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Dave Caruzzo and Harrison Silk insert a concrete sleeper into a workshop siding on 16 April 2016. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

Trackwork Saturdays: 14 May, 18 June, 16 July & 20 August 2016

Work Days: Every Saturday; Light Duties on Third Wednesday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2016: 19 Feb, 15 Apr, 17 Jun, 19 Aug, 21 Oct, and 16 Dec at 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm; combined with LRRSA at the refurbished BCC Library, 107 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains, a 10 minute walk from Coopers Plains Railway Station or a phone call to Dan Sheehan or Bob Gough for transport to the new venue. A bus stop is at the front of the shopping centre and Express buses run services from the stop.

Light Duties Work Day: Normally 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Neil Trevorrow m:0402051546 if planning to attend.

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

The societies' AGM was held on Saturday 19 March and the following were elected:

President: Terry Olsson

Vice Presidents: Dave Caruzzo (Safety and Training) and Bob Gough

Secretary: Ian Thompson

Treasurer: Steve Baker

Board Members: John Parnell plus one position still vacant.

I would like to congratulate these members on being elected to run the society for the next year. I look forward to working with them.

The AGM was a good chance for members to ask questions and discuss things generally.

One of the things discussed were the acquisition of a 40ft turntable from the ARHS Rosewood for installation in the future. While a turntable is a bit of long term planning, 40ft turntables are rare and this one is in good condition. The recent rollingstock audit showed we are getting more wear on one side of our rollingstock than the other. Therefore the turntable will be of benefit generally, not just for locos.

Work on the new loco shed is progressing steadily with updated quotes now received for the earthworks and foundations. As soon as the necessary trees are removed, work on the shed can commence.

When hydro tested, there was found to be a leak in the new stay on the Perry. This was not totally unexpected due to the awkward location hindering the sealing welding process. The boiler has since been raised slightly out of the frame, the stay re welded, and a successful hydro test conducted.

Work on Melbourne is progressing well. The boiler has been turned and work can now be completed on the other side. Once the new loco shed is complete, the new boiler tubes can be delivered and retubing work can commence. Work is also progressing well on the tender, with the bogies now waiting on the new castings to be supplied and machined.

Discussions are still ongoing with council with regard to the new arrangements for use of the council owned land we occupy. While the Rail Safety act and being a railway adds complexity to the issue, overall I believe we will gain out of what is being proposed.

Mail Box: To save our Society on postal charges, a mail box has been placed in the Station Master's office adjacent to the sign on book. If you are a

regular Saturday or Sunday volunteer, please check this box for your DRB and/or other correspondence.

Remember – safety first!

Check Lists

If you are a Sunday volunteer and fill the position of Guard, Station Master or Sales Clerk, please refer to the check list relevant to your position. These lists can be a useful memory aid and may ensure that some small task is not overlooked. A laminated copy of each list will shortly be placed in the Station Master's office.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Maintenance Work

Whilst the focus in recent months has been on the point work for the future locomotive shed, other maintenance has not been neglected. Some recent shunting manoeuvres in the workshop area allowed some rotten timber sleepers in a workshop siding to be replaced with ex-Ingham concrete sleepers. Recent main line sleeper replacements were undertaken at approximately Ch 750 where concrete sleepers were used to remove a cluster of rotten timber sleepers.

Future track days will concentrate around Ch 200m to Ch 300m and Ch 450m to Ch 550m where there are higher concentrations of poor condition sleepers. It is proposed to continue these renewals with the monthly track work parties generally being held on the Saturday before the second running day of the month and are planned for 14th May, 18th June and 16th July 2016. Depending on available people, we can undertake some form of track activities on most Saturdays.

As well as more members for the track gang, we are still keen to hear from any of our drivers that would like to assist and diversify their driving experience on Saturdays.

Future Locomotive Storage Shed

The existing 3 sets of 42lb/yd points between the mainline and the future storage shed have been "re-timbered" with steel sleepers. Cutting and fitting the long steel sleepers for the point throw-over levers was a challenge as each sleeper had to be cut to a unique length to suit its final location. With the impending arrival of a crane on site preparations were made to allow additional 42lb/yd rails to be lifted onto bolster wagons so they can be used to connect to the future shed. Similarly, preparations were made to retrieve a

fourth set points currently stored at the start of the compound. These points will also be overhauled and installed when the tracks to the locomotive storage shed are reinstated to provide for a future connection to the adjoining property.

When the shed is completed, these points will be jacked up to the correct levels to align with the shed floor and ballast placed and packed.

Peterson Road

This work has been temporarily mothballed whilst the track work associated with the new running shed is undertaken. However, vegetation control continues in this area.



Dave Caruzzo and Steve Baker removing rotten timber sleepers at Ch 750 to allow replacement with concrete sleepers on 16 April 2016. Greg Stephenson photographer

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

The AMRA show on the second weekend in May is rapidly approaching. This is our major show for the year and considerable assistance is required. We

are still short of helpers so if you have not already done so, and can help, please let myself or John Parnell know.

As can be seen we also have several other shows coming up so all offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank members Shane Yore (and his Mother) and Lynn Zelmer who looked after the ANGRMS stand at the Bundaberg Model Train Expo in March. While sales were poor, we did manage to make a very small profit.

We are still very short of operations volunteers so if you would like to be part of his team please do not hesitate to contact Neil or myself. Running days are not only a valuable source of income, but an important part of our "public face".

On Sunday 3 April, there was a very special birthday party held on site for Hugo who would have been three years old. ANGRMS was honoured and very pleased to have been able to help out and make this day a special one for the family and friends who attended. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a memorable one, and in particular Tony Weber who made up special temporary name boards for Netherdale – it was named "Hugo" for the day.

March and April passenger numbers were similar to the same time last year.

Monthly Statistics

	March 2016	April 2016
Paying Passengers	97	179
Guards Sheet	121	259*

* Includes 32 free for Woodford Show promotion.

Date Claimers

AMRA Show 7 and 8 May 2016: We will have our usual sales and promotion stand at this years AMRA show. It will be held in the same place as last year. This is our biggest sales/promotions event for the year and requires a lot of helpers to set up on the Friday as well as during the show on the Saturday and Sunday. If you have not already done so, please let myself or John Parnell know. Please do not leave it to the same few.

Toowoomba Model Show 4 and 5 June 2016: Please mark this on in your diary as we will need extra help because it clashes with a running day at Woodford. I will also need help on the Friday to set up.

Monday 20 June 2016: We have a bus charter on this day.

Strathpine Model Show 6 and 7 August 2016: Please mark this on in your diary as we will need extra help because it clashes with a running day at Woodford. I will also need help on the Friday to set up.

Sales Items

There are no new sales items to report.

Perry Locomotive Workers

Bob Gough

Friday 4 February Laurie Erb and Bob Gough, joined by Mark Gough later in the day after finishing his work day, unbolted the cab, lifted it out and turned it around before starting to mark the boiler ready for lifting.

Sunday 13 March 2016 Laurie Erb, Mark Gough, Peter Gough and Bob Gough finished removing bolts, etc., that held the boiler in place, then started to lift the boiler approximately 150mm until the stay that was leaking was exposed for welding. This had to be done as this stay was close to the frame and very difficult to weld.

Photos below: Laurie Erb, Bob Gough, Mark Gough and Peter Gough working on the Perry. All the Gough men drove the Perry while it was in service at Dreamworld, going back as far Bob Gough driving 1986-1988 and teaching sons Peter and Mark to drive. Bob and Mark Gough photographers.



