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 25 km west of Caboolture in Woodford, Queensland*

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New member Sam Smith with the Woodford Station Sales Room upgrading (see President's Report, p 3). Terry Olsson photographer.

**Running Days: First and Third Sundays**

**Trackwork Saturdays: 19 May, 16 June, 14 July and  
 18 August 2018**

**Work Days: Every Saturday**

**Our Safety Goal - No Injuries**

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### Scheduled Activities

**General Meetings: 2018:** 16 Feb, 20 Apr, 15 Jun, 17 Aug, 19 Oct, and 14 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*

The 2018 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 17 March at our Woodford site with a good number of members attending. Several issues were discussed and a motion was passed which formally documented our previous informal plan to work towards a shed to cover our collection in the compound.

The following were elected to the ANGRMS Board and would like to thank them for their dedication and valuable contribution to the society. I look forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

President: Terry Olsson, Vice Presidents: Ryan Thomas (Engineering) and Dave Caruzzo (Safety Manager), Secretary: Ian Thompson, Treasurer: Steve Baker, and Board Members: John Parnell and Bob Gough.

I would like to thank Bob Gough for his previous efforts as Vice President.

As reported separately in this issue, thanks to a grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council we now have gutter guard and electricity to our new loco shed.

On the subject of grants, after several previous failed attempts, I was very happy to receive advice during March that we were successful in obtaining a State Government Gambling Fund grant to upgrade our Woodford station platform. This work involves raising the platform height to match the higher section at the Peterson Road end, as well as upgrading the platform face.

As this platform is a major part of our public image when passengers visit our railway, obtaining this grant is very welcome news. To keep costs within budget, there is a fair amount of work required by members so as this work progresses we will be looking for as much help as we can get.

I would like to thank Greg Stephenson and Tony Weber for their efforts in obtaining this grant.

While on the subject of our public face, while the platform upgrade noted above will freshen things up on the outside, the inside of our station buildings are also in need of a freshen up. I would like to thank new member Sam Smith who has taken on this badly needed task, and has already done absolute wonders in building new sales and cash register counters for our sales room. She has also built us a fantastic new visitors book stand as well as upgraded our donation tin. As well as this work in the sales room, Sam has commenced work on a much needed refresh of the ladies toilets.

Keeping our site tidy and presentable means a lot of mowing. I would like to thank Wayne Harman who has undertaken some significant repairs to a

second ride on mower which was donated to the society. This has allowed the existing red ride on to be withdrawn for repairs.

As noted in Greg's report, work has continued on sleeper replacement, while on the rollingstock front, Aaron has continued with the overhaul of linecar 117, Ryan has continued working on the replacement ballast wagon, and work has continued on the Perry and PL111.



Drawing electric cables through orange conduits to provide power to the Locomotive Storage Shed, 20 March 2018. Greg Stephenson photographer.

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## Remember – safety first!

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### Safety and Training Report

*Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager*

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 feedback is always welcome — there is a suggestion box in the Station Master's Office at Woodford station and suggestions are discussed at the next board meeting.

Three suggestions were received in March 2018 and discussed at the board meeting on 11 April. One suggestion was placed in the suggestion box in the SM's office, while the other two were received via e-mail.

Suggestions received were about the condition of mats on the platform and the need to replace these, the need for information on sources of water on site if drinkable or not for inclusion in future site inductions, and including the location of toilets in the site induction.

RBT's were conducted in March and April with no adverse results.

As part of getting power to the new loco shed, a new trench was dug across the picnic area. This is a good opportunity to not only point out this new power cable, but to remind everyone that there are several other power cables, water pipes and a sewer line buried on our Woodford station site so

***Think before you dig and check the location of power cables, water pipes and the sewer line with Greg, Terry or myself.***

New member Sam Smith has undergone her sales training, which will need to be approved at the next Board meeting.

Just a reminder to all who work on site, including operations staff, to complete and return your Medical booklet if you have not already done so. New booklets are available from either myself or the President if you do not have one. These are very important as they not only contain medical information in case of an incident, but also next of kin contact details.

These books are kept in the Stations Masters office in case of an emergency. See myself or the President if you need to update any information in them.

## **Some Civil Notes**

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

### **Locomotive Storage Shed**

The 42lb/yd point work used in the approaches to the locomotive storage shed came from the Nambour Sugar Mill. Whilst they had a long record of satisfactory performance at Nambour Mill, they are of a unique design. The independent track inspection recommended that switch stops be installed on these points to support the back of the point blades to reduce the risk of gauge spread through the switches. Each switch stop had to be fabricated for its specific location. Ryan Thomas machined the 12 switch stops from round bar and drilled and tapped threads into one end to replace the original bolts (photo next page).

The Bypass track beside the shed to connect to the existing tracks in the Compound still needs to be constructed. This will be completed as time becomes available.



The machined switch stops for the points leading to the Locomotive Storage Shed awaiting installation, 7 April 2018. Greg Stephenson photographer.

### **Track Maintenance**

To reduce the hazard of trips, slips and falls, the annual independent track inspection recommended that all surplus and unused materials be removed from the rail corridor. Old sleepers beside the main line near the workshop have now been relocated to firewood stack to tidy up the area. The report also noted that whilst vegetation did not obstruct vision or drainage, herbicidal application was required in places. The full length of the main line has received at least one application of herbicide and many locations have received a second application.

Six defective timber sleepers were replaced on the main line between the locomotive shed points and workshop points. A further six renewals were undertaken at the start of Freeman’s Cutting. Isis Sugar Mill sleepers were used in these locations. Ralph Cumner used his backhoe to fill the open ballast wagon on Saturday 14 April, 2018 to allow these sleepers to be ballasted and packed.

The annual independent track inspection in December 2017 identified 54 defective or ineffective timber sleepers - 47 replacements and 7 rebores and spike. This has been reduced to 15 replacements and 7 rebores and spike still required. Some of the remaining defective sleepers are under fish-plated joints and steel sleepers with Pandrol clips are being fabricated for these locations. Three sleepers in the passing loop at Margaret Street have also been marked for replacement.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber main line sleepers in steel or concrete. 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 **19 May, 16 June, 14 July and 18 August 2018**.

## Operations, Sales And Marketing

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

We continue to be short of operations staff so if you would like to join this team, or you know of someone who is interested in becoming part of this team please let myself or Neil know.

Thanks to the efforts of Roland and Brian, we have continued to experience good passenger numbers, which are presently running at about 50% up on the same time last year.

Thanks to the assistance of AMRA, we also recently had brochures at the Caboolture Airshow and Bracken Ridge Lions miniature train running day.

As mentioned in my President's report, there are some fantastic things happening, or about to happen, at our Woodford station. Image is a very important part of marketing and getting return patronage.

With several shows now getting close, we need as much assistance as we can get. Not only do they bring in much needed sales income, there are a very important part of marketing our railway. Please mark the dates in your diaries and let me know if/when you can help

The café at the Peterson Road end of our railway is still under renovation with re opening not expected to be for a few months yet.

### Date Claimers

**AMRA Show, 12 and 13 May 2018:** We will have our usual sales and promotion stand at this years show which is being 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.

**Toowoomba Model Show, 2 and 3 June 2018:** We will have our usual sales and promotion stand at this year's model railway show in Toowoomba (with set up in the Friday). It is surprising how many passengers we get from Toowoomba. As it is also a running day at Woodford on the Sunday, we need a lot of people this weekend so please let me know if you can help in Toowoomba.

**Pine Rivers Model Show (Strathpine), 4 and 5 August 2018.** Being in the same council area it is important we "fly the flag" at this show and promote our railway (as well as make some extra income by selling the usual sales). Set up is on the Friday. Again this is also a running day on the Sunday so we need as much help as we can get. Please mark it in your diaries and let me know if you can help.

### Monthly Statistics

	March 2018	April 2018
Paying Passengers	184	262
Guards Sheet	237	312

## Council Grant Report

*Terry Olsson*

Late last year, thanks to the efforts of Tony Weber, we were successful in obtaining a grant for \$4665 from the Moreton Bay Regional Council *Facility Development Fund*.

This grant allowed us to fit gutter guard to our new loco shed, as well as bring electricity to our new shed. The electrical work undertaken under this grant is only stage one, which is bring electricity to the shed and installing a switchboard plus one power point. Fitting lights and additional power points will take place at a later date once we work out what we want and where we want it.

A big thank you goes to Laurie Erb for organising the electrical work and to Greg Stephenson for helping on the day.

On behalf of ANGRMS, I would also like to thank the Moreton Bay Regional Council who made this possible. Without their ongoing support, including our local councillor Adrian Readel we could not achieve what we do achieve.



Once the cables and conduits had been placed into the trenches to provide power to the Locomotive Storage Shed, "Dingo Pete" returned to backfill the trenches, 20 March 2018. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Ryan Thomas checks the length required before fitting the switch stops to the points leading to the Locomotive Storage Shed, 7 April 2018. Greg Stephenson photographer.