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Bundy Wheel Bearing Replacement, Wednesday 26 February 2020. Laurie Erb Photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 14 March, 18 April,
16 May and 20 June 2020**

Work Days: Every Saturday

2020 AGM: Woodford 2:00pm Saturday 21 March

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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General Meetings 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.

Safety First

Communication is an 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 any suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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 passing of past member John Newell. I represented ANGRMS at the funeral service. Our condolences to Sandra and family.

All members are reminded that the AGM will be held at our Woodford site on Saturday 21 March commencing at 2pm. This is your opportunity to discuss what we have been up to and what is planned.

During January and February good progress has been made on the ex-QR railmotor trailer PL111. With the onset of wetter weather it is important we get our all weather carriage back into operation. Thank you to Laurie Erb who has now stepped in to help with the roof. It has been decided we won't reuse the old bus seats and enough of the original railmotor seats are to be refurbished for what we need – we are currently looking at costings, etc., for this. I would also to thank the Woodford Mens Shed who are undertaking the work on the doors.

Following on from last edition, as well as the RM coach, the other thing we need to focus on is increasing our active membership. As part of this, at the February Board Meeting, a new "Expression of Interest" form was approved along with a business card containing our contact details and Facebook/Website site, etc. The idea of the Expression of Interest form is it is less daunting than a membership form and allows us to follow up afterwards (something we have not done or done very poorly previously). Sam S has kindly offered to follow up on any Expressions of Interest and that is much appreciated. Having said that I stress very strongly, it is not the case that finding new members is now Sam's problem. Sam will follow up but the emphasis is still on every member to try and find new members and at least do the initial groundwork.

Also during February, work was completed on the remaining Bundy and Perry driving wheel sets. Fitting new axlebox bearings to Bundy's wheelset, and a new tyre to one of the Perry driving wheels were significant tasks so it was great to see them completed. This means all wheels on the Perry have now been turned to as new profile, while only the trailing truck on Bundy remains to be done on that loco – we can turn that on site once Bundy's turn for overhaul comes around.

During February, and following a visit by David Mewes and John Browning to advise if there was any historical significance, Ryan has been leading another clean up of unwanted material on site. Anything which could be used has been offered to other groups with the rest going to scrap.

Well done to Greg and his team as no major issues we found when we had our independent track audit in January.

We have just about used up all of our supply of Isis sleepers and will need to purchase more in the not too distant future. Any donations to help with this would be most welcome.

In addition any issues noted above or in my Sales and Marketing report, and the usual monthly business such as approving accounts, inwards/outwards correspondence, safety, operations and engineering reports, etc., at the February Board Meeting, the following were discussed:

AGM issues were attended to, including approving Financial Report for last year.

Roland to take over website but needs assistance with the links to photo collections (if you can help please contact myself or Roland). As additional photos will soon be coming from Bill Blannin via AMRA, we need someone to up date the collection.

ANGRMS will join the federal body ATHRA as part of a 12 month trial funded by ATRQ.

We will try for a Jupiter's grant for a machine shop annex on the workshop.

Discussion took place about Ryan's Asset Management report which recommended some misc items be disposed of/scrapped.

Sale of some surplus wagons.

E-mail to be send out reminding members who are overdue with membership renewal.

Also e-mail reminder about importance of keeping gates closed on running days, supplied PPE for use on site, there is now a book in Station Masters office for items taken off site, if you are going to work on site on other than the normal work/running days need to let myself know, and to take care as it is snake season.

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.

Training: On Saturday 8 February a second training and feedback session was held on the revised SMS (Version 2, 2019) and was conducted on site at Woodford. This presentation was conducted by Ken McHugh and was for

members who could not attend the training session held on 30 November last year.

Opportunity was also taken to renew everyone present's site induction when Ken held a Safety Induction session. Those present also signed off on their attendance.

Feedback/Hazard: With the onset of warmer weather and rain, all members are reminded that snakes are now active in the area with some recent sightings. Always take care and watch where you are walking particularly in lesser used areas. Also, never just put your hands under something to lift or move it unless you can see/have checked under it.

Medical Booklets: If you have not already done so, members who work on site are reminded the booklets are available where your medications and any other important medical information can be recorded. These are kept confidential and can be provided to emergency services when required. Contact myself if you require one or need to update your previously supplied one.

RBT: Random alcohol tests were conducted during the last couple of months with no "non-positive" results.

SMS: Remember the Safety Management System provides the structure to make our railway safe for not only our passengers, but also our volunteers.

Stay safe.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Independent Track Inspection

On 21 January 2020, an independent track condition inspection was undertaken by Glenn Phillips (an experienced Trackmaster). Timber sleepers are in generally fair to good condition with the exception of two locations. At the 52 metre mark, one cluster of four ineffective sleepers was noted. At the 412 metre mark, one cluster of three ineffective sleepers was noted.

In total, 46 defective or ineffective timber sleepers along the main line were marked out with pink paint for replacement and actioning. A further 23 sleepers can be rebored and re-spiked. In the passing loop at Woodford Station, 2 defective timber sleepers were marked for renewal. The report concluded that the track strength and "top and line" were found to be acceptable for the traffic task required of this track. There were some low priority defects located and five opportunities for improvement were identified.

Switch areas of all turnouts be cleaned and the switch plates be regularly oiled as part of the general maintenance routine.

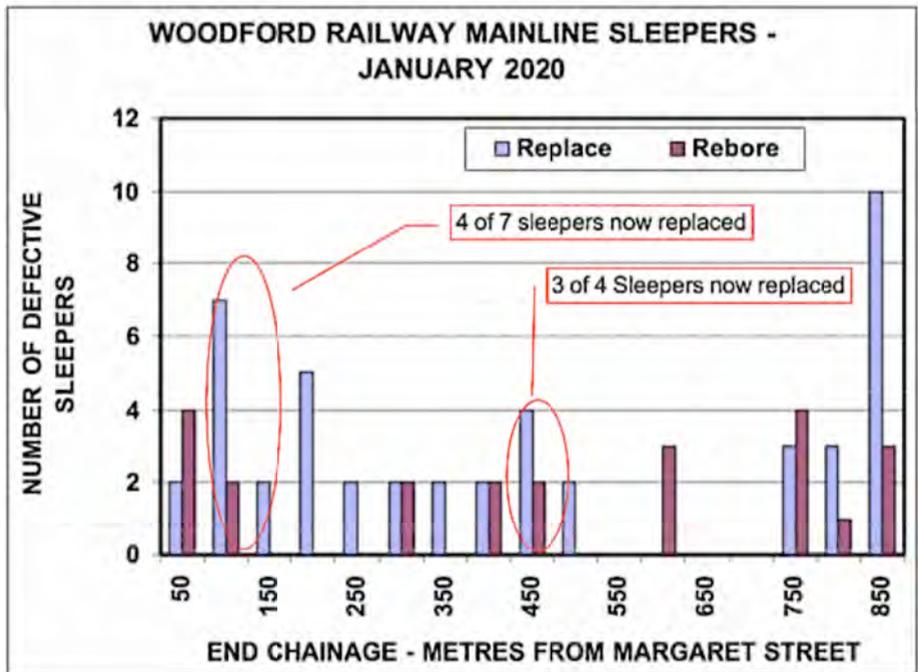
Long timbers for turnouts 3-1 and 3-2 be supported with ballast.

Gauge at number 1-3 points needs to be tightened at the toe of switch.

Trip hazard to remove at Ch 775.

Scrap rail to remove or relocate at Ch 210.

The chart shows the location of the defective sleepers in 50 metre intervals measured from Margaret Street. It is pleasing to see the small number of defective sleepers between Ch 200m and Ch 800m. Last year, we had a concentrated effort on sleeper renewals between Ch 550 and Ch 750 which is reflected in the small number of defective sleepers in that section. It also highlights that future repairs should focus on Ch 50m to Ch 200m and Ch 800m to Ch 850m. Much of the section between Ch 800m and Ch 850m will be by-passed when work to connect the Peterson Road level crossing is completed. However, sleeper renewals will be undertaken to ensure that track safety is not compromised. In this area, we have been using ex-Ingham sleepers with bolted sleeper plates to allow for future removal when the Peterson Road level crossing is connected.



In the previous report of January 2019, 53 sleepers were marked for replacement compared with 46 this year. This indicates that our rate of renewals is at least keeping pace with the deterioration..

Track Maintenance

Since the independent track condition inspection, the cluster of four ineffective sleepers at Ch 52 has been replaced with concrete sleepers. This location is in the middle of Woodford Station platform and the existing “fouled” ballast was removed as part of this sleeper renewal. The material was then used to start filling around the long timbers for turnouts 3-1 and 3-2 as identified as an opportunity for improvement. Similarly, the cluster of three ineffective sleepers at Ch 412 has been renewed with concrete sleepers. We have begun the other sleeper renewals identified on the main line and have also renewed the 2 defective timber sleepers in the passing loop at Woodford Station.

The Independent Track Inspection has given us a clear program of necessary sleeper renewals and other maintenance work. 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.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Despite some poorer weather, passenger numbers are only slightly down on this time last year. The expectation that this year will be wetter than last year (and I am sure we all agree that is much better for the community at large) means it will be harder this year to keep up our passenger numbers. Therefore it is important we continue to provide an enjoyable and safe experience for our passengers, continue to work hard at our marketing, and give as much help as we can get at shows. It also makes getting our all weather carriage – ex-QR railmotor trailer PL 111, back into service an important priority – extra helpers always welcome.

Getting passengers to ride our train is a team effort. While those who drive the train, sell the tickets, etc., play a very important role in our “public image”, those that work behind the scenes maintaining our rollingstock and track, doing our marketing, upgrading and looking after our stations and grounds, etc., are all just as important.

On Australia Day, we had a stand at the Caboolture Historical Village. As well as handing out brochures to promote our railway, it was a good opportunity to network with this organisation. I would like to thank Brian and Sam who despite the short notice, helped out on this rather hot day.

During 2019, our overall sales income (fares plus sales items) went up just under 30% - this is a great effort and a big thank you to everyone involved.

Date Claimers

AMRA Show 2 and 3 May 2020: This show will again be held in the "Exhibition Building" in Gregory Terrace in the Brisbane Showgrounds. Not only is this a significant opportunity to market our railway, but it is also our biggest show sales income wise. We have a Woodford Running day on the Sunday so we need a lot of help that weekend – please earmark it in your diaries.

Toowoomba Hobby Show 6 and 7 June 2020: As well as an opportunity to raise additional income selling books, etc., this show is also a good opportunity to market our railway to a different area – it is surprising how many Toowoomba people regularly travel through Woodford. As it is also a Woodford Running Day on the Sunday, we need every helper we can get. Please earmark this date in your diaries too.

Monthly Statistics

	01/01/20	01/02/20
Paying Passengers	220	250
Guards Sheet	320	329



Part of ongoing maintenance is regular sleeper replacement, 15 February 2020. Terry Olsson photographer.