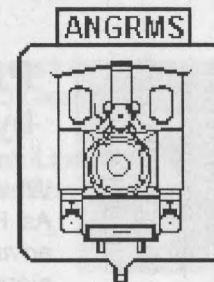


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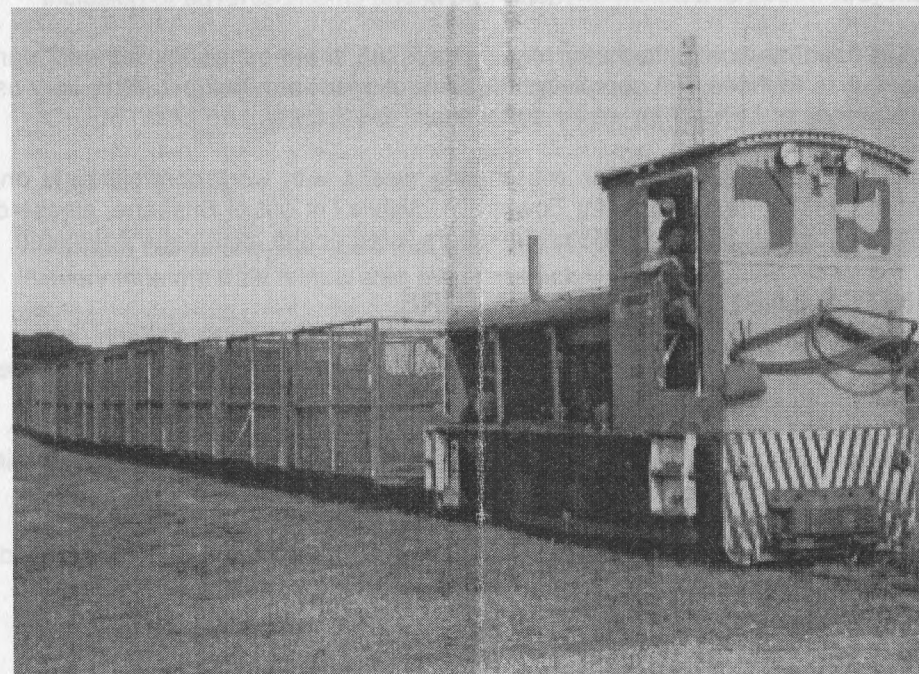
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT by David Mewes

Welcome to the July 2001 edition of the Durundur Railway Bulletin. As Ken was on recreation leave in June/July, you may recall we advised that May and June DRB would be combined. We're pleased to advise that Ken is back & the DRB is on track again.

The work still required to get Bundaberg Fowler No.5 into operation again is taking longer than expected. While the steam pipes were delivered and fitted most professionally, a spark arrester is also required. However due to commercial work demands, the manufacturer may not be able to deliver the item in time and this may jeopardise BFC5's journey to Nambour. So at the time of printing, I'm just not sure if BFC5 is going to Nambour. I will advise via the Website as soon as I know something.

I must thank those who made donations to the Museum Fund this year. Your thoughts and assistance to the Society's aspirations are very much appreciated – Thankyou.

We still need more volunteers for running days but, more especially, for work parties. Thanks also to those that completed the Skills Advice form the last DRB, very useful information was gained that will no doubt assist the Society.

Lastly, I will be away myself in the coming weeks with work commitments on the Spirit of the Tropics, heading for Townsville. While I'm out of Brisbane, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Board Members listed on the back page if required.

### BUNDY'S LAST GREAT ADVENTURE

Channel 7 have advised that "Bundy's Last Great Adventure" will be screened nationally on the Seven Network at 6.30pm Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Tell all your friends as we would like this to be a big event. The screening will be good publicity for the Society.

See Bundy try to haul 25 bins over The Summit on the Farleigh mill system and fail miserably, foiled by a badly priming boiler.

A second attempt with a reduced load was still unsuccessful and the train had to be ignominiously banked by a "94" Class (ex-NSW 73 Class) over the hill.

See our five intrepid adventurers – Paul Rollason, Tony Lindsay, Shane Yore, Martin Wiltshire and of course "Pleystowe No.5" alias "Bundy" lose their way and have to consult a map (which way is north?).

See how you park a steam locomotive at a 5-star resort.

See member, George Hadley lower the centre span of the Maroochy River lift bridge to allow the train through on its journey north.

The film is exceptionally clear, having been filmed in high-definition digital format and has a number of dramatic aerial scenes filmed from a helicopter.

### If you can't wait that long why not buy the video NOW!!

The full 55 minute version is now available from the Society's sales department. The Channel 7 version has been further cut to allow for the inclusion of advertisements and is only about 43 minutes long.

The normal retail price is \$32.95, but with member's discount it is **\$29.95 per copy plus \$5.00 posting and packing**. Order for *FATHERS day* and or *CHRISTMAS* on 3273 2014 or by e-mail on [mewesdj@powerup.com.au](mailto:mewesdj@powerup.com.au)

### SAFETY TIP

All train crews are reminded that they **MUST** continue to keep a sharp lookout every time the train is operated over the track.

On one Sunday recently we had numerous objects placed on the track between trains. Three juveniles aged between about 8 and 14 were noted placing items on the track. These items included steel bars, stones, ballast, branches and so on. Our crews were very alert during the day and no untoward incidents occurred.

I ask all members to be vigilant and if anyone is seen interfering with track, rolling stock or other infrastructure then try to get a description of the perpetrators or even a photograph and report it to the police immediately.



## SALES DEPARTMENT

Please support the Society by making us your first port of call for the following items available from our Sales Department,!

<i>Bundy's Last Great Adventure</i> <b>(New)</b>	<i>Gulliver Media</i>	\$29.95
<i>Innisfail Tramway</i>	<i>John Armstrong &amp; Gerry Verhoeven</i>	\$27
<i>Illawarra Light Railway Museum Society – Museum Guide</i>	<i>David Jehan</i>	\$13.50
<i>One for the Road</i>	<i>A. Roberts</i>	\$42.70
<i>Light Railways Magazine</i>	<i>LRRSA</i>	\$ 6ea
<i>A Queensland Sugar Cane Railway Album</i>	<i>R. Gough and B. Webber</i>	\$14
<i>Tasmania's Hagans</i>	<i>G. Murdoch</i>	\$15
<i>Powelltown</i>	<i>F. Stamford</i>	\$16
<i>Arsenic &amp; Molasses</i>	<i>F. Stamford</i>	\$26
<i>Queensland Canefields – Steam Era – A Photographic Profile 1955 - 1980</i>		\$27
<i>The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway</i>		\$27
<i>Coffee Mugs BFC5 BB181/4 Beyer Garratt A10 DD17</i>		\$11
<i>Train Whistle Blow'n – At Nambour!</i>	<i>(video 1997)</i>	\$28

Note that our Society is not registered for GST and that the above prices do not include GST. However, new supplies of sales items will require us to pay GST to the supplier which could mean a slight price adjustment on new stocks.

**David Mewes**  
President



## TRACK MATTERS by Greg Stephenson



Since my previous report, there has been three trackwork days, so this report will give brief details of these days.

### 12<sup>th</sup> May 2001

The morning was spent sorting the pile of sleepers that had been stacked near the workshop. These were restacked inside the fence for future point-work or trimmed to length for general track repairs.

After lunch, we refurbished a 10 metre long section around Ch 540 metres including respacing sleepers and renewals and additional sleepers. 10 new sleepers were placed into this section of track prior to ballasting.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2001

Ralph Cumner loaded ballast wagon in morning at no cost. Continued on from section treated on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2001 working toward Margaret Street for 20 metres. Around 15 sleepers were replaced/inserted. Some areas lifted about 150mm. Over ¾ of a load of ballast used in this area. Special mention must be made of our Web Manager, Lynn Zelmer who travelled down from Rockhampton for this track day.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2001

A truckload of second hand sleepers was recovered from Shorncliffe and transported and stacked at Woodford. Cherry Transport provided the transport at no cost to the Society.

### 14<sup>th</sup> July 2001

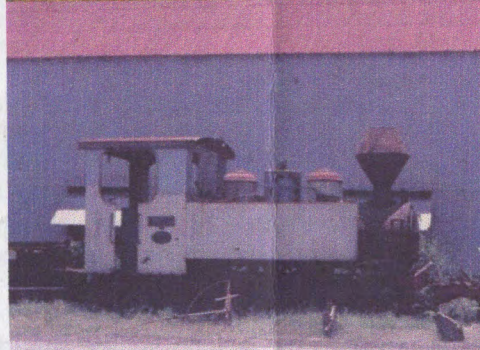
For this trackwork day work concentrated between 615 and 641 metres where 20 new sleepers were installed before the track was levelled and packed before ballasting. A full wagon load of ballast was used in this section.



BFC 1  
D Mewes



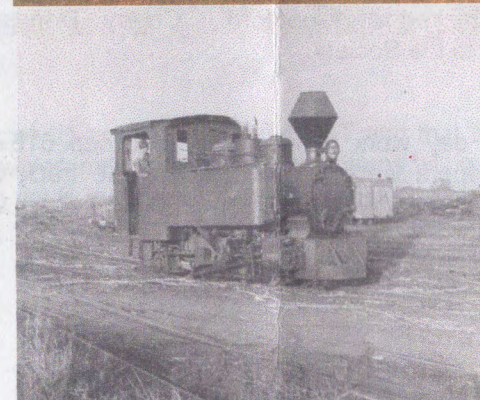
BFC 2  
R Deskins  
1966  
Mossman



BFC 3  
R Gough  
Mid 80's  
Qunaba



BFC 4  
AHRs  
1965  
Bingera



## BFC1 – BFC8 THEN & NOW ?

1952 / 3 saw the production of unique locomotives in Bundaberg, Queensland.

Even though only half the fleet currently steam today, ALL still exist and have a future installed for them.

My goal for doing with was 2 fold. Firstly, a personal desire to see all the locos in the one place at the one time. Secondly, I wanted to see where they are now.

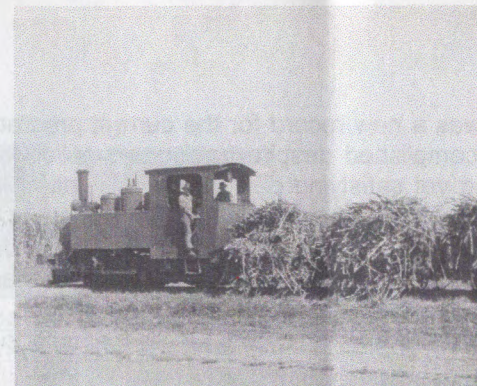
Well the good news is they all do exist. While some steam on a regular basis, others are in storage with bright futures ahead. More detail next month.

But for this month, enjoy seeing some precious photo's from a range of collections including Bob Gough's, David Mewes', Rob Deskins' and the AHRs Slide Collection. The total photographs took some 12 months to collect!

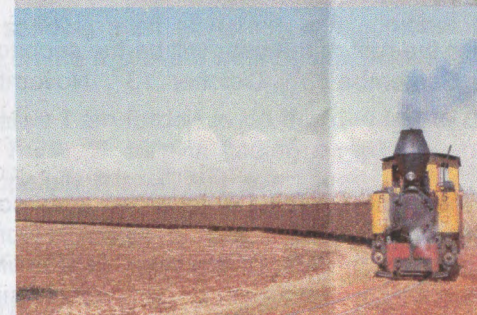
(Note - I am in no way an expert in BFC's nor do I purport to be, and the information I've listed here is not first hand, it was gathered from talking to people and reading the back of paper photographs for detail (all be it limited) with a quality check by some members for overall accuracy. For the die-hard fans, this is a quickie, not a project!)

Ken McHugh  
July 2001

BFC 5  
R Gough  
1963/4  
Pleystowe



BFC 6  
D Mewes  
Mid 80's  
Qunaba



BFC 7  
R Gough  
1967  
Gin Gin Rd



BFC 8  
R Gough  
1980  
Airlie Beach





The 26 metres refurbished was a new record for the current programme of track rehabilitation. This was accomplished despite having a smaller than desirable crew. It proved to be a long yet satisfying day. We didn't return to the station until after dark and special thanks must go to all those that assisted on this day.

#### Future Trackwork Days

The scheduled track day coincides with the proposed trip of BFC No. 5 to the Nambour Sugar Mill so the next trackwork day will be rescheduled to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2001.

At this stage the track days for the rest of the year will be the second Saturday of the month being Saturdays September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> 2001.

#### Concluding Comments

As I sit at the computer and write these notes several thoughts come to mind. Whilst good progress has been on the mainline to date, sufficient work remains to occupy the remaining track days for the rest of the year. It is unlikely that any additional development works can be undertaken on sidings, passing loops etc without an increased commitment either to the number of track days or the number of people participating in the current trackwork days.

Some while ago the Society was priding itself on the fact that it had some of the youngest qualified steam drivers. It is perhaps with some disappointment that we must report that we probably have some of the oldest navvies on the track gang. Leslie Beahan and Bill Blannin top the score in this regard and whilst I never cease to be amazed at the amount of physical work these senior citizens perform, it is a matter of some embarrassment that the need exists at all for them to do so. Of the seven adults present on the last track day, the average age was in the mid-50's and if a couple of the regulars had attended the average age would have been even higher. It was also interesting to note that only two of those were regular train crew. Without track, you can't operate trains!

As the proverb on my calendar says "Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down".

*Greg Stephenson  
Member*



## ROSTERS

### By Martin Wiltshire

**If you are on the roster and cannot meet your commitment could you try to find your own replacement (must be accredited) before contacting the roster clerk.**

I will be sending a list of names and numbers of the people on the roster to everyone on the roster out with the next roster to help with this problem.

Unfortunately I am forced to do this due to the expense of all the phone calls, however I will still help in finding a replacement when needed until the next roster, hopefully this will help everyone.

*Martin Wiltshire  
Roster Clerk.*

## "Where is the Museum?" Part 7

### By Lynn Zelmer

Part 7 of this series continues our look at the potential of the museum at Woodford and is adapted from 'Opportunities for Non-Formal Education in a Specialist Museum', a paper presented by ANGRMS member, Lynn Zelmer, at the Open Learning 2000 Conference, Brisbane, December 2000.

In the last segment we looked at the need for a number of print-based publications to better serve the museum's visitors and to assist with encouraging word-of-mouth advertising and repeat visits. This segment looks at similar, but non-print, requirements.

**Web site:** While it's current purpose is information and advertising, a reasonable secondary purpose could be to provide a virtual tour for people who can't visit the museum itself. It could also provide an information service for members with its calendar of up-coming work parties and special events, workplace health and safety summaries and updates, and easily assimilated information to assist members explain the museum's displays, artefacts and projects to visitors.

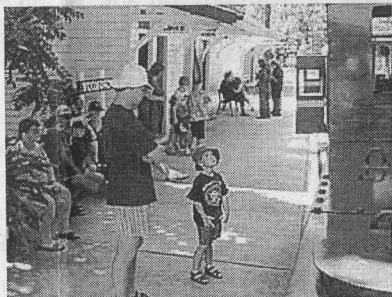


## THE AUSTRALIAN NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

(A.C.N. 009 872 017)

Welcome to the ANGRMS Steam Site

This site introduces you to the Society and its services, including the **Durundur Railway**, which we operate at Woodford, Queensland. There is a short profile of the Society, coupled with some photographs and information about our collection, our News section to you up-to-date with Society activities, and an open invitation for you to visit ANGRMS one Sunday at our steam site in Margaret Street, Woodford.



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The site needs to continue to be up-to-date and lively (good images and interesting) without resorting to gimmickry. Access needs to be fast with easy-to-follow navigation and a design that facilitates disabled access.

An up-to-date web site promoting the museum and its artefacts will not provide income in its own right, although improved exposure resulting in improved attendance figures is easy to demonstrate when visitors arrive explaining that they used the web site to plan their holiday trip. E-commerce facilities for museum sales would require a significantly higher financial and staffing commitment than currently appears feasible. The virtual tour and expanded artefact information, on the other hand, can be added incrementally as resources (mainly volunteer time) permit.

**CD-ROM/diskette:** Materials on the web site could be repackaged as a potential revenue earner: a diskette with 'screen saver' images and/or a CD-ROM with a 'snapshot' of the web site, a more extensive virtual tour, some high resolution images, sounds and video, electronic versions of publications, etc.

Production and duplication of a screen saver diskette is easily within the society's current resources. A CD-ROM would be feasible as a series of low volume recordable 'gold' CDs, with frequent updates as digital resources are made available.

Priority here should be given to including enthusiast information and materials for school and youth groups. [To be continued.]

Lynn Zelmer  
Member

## FROM THE INTERNET

For the first time, "The World Steam and Tourist Train Congress" will take place a Steam & Tourist Trains Congress at a worldwide level. It takes place in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, from October 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001. For this exceptional forum that will bring together more than 300 participants from more than 20 countries spread on 5 continents, we have selected the theme "Building a Future Together". <http://www.trendelfindelmundo.com.ar>

Tom is applying for a job as a signalman for the local railroad and is told to meet the inspector at the signal box. The inspector decides to give Tom a pop quiz, asking: "What would you do if you realized that two trains were heading towards each other on the same track?" Tom says: "I would switch one train to another track."

"What if the lever broke?" asks the inspector. "Then I'd run down to the tracks and use the manual lever down there," answers Tom.

"What if that had been struck by lightning?" challenges the inspector. "Then," Tom continued, "I'd run back up here and use the phone to call the next signal box."

"What if the phone was busy?" "In that case," Tom argued, "I'd run to the street level and use the public phone near the station."

"What if that had been vandalized?" "Oh well," said Tom, "in that case I would run into town and get my Uncle Leo."

This puzzled the inspector, so he asked, "Why would you do that?"

"Because he's never seen a train crash."

Unknown



**RESOURCE PAGE****Monthly Meetings**

8pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month  
(Call Paul Rollason to confirm venue)

**Woodford Address**

Margaret Street, Woodford, Qld

**Website Address**

[www.angrms.org.au](http://www.angrms.org.au)

**Trackwork Partys**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

**General Work Parties**

Every Saturday

**Running Days**

Every Sunday 10am 4pm

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**Key Dates**

7<sup>th</sup> September – numbers due to Shane Yore for trip on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

**Recommended site** <http://www.storeybrook.citysearch.com.au/>

Our website will shortly contain a link to our friends (and member) at the Storey-Brook cottage. Check out the site and become aware of what they offer, as often our customers are theirs, and theirs ours.

**Cover Photo** This photo of HERBERT (Baguley/Drewry of 1953) was taken by member Chris Hart in the Victoria Mill yard as it headed out on a rake of empties, November 1974. Chris now owns this locomotive.