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Terry Cumner working on Bundy No 5, Tuesday 26 November 2013 (see report inside). Bob Gough photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

Trackwork Saturdays: 18 January, 15 February, 15 March and 12 April (2nd Saturday to avoid Easter) 2014

Work Days: Every Saturday; Light Duties on Third Wednesday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: *21 Feb, 4 Apr, 13 Jun, 8 Aug, 17 Oct, and 12 Dec;* combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, Garden City Shopping Centre, Mt Gravatt; 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm (after hours entrance at rear of Library).

Light Duties Work Day: Third Wednesday of each month. The gates open 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Donations and Bequests

Donations to the Society's Museum Fund are tax deductible. Please make cheques payable to the 'Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society' and mail to the PO Box above or deliver in person. Remember to include a note indicating that it's a donation, plus your name and address so that a receipt can be posted to you.

We appreciate your help and support now, but also consider mentioning the Society in your Will. Donations/bequests can be for a particular project or for museum development (restoration or infrastructure). For details, contact the President

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

Welcome to 2014. I cannot believe another year has flown by!



Netherdale on the Special Run, 22 December 2013, to celebrate 100 years of the Woodford-Kilcoy Railway. Terry Olsson photographer.

As mentioned in my Sales and Marketing report below we have continued to suffer from a drop in patronage, and subsequent drop in train operations related income. We continue to face problems which are beyond our control, such as the tough economic times meaning people have less expendable income. This means we need to continue to put in the extra effort marketing our railway, as well as continuing to watch our expenditure. We need to start doing more work in-house rather than getting things done outside, unless absolutely necessary or we can obtain some sort of sponsorship, etc.

While passenger numbers have not been as good as hoped, it is still a good result considering the tough economic times. Brian Webber and helpers have put in an incredible effort marketing our railway – without that effort we would have been much worse off. If you can help this important society activity please let Brian know.

Continued use of diesels has also not helped our passenger numbers. Unfortunately work on our steam loco Bundy is taking longer than expected but it is important we do any work properly and safely. If you can help with

this important work please let Bob or myself know – the more hands the quicker it gets done! Gemco has continued to be our stalwart diesel for running days, but thanks to the efforts of Mark Gough and Ryan Thomas, we now have a newly painted and restored 'Netherdale' to use on running days – hopefully this will help. The Grover's wagon is also progressing well and 2014 should see a roof fitted to help with passenger comfort.

As mentioned in my Sales and Marketing report, sales at running days are bucking the trend and have actually increased 12%! Sales play a vital part in producing the income we need to continue with our hobby. Brian and John Browning's book, *Built by Bundaberg Foundry*, has been an outstanding success during the year and certainly proved the critics wrong – there is still a place for hard copy books! We are planning another new book for release at this year's AMRA show.

On 30 November, despite the horrible weather, we held two very successful sales and marketing stands: at Kilcoy for the centenary of the opening of the Woodford to Kilcoy Railway and at Nambour Historical Society to mark 10 years since the Moreton Mill closed. In addition to valuable sales income along with an opportunity to promote our railway, Morry and Dave are still on a high after meeting with the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC.

Ryan Thomas and myself also had an opportunity to promote our railway, as well as meet the Governor, at a special event organised by the Woodford Historical Society at Cruice Park, Woodford on 26 October to unveil a memorial to denote the site of the Archer Brothers' original Durundur homestead, as well as mark 200 years since renowned explorer Ludwig Leichardt's birth.

On Monday 9 December we held a special run for the Mt Mee School as part of their post exams programme. One of the children has possibly set ANGRMS' future when he asked if we had a bullet train in our collection!!

On Sunday 22 December we held a special running day to mark the actual centenary day of the opening of the Woodford to Kilcoy section of the QGR line. Despite being so close to Christmas, and marketing not being as good as it could have been due to illnesses, etc, we still carried 68 passengers between 10am and midday – a great effort. The loco crew also took the opportunity to relive an old tradition and placed two sticks of cane on Netherdale to mark the special event!

On Sunday 22 December we also held our annual Christmas party. This year we held a combined Christmas party with the Woodford Men's shed who share our site. A big thank you to the Men's Shed, who organised a great event, as well as a very delicious spit roast! Opportunity was taken to take

our local Councillor, Adrian Readel, as well as our State Member, Andrew Powell, for a ride on our railway. A great day was had by all.



Left to right, Neil Trevorrow ANGRMS fireman on Netherdale on the day; Hon Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House; Adrian Raedel, Councillor Division 12; and Terry Olsson . All were posing on the locomotive to mark 100 years since the official opening of the line from Woodford to Kilcoy, line officially opened 22 December 1913. Ryan Thomas photographer.

And finally a few reminders:

Membership is now due so if you have not already done so, please make Steve happy and send in your membership for 2014.

We will be holding our AGM in March. Please consider standing for the Board as some of the existing Board Members are looking to stand down for a well earned break to recharge the batteries. A few years ago when someone was busy there was someone else who was not and could do the work. Unfortunately now days everyone is busy all of the time and there is no one else who is not busy. The only way we can get things done is very everyone to do a bit and thereby spread the work load.

Trackwork Days – Our monthly trackwork day is now held on the Saturday before the third Sunday (running day) of the month. We need a lot of help to construct out track extension, as well as put some of those concrete sleepers in track.

Remember— take your time and do a job safely. It is better to arrive late than not arrive at all.

Remember – safety first!

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Peterson Road



Jim Itzstein Grader - Jim Itzstein continues to support our development activities by donating his time and grader for levelling activities. Greg Stephenson photographer

Preparations for track laying towards the Peterson Road level crossing have continued. Jim Itzstein has brought his grader down to shape the area for the

mainline and passing loops. Two truck loads, amounting to about 37 tonnes, of “deco” overburden were obtained from Bracalba Quarry on Saturday 9 November 2013. This was graded by Jim Itzstein to fill a low area where the extension will meet the existing mainline. Following completion of this grading work, time was spent on Saturday 14 December 2013, resurveying the future track centrelines and checking levels to allow for future track construction. Work also continued on replacing point timbers (sleepers) with steel sleepers on one set of points to be reused in this location.

As time permits, work continues on sorting, processing and stacking the Ingham concrete sleepers for future use. Part of this process is removing and sorting the rail clips into their various sizes for re-use in assembling track panels. Whilst this is a time consuming process, being well prepared should minimise delays when we commence track laying using these materials at Peterson Road.



Delivery of overburden 2013 - The first of two loads of “deco” overburden being delivered on 9 November 2013 to where the extension will leave the existing main line at Peterson Road. Greg Stephenson photographer

Track Maintenance Work

It is vital that we continue with our regular maintenance on the existing track. As we progressively do sleeper renewals in concrete, the maintenance requirements on this track should significantly reduce over time.

The monthly track work parties will be held on the third Saturday of the month to allow some members to spend their weekend at Woodford with Saturday devoted to trackwork and Sunday to train operations. The track work days are scheduled for Saturdays 18 January, 15 February, 15 March and 12 April (2nd Saturday to avoid Easter) 2014.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Unfortunately the tough economic times, along with the continued use of diesels, have resulted in a small drop in passengers during 2013 compared with 2012 – total passengers were down 2.5% while paying passengers were down 3.4%. We had the same number of special runs as 2012, income-wise fares were down 15.2%. but sales at running days were up 12.5%!!! Overall income-wise we were down 7% on 2012.

Things outside our control such as the rising cost of living (including fuel costs) mean people have less expendable income, and this affects us. Other organisations in town are also reporting drops in visitors. Brian Webber, assisted by others, has done an incredible job marketing our railway during the last year. While numbers are down, I dread to think where we would have been if he had not put in the effort!! Thanks Brian!!

Date Claimers

While we presently only have one special run booked for June, remember the AMRA show (1st weekend in May), Toowoomba show in June and Strathpine show in August. As noted above, we need to increase our marketing so we can increase our passenger numbers.

Monthly Statistics

	Nov 2013	Dec 2013
Paying Passengers	66	217
Guards Sheet	92	146

Sales Items

There are no new sales items. This is normal with producers concentrating on new releases for the AMRA show in May.

Workshop Reports

Bob Gough

Work has continued on Bundy with work commencing on removing the brake gear etc so the wheels can be removed for turning (due sharp flanges on leading drivers and trailing truck).

On Tuesday 26 November Boiler Maker Terry Cumner from the Ipswich Workshops had a spare day off at short notice so Bob headed to Woodford so Terry could spend most of the day pad welding various points on the boiler, plus grinding and wire brushing the front tube plate and foundation ring. Many thanks Terry.



Mark Gough welding a steel sleeper at the workshop, 9 November 2013. Bob Gough photograph.

Ryan Thomas has now finished the timber work on the Grover's wagon. One wheel set still needs to be removed for turning due to sharp flanges, and the Men's Shed will be assisting us by welding up the roof frame once Peter Hall has finished the requirements for new fold up seats to enable wheel chairs to use this carriage.

Work has also continued on Netherdale with Ryan assisted by Mark finishing the servicing of the braking system, while Bob and Mark made up and fitted new rear sand pipes. After some touching up of the paint, this loco has now entered service on our passenger trains. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Gough we have located a suitable spring maker to make a full set of new springs for the driving wheels. It is planned to remove the old springs and have new ones fitted early next year.

Wayne Harman has continued work on the Baguley restoration, with the workshop put to good use in removing rust, old paint, etc., in these hotter months.

After finishing the present work on the Grover's wagon, Ryan has recommenced work on ' Melbourne. He has continued removing the old boiler tubes and is preparing the boiler for an internal inspection so we can determine where to from here.



Greg Stephenson drilling holes in steel sleepers for 2 ft gauge track which was later taken to the site near Story Brook Cottage, November 2013. Bob Gough photographer.

During November Mark Gough and Ryan Thomas decided to clean up the workshop and were assisted by Bob Gough. Mark arranged for the donation on a heavy duty set of shelving to be donated by his work and some rearranging of the workshop was necessary to accommodate these (which have been put to good use).

Unfortunately sometime during October the horn was stolen from the roof of the Gemco. Bob Gough and Ryan Thomas found themselves having to make up a new bracket and temporarily fit the horn from the Baguley so the Gemco

could continue being used. This matter has been reported to the local police. Some air piping leading to the horn on the roof of Netherdale was also stolen a few weeks later. Fortunately, thanks to the generosity of Greg Adams from the Queensland Diesel Restoration Group, a replacement horn was donated to ANGRMS – thanks Greg.

Mark and Bob Gough also spend some time welding together sections of steel sleepers to make the required extra long sleepers which are being fitted to a set of points stored at Storeybrook for use as part of the track extension.

Woodford-Kilcoy, December 1913



From the 'Kilcoy Flyer' announcing the Centenary Celebrations, 30 Nov 2013.

Christmas Party, 22 December 2013



Morry and Liz at the Christmas party, 22 December 2013. Both photos Terry Olsson photographer.