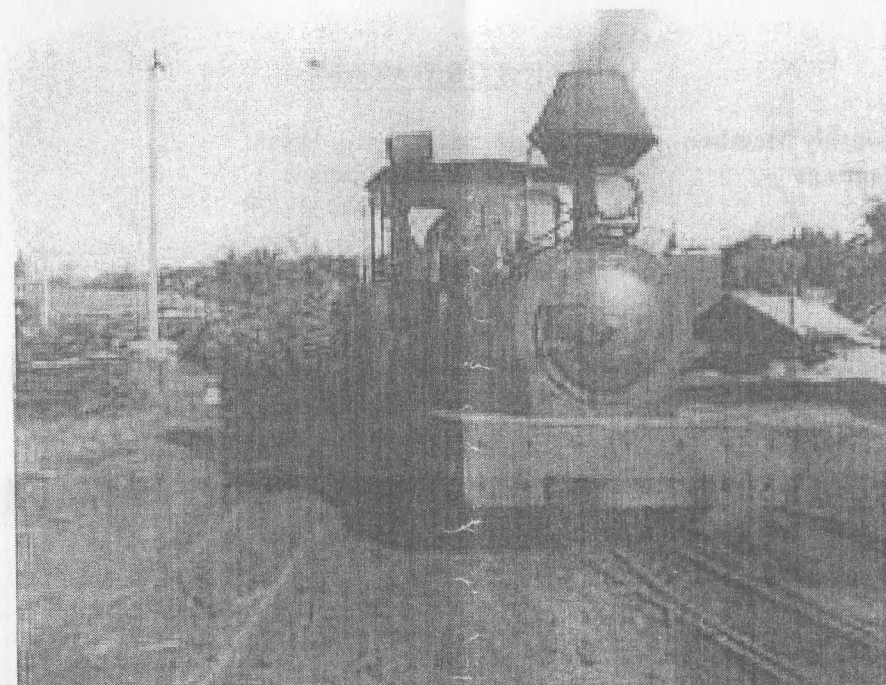
MORE HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

We are continually on the look out for photographs of locomotives, rollingstock or other memorabilia associated with narrow gauge railways.

Our sincere thanks must go to Denise McHugh for acquiring three historic photographs. Denise was at her hairdressers when she struck up a conversation with the hairdresser and it transpired that the hairdresser's grandfather had been employed as a locomotive driver at most Queensland sugar mills. Three family photographs have been made available to ANGRMS of the locomotives he drove.

The photo (opposite) depicts a Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0 entering the Macknade Mill yard with a rake of wholestick cane. This photo was taken in the 1950's and the loco appears to be No.1 B/n 1653 of 1934. This loco was originally supplied new to Hambledon Mill as their No.7. It was transferred to Macknade Mill in 1956. Notice the black box on the cab roof, which housed the 2-way telephone equipment.

The remaining photo will be featured in the next DRB's. Our sincere thanks to Sharlene Foreman and her mother Shirley Small for allowing ANGRMS access to photos of their grandfather & father Thomas William Sewell.



Hudswell Clarke b/n 1653 of 1954 - Sewell Collection - circa 1950

CENTRE PHOTOGRAPH (page 6/7) - This photo is very exciting as it is one of the sharpest and best photos that I have seen depicting one of the two Krauss 0-4-2T's which operated at Plane Creek Mill, Sarina. This photo shows the loco hauling wagons of bagged sugar from the mill to a wharf on Louisa Creek where it was stored and then transhipped to lighters for loading on coastal steamers. This photo was taken in the 1920's and the driver is T.W. Sewell. Plane Creek Mill had two Krauss 0-4-2T's being named COMET 15F B/n 4722 of 1902 and KAISER 15G B/n 5679 of 1907. Which of these two our photo depicts I am not yet certain. COMET appears to have spent most/all of its life operating out of the mill until placed out of use in 1957 and scrapped. KAISER was based on the isolated Carnilla Tramway from 1929 to 1940 then the isolated Koumala Tramway in 1941 before returning to the mill in 1942. It returned to Carnilla in 1952 and worked until 1957 when it became standby locomotive until 1960 when it was permanently placed out of service and scrapped soon after. This photo is also courtesy of the Sewell Collection

(D Mewes)

INFORMATION

Monthly Member Meetings 8pm, 1st Wednesday of every Month
Scouting Association of Australia
32 Dixon Street, AUCHENFLOWER

Woodford Margaret Street, Woodford, Queensland

Trackwork Parties.....2nd Saturday of Each Month
General Work Parties..... Held every Saturday
Running Days.....Every Sunday 10 - 4pm

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Internet Number of times our internet homepage was visited in
December 1999 - 252
January 2000 - 351

Key Dates 1st March 2000
8.00 pm - Annual General Meeting
(Address above)

February's Recommended Site is www.coalcreekvillage.com.au
This is the official site for Coal Creek Village in Victoria which has a 2' 0"
Gauge railway.

COVER PHOTO - Members correcting the main line in Freeman's cutting
December 1999.