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Goondi, 3 October 2019. Ryan Thomas photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 16 November, 14 December 2019 and
18 January 2020**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2019: 20 Dec; **2020:** 21 Feb, 17 Apr, 19 Jun, 21 Aug, 16 Oct and 18 Dec, 7:30pm entry from 7:00pm. Combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, park and enter at rear 107 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains; 10 minute walk from Coopers Plains Railway Station or a phone call to Dan Sheehan or Bob Gough for transport to the venue. Bus stop 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

At the time of writing, Steve Baker, Ian Thompson and Neil Trevorrow were all temporarily out of action with medical issues and we all wish them a speedy recovery.

I would like to congratulate Greg and his track team on reaching 40% steel and concrete sleepers in the mainline. You can read more about what they have been up to in Gregs report elsewhere in this DRB.

On the rollingstock front, a highlight of the last couple of months was the return of the bulk of the loco driving wheels which were away for turning and reprofiling. One driving wheel pair from Perry which is also being fitted with a new tyre, plus one driving wheel pair for Bundy which needs new roller bearings are still to be returned. Replacing the new roller bearings on the axle for Bundy was an additional expense and any donations to help cover the additional cost are welcome (contact Ryan or any Board member).

All of the wheels for Goondi were returned which has allowed Ryan to lower the loco back onto its wheels, refit the side rods and brake gear etc. Work on this loco has now slowed waiting on the motor which is being overhauled off site. Brake force tests have been conducted and have exceeded the minimum requirements by over 400% which is fantastic. This loco is 90 years old this year and if you include "mainline" cane railway locos as a mainline loco it is the oldest operating internal combustion mainline loco in Queensland and one of only a few in Australia. Work on this loco has been nominated for an RTSA award.

While waiting on the motor for Goondi, work has moved back to the ex-Innisfail Tramway/Goondi mill ballast wagon and Baguley.

It has been decided to focus on getting four big diesels up and running (Goondi, Gemco, Netherdale and Baguley) before moving the main focus back to the steam locos. In this way, Ryan and the rollingstock team will be able to focus on working on the steam locos as no urgent major work should be required on our diesel fleet for several years.

Any member who has one, and has not already done so, is reminded to check their Blue Card as most of those obtained via ANGRMS are up for renewal.

All members are reminded that as we approach the end of the year, memberships are due 1 January 2020.

Discussions are progressing with Moreton Bay Regional Council on the new draft lease for the Council owned land at our Margaret St site, as well as a draft Interface Agreement for the level crossing in Peterson Road.

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.

Members are reminded of the need to both sign on and sign off when on site. In addition to this being a requirement for our Volunteers insurance and WH&S should anything go wrong, it also provides a valuable record of the number of hours volunteers put into the society. This is very valuable when it comes to things like grants, obtaining sponsorship and support, etc. You put in the hours – why not get at least some recognition for it.

While the SMS was brought in to line with the National Law by 30 June, the board has decided to expand upon this work and rearrange/rewrite parts of the SMS to make it more user friendly. We will also be separating out the forms into a separate document.

With the onset of warmer weather snakes are on the move again so take care, and check under items before lifting them if they are on the ground.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Quarry Materials

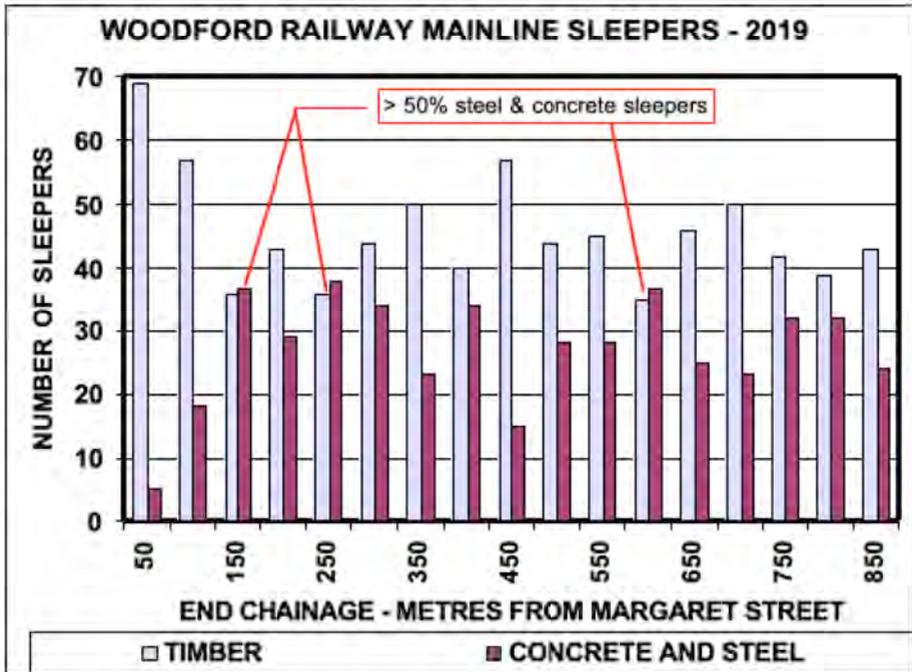
On Thursday 26 September, 2019, we took delivery of 160 tonnes of 35mm “Greenstone” Screenings donated by Bracalba Quarry. The material has been stockpiled beside the ex-QCWA cottage for use as ballast on the passing loops at Peterson Road and for on-going track maintenance.

We are particularly grateful to Bracalba Quarry for this significant donation and their on-going support which allows us to continue to develop the museum site.

Track Maintenance

During the year, we have continued to replace defective sleepers identified on the independent track inspection plus a number of other sleepers that were nearing the end of their life. The beginning of September was an opportune time to review our progress on this mainline track maintenance.

The following chart shows our progress in replacing timber sleepers with steel or concrete sleepers. Overall, approximately 40% of all mainline sleepers are now steel or concrete with three 50 metre long sections where more than half the sleepers are steel or concrete. This clearly demonstrates that our maintenance strategy is beginning to pay dividends towards reducing our future sleeper renewal requirements.

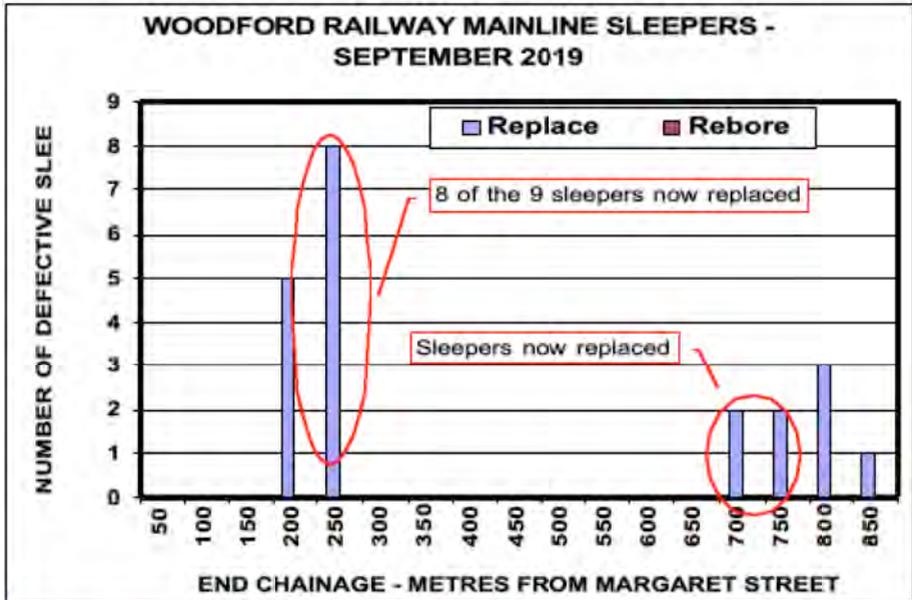


The next chart shows the locations of sleepers still marked for replacement. Twelve of those marked have since been replaced and those remaining are single isolated defective sleepers.

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel in a section from the workshop points to 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.

Locomotive Storage Shed – Bypass Road

The “right angle” point throw from the Workshop siding has been refurbished for use on the points and awaits installation. Final testing and commissioning will then be undertaken.



Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of everyone involved (including all of those behind the scenes workers), our patronage continues to be well up on last year. After the running days in October, we only need another 37 to match last year's total!!!

Attending shows still makes a significant contribution to marketing our railway. In August, we had a display at the Antique Machinery Restoration Society Heritage Fair at the Woodford showgrounds. As well as being a different crowd of people to those who attend model railway shows, it is in our back yard so to speak. I would like to thank Brian Webber and Geoff Howes who assisted on this weekend.

Big news on the sales front with the reprint of *Lonely Rails in the Gulf Country* being released early September. While it is the third reprint, the previous reprint was released 26 years ago!! The book was officially released on 10 September when an event was held at Normanton Railway Station to

unveil an Engineers Australia marker to recognise the engineering heritage significance of the railway, and in particular the Phillips steel sleeper. Another event was held in Brisbane on 14 October by Engineers Australia to commemorate the heritage marker for those who could not get to Normanton.

Greg Stephenson and myself represented ANGRMS at this event and thanks to Engineering Heritage, Queensland (Engineers Australia) for allowing us to sell copies of the book. While a number of people were involved, I would particularly like to thank John Knowles for allowing us to reprint the book, Brian Webber who did a lot of work producing the reprint including updates and the OIC Normanton Ken Fairbairn for arranging sales at Normanton.

Shortage of volunteers in our operations team continues to be a 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.

For those on the Operations team, it is that time again so please let Neil know your availability for the first six months of next year

Date Claimers

We have received an application form for the 2020 AMRA Model Railway Show which will be held on the weekend of 2-3 May. While still a fair way off, please mark this weekend in your calendars as we need a lot of help; it is also a running day at Woodford on the Sunday.

Monthly Statistics

	01/09/19	01/10/19
Paying Passengers	319	398
Guards Sheet	368	477

New Sales Items

Lonely Rails in the Gulf Country by J Knowles. The last reprint of this book about the Normanton to Croydon railway in North Queensland was released 26 years ago. This new edition includes updates as well as other changes. Cost: \$23.00 plus postage.

Training Day and Christmas BBQ – Saturday 30 Nov 2019

Training on recent updates to the Safety Management System and renewal of site inductions will be 1:00pm to 3:00pm. **This is compulsory for all members who regularly are on site** (if you cannot make this day you will need to do another day)

Our annual Christmas BBQ get together will be at 4:00pm – we will supply basic BBQ items like sausages, etc. (BYO drinks). Enquiries Terry Olsson. RSVP Ian Thompson by Sat 23 November. Contact details on page 2.



Locomotive driving wheels returned to Woodford, 27 September 2019. Ryan Thomas photographer.



Goondi (left) and Gemco sporting new replica builder's plates, 3 October 2019. Ryan Thomas photographer.