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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,
 trading as the Woodford Railway, is located
 25 km west of Caboolture in Woodford, Queensland*

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Looking Back: Trackwork maintenance circa December 2001 — hand drilled timber sleepers, etc. Photographer unknown.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 18 May, 15 June, 20 July
 and 17 August 2019**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2019: 15 Feb, 19 Apr, 21 Jun, 16 Aug, 18 Oct, and 20 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

On Saturday 30 March we held our AGM on site at Woodford. Unfortunately showers of rain made it hard to hear at times so this is something we are going to have to address in the future – if you have any ideas please let me know. I would like to thank all of those members who took the time to attend. I would also like to thank Ken McHugh who as part of our consulting with members, talked about where we are at with the Safety Management System rewrite to bring us in line with the National Rail Safety Law.

I would like to congratulate the following who were elected for the upcoming year and look forward to working with you.

President: Terry Olsson

Vice Presidents: Dave Caruzzo and Bob Gough

Secretary: Ian Thompson

Treasurer: Geoff Howes

Ordinary Board Members: Steve Baker and John Parnell.

I would like to thank Ryan Thomas for his efforts on the Board last year (Ryan withdrew his nomination) and Steve Baker who has decided it is time for someone else to take on the role of Treasurer. Being an ordinary board member, Steve will be an assistant treasurer to help Geoff during the year.

During the recent months once the dry spell broke, keeping our grass under control has been an ongoing battle and I would like to thank all concerned.

Rollingstock and track maintenance has also been an ongoing but vital task and I would like to specially thank all involved. These behind the scenes tasks don't get the glory train operations do, but without you there would be no train operations.

A temporary manager has been put in place at Woodford Gardens café and at the time of writing the café was only open on weekends except for special hires. The B&B remains open all week as required.

We continue to be short of helpers in all parts of the society so if you are not already helping out, or know of others who would be interested in joining and helping please let myself or one of the board members know. We certainly need the helpers...

Remember – safety first!

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 also an 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.

The Queensland Rail Safety Act (National Law) 2017 and ANGRMS requires ALL Rail Safety Workers to be drug & alcohol free whilst carrying out duties. During March and April random alcohol testing was conducted by ANGRMS with no adverse outcome.

On 3 March ONRSR conducted their first random drug and alcohol test prior to the start of the running day. They arrived unannounced and all rail safety workers on duty were tested with no adverse outcome. The test for drugs was via a mouth swab.

This was our first ONRSR random test and we learnt a lot. One of the issues was where to conduct the testing. Being a small railway we cannot afford to have a special room just set aside, so we would value your feedback. One suggestion has been the display room on the platform – we used the SM's office but it caused delays and was not real private. This would mean a card table needs to be kept close by (in SM's office) and the two chairs used from the sales room. In warm weather we may also need to borrow the fan from the sales room. This testing is due to be completed before trains are due to run.

When they arrive on site ONRSR (or their representative) are required to provide identification. If you are the first person they contact please refer them to myself, the President or if neither of these two are present, then the OIC for the day.

Any rail safety worker to be tested is required to provide photo ID, and remember, you MUST declare any prescription medication BEFORE being tested. On the day the random test was conducted by ONRSR the Medical Emergency Booklets which had already been filled in proved useful as they contained this detail – so this is another reason to fill them in and keep them up to date!

On 2 March, Terry Olsson, John Parnell and myself, along with representatives of other heritage groups in Qld, attended an ONRSR workshop on Hazard Identification and Risk Reduction. During general discussion

ONRSR advised of the consultation on the move to also using urine testing for ONRSR drug testing.

ANGRMS has subsequently submitted a response to a request from ATRQ for our views on ONRSR using urine testing as well as a swab test for drugs. Based on privacy issues, along with the data provided in the ONRSR consultation paper, we have opposed this additional form of testing. Based on the information in the ONRSR consultation paper it provides little or no value when it comes to detecting "impairment" (swab testing will detect drug use within last 48hours while urine can detect drug use up to a fortnight).

On 17 March, a Toolbox talk was conducted on the D&A testing by ONRSR.

At the AGM on 30 March, Ken McHugh took the opportunity to update members present on where we were at with the rewrite of our SMS to bring it in line with the National Rail Safety Act.

No training was conducted during this period.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Maintenance

We have continued to replace defective sleepers identified on the independent track inspection and all locations where two or more consecutive defective sleepers were identified have now been repaired with new sleepers. On the mainline at the Margaret Street end of the Woodford platform two timber sleepers were marked. The location was next to the platform and where the passing loop joins the mainline. The ballast was removed so that the sleepers could be turned sideways and lifted up between the rails for removal. Similarly, the replacement sleepers needed to be dropped between the rails and turned sideways before moving into position. Since there was only one timber sleeper between those marked for replacement and the long point bearers, it was renewed at the same time. Due to its location, it would have been extremely difficult to replace it in the future.

Scattered showers during March and April have hampered progress so the opportunity has been taken to renew sleepers on the passing loop at Woodford station. All but one of those marked in the independent track inspection plus 3 additional sleepers have now been replaced. The remaining sleeper and topping up some ballast around those already replaced will be undertaken on a future track day.

Joe Roveglia has recently retired as Cane Railway Track Supervisor at Victoria Mill, Ingham. He was fundamental to the success of our sleeper

retrieval expedition to Victoria Mill in 2013. He has been holidaying in the local area and on Easter Saturday joined us on renewing sleepers in the passing loop. He offered us some valuable insights into current maintenance methods used in the sugar industry and showed us a couple of techniques to assist in inserting replacement sleepers that minimise the strain on the human back!

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber 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. Track work days are planned for 18 May, 15 June, 20 July and 17 August 2019.

Locomotive Storage Shed – Bypass Road

Packing of the ballast was completed on one of the showery days when we thought it too risky to remove sleepers in the mainline since they might not be completed if rain set in. Final shaping of the ballast is required to finish off this section of track. The point throw lever still remains to be fitted. However, until the track from the curved lead is constructed, these points will remain clamped for use on the through track only. Final testing and commissioning can then be undertaken.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Public Running Days

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, our patronage continues to improve. In the first four months of this year, we are over 50% up on the same time last year!!

By the time you read this, Neil will be working on the roster for the last half of 2019. Therefore, if you are part of the Operations Team please help Neil by letting him know your availability. Shortage of volunteers in our operations team continues to be an critical issue with some running days having no spare staff available should someone go sick, etc. If you would like to help, or know of someone who would like to help, please let myself or one of the Board members know.

Attending shows is not only a vital source of extra income, but also still makes a significant contribution to marketing our railway.

By the time you read this, we will either be at or have been at the annual AMRA Model Railway show on the first weekend in May. This year the show is being held in a different pavilion to where it has been held previously and should be much better. Unfortunately there are not many new items from our

usual sources so we are trying some different ideas such as two books on other parts of Australia, plus selling some second hand books. If you have any sales ideas for future shows please let me know.

As noted below, the Toowoomba Hobby Show is on the first weekend in June. This also clashes with a Woodford running day on the Sunday plus we have been invited to the Petrie Village Steam Festival on that same weekend. While the Toowoomba show and running day already require a lot of volunteers, it would be well worth our having a presence at the Petrie event – not only is it in our shire but they had approx 12000 visitors last year!!

Because of the Toowoomba show and running day, we will just have a gazebo at the Petrie event with a small photo display (like we took to the Woodford Antique Machinery show last year) and focus on giving out brochures etc. Please let me know asap if you can help at the Petrie event.

Based on a suggestion by Dave Caruzzo, we will be trying selling our *Exploring Railways of Queensland – Toowoomba South and West* at a special show price this year as a trial. Thanks Davo for the suggestion.

Date Claimers:

Toowoomba Hobby Show plus Petrie Steam Festival 1 and 2 June 2019:

We have two significant events on this weekend plus it is a Woodford Running Day on the Sunday. Therefore we need every helper we can get. Please keep this weekend free to help your society.

Pine Rivers Model Train and Hobby Exhibition 10 and 11 August 2019:

We have now received the application for this show. Being in our local council boundary it is a good opportunity to promote our railway locally. Luckily this year this is not a running day weekend – please make this date in your diary.

Monthly Statistics

	March 2019	April 2019
Paying Passengers	211	400
Guards Sheet	303	494

Sales Items

Book - "Outback Railwaymen – Life on the Commonwealth Railways" by Nick Anchen - \$35.00 plus postage if required.

Book – "The Right Way, The Wrong Way & the Railway" by Nick Anchen \$35.00 plus postage if required.



Member Joe Raveglia (retired track supervisor Victoria Mill Ingham) helping the track gang on his viisit Saturday 20 April. Terry Olsson photographer.