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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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With 3 steel sleepers in place, Ryan Thomas prepares to install the shoulders for the Pandrol clips. A track jack has been inserted between the rails to hold them to gauge until the Pandrol clips are installed. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays
Trackwork Saturdays: 20 July, 17 August,
21 September and 19 October 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

Sadly I have to report the loss of Greg McHugh's wife Ann and Mark Gough's wife Lees's mother during the last couple of months. Our sympathy goes out to Greg, Lee and the families.

During the last couple of months we unfortunately suffered a couple of failures. The hot water system in the cottage failed and I would like to thank Sam for not only stepping up and getting it replaced before the following weekend, but getting us a significant discount. Netherdale's air compressor also failed and I would like to thank Laurie and Sam Erb as well as Ryan for stepping in and working to get it repaired, etc. Both of these resulted in unplanned expenditure so we need to watch our spending for a while.

Track work has continued steadily and I will let Greg update you in his report. On the Rollingstock front, after months of trying, thanks to the efforts of Laurie Erb and Ryan, we have found a company which will reprofile the driving wheels on Goondi, Bundy and the Perry at a good price. These locos all had sharp flanges and other wear on their wheels. The size of these wheels, plus the fact they all have cranks meant we could not turn them in-house. The trailing truck on the Perry was turned some time ago, while the trailing truck wheel on Bundy can be turned in-house when we are ready to work on that loco.

Ryan and Aaron have been steadily working away on the overhaul of Goondi, with Ryan undertaking the air brake work as part of his engineering thesis under the guidance of Aurizon and the University of the Sunshine Coast. When finished this loco having been built in 1929 will be the oldest working "mainline" diesel in Queensland and one of the oldest in Australia.

A reminder that you can help ANGRMS by directing any payment for the State Government's 10c refund on certain cans and bottles to ANGRMS. We are registered as a not for profit organisation with Containers for Cash scheme and our Scheme ID is C10047214. Every little bit helps.

A temporary manager is still 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.

Radio communication was put to good use during a recent running day (300+ passengers) with the driver calling in from Peterson Rd platform that the train was full and many more passengers were waiting. This Radio call gave Woodford Platform staff, which also had a full platform, time to explain to passengers and organise the boarding of the train prior to the return departure to Peterson Rd.

RBT were conducted during the past reporting period, no adverse results were recorded.

No Training was conducted over the past reporting period.

As of 1 July 2019, the phone number for reporting incidents to ONRSR (Office of National Regulator) has changed – it is now 1800 430 888. The list of Category A occurrences which must be reported immediately has also been expanded to include certain breaches of operating rules. An ONRSR information sheet will be available on the Safety Noticeboard in the SM's Office from next running day. Please take the time to read it.

All members on site are reminded they required to sign ON and OFF. The sign on book for running days is in the SM's office, while the sign on/off book for other days is in the cottage. Signing on and off keeps a log of hours worked, and areas worked in, which is important for various reports, etc., to help us with funding applications, etc. We also need to report our volunteer hours every year to the Non Profit and Charities Commission to show the government, etc., the significant input volunteers make to the economy – hopefully resulting in increased recognition, funding, etc. It is also of assistance if a work place issue should occur, such as if you are injured. If you don't sign on/off there is no record of you being on site so you would not be covered by our volunteers' insurance.

Care should be taken when in storage areas. DO NOT CLIMB on any item, and if a project requires removal of an item this should NOT be done on your own, with the area being restored to a safe as possible condition.

The rewrite of the SMS (Safety Management System) to comply with the National Rail Safety Law is proceeding to meet the 30 June 2019 requirement.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Maintenance

During April and June 2019 we continued to replace defective sleepers identified on the independent track inspection. Between Ch 575 and Ch 750, 19 prestressed concrete sleepers were inserted. This included retrieving the type of sleepers that we use in this section from the complete track panels we collected from Victoria Mill, Ingham in 2013.

On Saturday 15 June, 2019 our attention turned to the points from the mainline to access the locomotive storage shed. One point timber between the blades and the frog was marked for renewal but the opportunity was taken to replace 3 consecutive timbers at the same time with steel sleepers and Pandrol clips using weld-on shoulders fitted to reclaimed ex-QR steel sleepers that had been cut to the required length. In the midst of this section, it was noted that the gap in a fishplated joint had closed up tight. The fishplates were removed and a small section of rail removed to allow for expansion. The fishplates were greased and reassembled with new bolts.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel in a section near the start of Freeman Cutting. Steel sleepers have been cut to length and await final fabrication so they can be installed. 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 20 July, 17 August, 21 September and 19 October, 2019.

Locomotive Storage Shed – Bypass Road

Final shaping of the ballast is still 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

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, our patronage continues to improve. In the first six months of this year, we are up about 15% on the same period last year. Unfortunately, we have a few days where rain was

forecast, even if we did not actually have any rain or only a few odd showers on the day.

If you are part of the Operations Team you should have received your roster for the last half of 2019 by now. If not please contact Neil. Rostering is a very difficult and at time frustrating task and I would like to thank Neil for his ongoing efforts.

Shortage of volunteers in our operations team continues to be a critical issue with some running days have 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.

The annual AMRA Model Railway show was held on the first weekend in May and was in a different pavilion at the Brisbane Show grounds this year. While there were some teething problems, as can be expected when using a building for the first time, overall we found the new location a great improvement on the old location. There were some heavy showers of rain at times and there were no problems like we would have had in the old location. Having only minimal new sales items meant sales were not as high as they have been in some previous years. Never the less, thanks to the efforts of all involved, plus the sale of some second hand railway books left to us by Barry Rogers when he passed away earlier this year, meant we were only 8.5% down on last year!!

The Toowoomba Hobby Show was held on the first weekend in June in rather "cool" weather!! In addition to the same sales items we had at AMRA, we sold the recently released ARHS book on railways to the Scenic Rim (Fassifern Branch, etc). Very suprisingly, sales were up 75% on last year!!

The first weekend in June was a particularly busy one for us. In addition to the Toowoomba Model Railway show mentioned above, we also had an exhibit at the Petrie Village Steam Festival. Bob and Mark Gough took the Pleystowe trolley plus the two art easels with photos of our railway to Petrie and manned the display both days giving out brochures. Thank you Bob and Mark.

On the Sunday of the same weekends as the AMRA show and the Toowoomba Model Railway/Petrie Steam Festival, we also had public running days so we were stretched for helpers on these weekends. When we have a show, it means there is no cash register or credit card facilities at our Woodford Railway so I would particularly like to thank those who looked after ticket sales on these two weekends.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at these shows and running days, including Mike Condon who despite not being a member, still came along and helped at both shows.

Due to the low profit made after costs were deducted at the Pine Rivers Model Railway Show (Strathpine) last year, the decision has been made to try something different. Thanks to the help of AMRA who are doing some work on the layout, we will be exhibiting a loaned narrow gauge model railway plus having two art easels with photos our railway. While this means we won't be selling our usual books, DVDs, etc, we will still be able to market our railway and give out brochures. This means we will still need helpers on this weekend (which fortunately is not a running weekend).

Dave Caruzzo suggested we tried selling our *Exploring Railways of Queensland – Toowoomba South and West* at a special show price at the Toowoomba Model Railway show this year. Unfortunately it made little difference to sales of this book but it was worth a try, so thanks Davo for the suggestion.

For some years now ANGRMS has been selling the On30 narrow gauge RJ Models (then J G Models then QuVic Models). This business has now been sold again and we will no longer be selling these model kits. I would like to thank the previous owners of these businesses for allowing us to raise some funds by selling these models.

And finally I would like to thank Sam for bringing a baby goat along to the running day on 2 June. This proved very popular with our passengers.

Date Claimers

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

As noted above we will not be having our usual sales stand at this show this year. Instead we will be exhibiting a narrow gauge mode railway. We will still have a marketing presence with two art easels displaying some photos of our railway plus we will still be giving out brochures so assistance (albeit reduced) is still required.

Monthly Statistics

	01/05/19	01/06/19
Paying Passengers	275	275
Guards Sheet	374	378

Sales Items

Book: Look Out For Trains 7 – To The Scenic Rim by Greg Cash; published by the ARHS Qld Div. It's about the Fassifern Branch (to Boonah) plus the Mount Edwards branch and is the next in the series after Marburg Branch (#6, which we also stock), \$35.00 plus postage if required.



ABOVE: Points from the mainline to access the locomotive storage shed prior



to repairs on 15 June, 2019. The point timber with the white paint was marked

for renewal. The three white chalk marks on the rail show the 3 point timbers to be renewed. PREVIOUS PAGE BOTTOM: The three steel sleepers completed and ballast packed and the track returned to service at the end of the day. Final trimming of the ballast remains to be completed. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Reprofiling Driving Wheels

Below and on the following pages are a number of photos of the driving wheels for Bundy, Goondi and Perry being sent away for turning (sharp flanges and some hollowing of tread), 22 June 2019. A good chance to see what locomotive drivers really look like! Terry Olsson photographer.







Model/Heritage Show Promotions



May 2019: Full exhibit at the AMRA Show, compare with smaller exhibit at Petrie, below. Terry Olsson photographer.



June 2019: ABOVE: Petrie Steam Festival. Bob Gough photographer.
BELOW: Toowoomba Model Railway Show, Terry Olsson photographer.

