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Concreting the base for the relocated picnic shelter, 30 September 2017. Terry Olsson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 18 November and 16 December 2017;
20 January and 17 February 2018**

ANGRMS Christmas Party – Sunday 10 December 2017

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2017: 17 Feb, 21 Apr, 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 20 Oct, and 15 Dec at 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm; combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, park and enter at rear 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 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

Another year has flown by (I am sure they make them shorter every year!) and I would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance during the year. Despite being only a small group, we achieve a lot and you can all be very proud of this.

On behalf of the ANGRMS Board and myself, I would like to invite you all to our Christmas BBQ on site on Sunday 10 December – a separate notice appears elsewhere in this issue.

The end of the year also means membership renewals will be due. Renewal notices will be sent out closer to the end of the year, so please make Steve happy and renew promptly.

Training is an important part of any organisation, and I would like to thank Ken McHugh for conducting a very successful training day on Saturday 23 September. For those unable to attend that training day, plus for Operations staff, another training session will be held on Sunday 10 December before the Christmas BBQ – a separate e-mail will be sent out to the relevant members giving more details such as times etc once these are confirmed.

With the loco shed nearing completion, we need to concentrate on track work so we will need as many helpers as we can get in the next couple of months as there is a lot of work to undertake. It is very important we keep on top of this important part of our railway.

Work on getting our Notice of Accreditation varied to allow for the track extension is steadily progressing and we are still waiting on advice from HQ Plantations regarding earmarking a future corridor through their area.

While we are an historical railway, this does not mean we cannot use modern technology where required. A good example of this is the recent use of a drone to check the high gutters on the side of the loco shed.

The renovation work on the café at the Peterson Rd end of our line is progressing well with the new owners now talking about opening around Christmas time. It is a nice problem to have – with the recent high patronage days resulting in several full trains, we need to rethink the best way to cater for the reopening of the café. We need to devise a way that does not result in passengers returning from the café being inconvenienced waiting for another train. It does not happen all of the time but it is something we need to think about and I am open to ideas/suggestions.

Work on the new entry off Archer St for the community area out the back of our site has been delayed waiting on some pipes to be moved, but work is

now underway again.

Lack of workers continues to be an issue so if you or someone you know can help out please let us know. Unfortunately everyone leads busy lives now days so please do not leave it to the same few.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

My phone number has changed – it is now 0436 372 318. My e-mail remains the same dcaruzzo2ft@outlook.com.

Safety is a very important part of our operation and ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.

Communication is a very important part of safety and member's feedback is always welcome. Remember there is a suggestion box in the Station Masters Office at Woodford station. Any suggestions will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

To help in an emergency all land line phones on site (Station master office , Sales office and Cottage) now have an EMERGENCY CALL CHECK LIST placed on the phone set. The address and land line phone number of the Woodford Station have been attached to the emergency site plan located near each phone.

A training day was held on site on 23 September 2017. This was an enlarged version of the members site induction which included issues such as explaining the new National Regulator, what to do in an emergency etc. This was followed by a toolbox talk and discussion on issues relevant to a General Rail Worker (GRW) with information sheets distributed – this GRW awareness training is required this year as it is now 5 years since most members did it. A big thank you to Moya and Elsie for preparing the excellent BBQ lunch.

All members who take part in activities on site (including operations staff) are required to undergo the special site induction training, while any member who undertakes track, rollingstock or building work is required to undergo the GRW awareness training.

Another training session for GRW and Induction will be held prior to the Christmas BBQ on Sunday 10 December – an e-mail will be sent to those still requiring these shortly with more details.

RBTs were conducted in Sept/Oct with no adverse results.

A tool box talk was held in September covering such topics as the level crossing, Variation of Accreditation to cover this and the track extension, new drug and alcohol proposals from ONRSR, grant for platform facing upgrade not being successful, and a proposed grant for gutter guard on the new loco storage shed.

After a long run of good weather on Sunday 15 October we unfortunately experienced some very bad weather. For this reason we posted on Facebook that it would be better if passengers visited another day and the signs, etc., were not put out. This adverse weather meant the planned internal audit could not be conducted. However we did conduct a Toolbox talk on Emergency procedures with all present sharing knowledge and their experiences.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Future Locomotive Storage Shed

Whilst the trackwork and internal concreting for the shed has been the main focus, some external concreting remained to be completed on the access ramps to the two personnel doors and for the picnic shelter that had to be relocated to avoid the batters of the shed earthworks. The formwork and reinforcing steel was set up over several weeks. However, the concrete pour had to be postponed to avoid the re-accreditation training day.

There were four separate areas of concrete pours amounting to 4.3 cubic metres of concrete that were undertaken on Saturday 30 September 2017. Unfortunately, this being the new Queens Birthday weekend, our resources were stretched but the project was completed. Fencing around the access ramps and picnic area has commenced and will see this project nearing completion. When this work is finished, we expect to receive final building certification and will be able to start using the shed.

Saturday, 14 October 2107 was a very wet day with heavy rainfall in the morning. Whilst this delayed most work in the morning, it was a good opportunity to see where water flows and areas that we might need to address in the future. In very heavy rain, the picnic area acts as a detention basin restricting flow through the 300mm diameter pipe under the main line. This has the advantage of ensuring the open drain along the fence line behind the station buildings does not over top and flood the neighbouring house.

Track Maintenance

With the track work for the locomotive storage shed nearing completing, we will have a concentrated push on main line maintenance over the next few

months. Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel or concrete in the mainline. 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 **18 November and 16 December 2017, 20 January and 17 February 2018.**

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Thanks to Brian, Roland and Tony's ongoing efforts, we have continued to experience excellent patronage – with the exception of Sunday 15 October when extreme bad weather effectively resulted in a cancelled running day (we did one trip with only 4 passengers!!!). This, combined with the effort put in by everyone who has helped out at the various shows this year, has meant that as of the end of October we have exceeded our best annual patronage level since we ceased running steam. A fantastic result and a big thank you to you all.

The wet running day at in October highlighted the need to get the enclosed railmotor coach back into operation. Tony and Conner Weber are managing this project and they will be more than happy to hear from you if you can assist. Aaron has been assisting with some of the cleaning down and repainting.

Geoff Howes has been thinking about ways to boost our income so if you have any ideas please let me know and can put you in touch with him.

It is time to start thinking about next year's shows, with the application form for the AMRA show received already.

We continue to have a desperate shortage of operational members so if you are interested in helping out in this area please contact Neil or myself.

Monthly Statistics

	September 2017	October 2017
Paying Passengers	296	140
Guards Sheet	386	158

Christmas Party – Sunday 10 December 2017

Terry Olsson

We have decided to have a BBQ at our Woodford station site as our annual Christmas get together. This will also be to celebrate the completion of our new loco storage shed.

Due it being the "warmer" time of year, we have decided to try holding the BBQ at 4pm instead of the middle of the day. This is also to allow those who still need to undertake the General Rail Worker training and the new Site Induction training to do so prior to the BBQ (a separate e-mail will be sent out to the relevant members with more details). ANGRMS will provide a basic BBQ and soft drinks – if you want anything else please BYO.

If you can, it is suggested bring along a comfortable chair.

All members and their families are invited to attend.

If anyone is interested (please let me know asap) I will see if I can arrange some entertainment after the BBQ.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Ian Thomson by the preceding Sunday evening (3 Dec). Ian can be contacted by either e-mailing him at ianthompson359@gmail.com or phone/text his mobile 0421239309 (NOTE – if you wish to call Ian please use his mobile number rather than home phone).



Placing concrete in the slab for the relocated picnic shelter, 30 September 2017. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Wayne Harman vibrating concrete on the access ramp nearest the main line whilst concrete is placed in the other access ramp, 30 September 2017. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Picnic area from side door of locomotive storage shed showing rainwater flows, 14 October 2017. Greg Stephenson photographer.