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Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club 1 March 2020. Terry Olsson Photographer.

Running Days: Cancelled due to Covid-19

**Trackwork Saturdays: Restricted due to Covid-19,
participation to be advised as necessary**

Work Days: Every Saturday as required

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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General Meetings 2020 tba: ~~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

How the world has changed since the last DRB. COVID-19 has brought a lot of unprecedented changes to not only ANGRMS but the way we all go about our daily lives. As well as restricting the number of persons and activities on site, in line with the Queensland Health Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) requirement that persons over 70 should stay home we advised them not to visit the site. While restrictions have meant we cannot do a lot of things we want to do, please follow the requirements as your health is important and we want to see you again when it is all over – active and healthy. As well as our physical health, it is important we also look after our mental health. While you may not be able to physically meet with your friends and fellow members, you are not forgotten. E-mail or ring your fellow members, friends, family and even your neighbours. I have been keeping in touch with a lot of our more senior members.

While we suspended operations after the running day on 15 March, COVID-19 has actually meant additional work for some of us in addition to our normal work load. Railways are not something you can simply shut the door on and come back again in six months to pick up where you left off. Bills keep coming in, paperwork still needs to be done, etc. Some of the activities that have been happening recently include:

- Myself and Tony Weber prepared and submitted a COVID-19 Hardship grant to the Moreton Bay Regional Council to compensate us for some of the income lost during this time.

- Myself, Ryan Thomas (who did most of the work getting quotes), Greg Stephenson and Tony Weber have been preparing an application for a special COVID-19 Infrastructure grant.

- Taking part in a desktop Compliance Audit by the Rail Regulator.

- Ongoing monitoring and, as necessary, implementing the ever changing COVID-19 restrictions

- Essential site maintenance (restricted to necessary tasks with restricted numbers with social distancing, etc.)

- Paying the bills and generally keeping the society ticking along, including renewing our Volunteers insurance which is due during this time.

- Preparing and submitting ANGRMS annual report to the Charities and Non-Profits Commission (due during this time). This report took time and is necessary if we are going to keep our Charity and Non-Profit status, and hence our tax deductability

Undertaking the risk assessments and change management process to permit deferring reaccreditation and medicals which are due during this time (this also involved a Rail Regulator Fact Sheet from the Rail Regulator advising what is permitted/required, plus in the case of medicals, a temporary exemption under Section 114 of Rail Safety National Law being passed by Parliament and published in the Queensland Government Gazette).

Dave Caruzzo and myself have been busy working on the Annual Safety Performance Report which needs to go to the Board for approval prior to submitting to the Rail Regulator by 30 June (this is required under the Rail Safety National Law). This has involved a lot of pre-requisite work.

Prior to the introduction of major COVID-19 restrictions, our AGM was held on site on Saturday 21 March. There was a good attendance and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend.

The following were elected at the AGM:

Terry Olsson – President; Dave Caruzzo – Vice President and Safety Manager; Bob Gough - Vice President; Ian Thompson – Secretary; Geoff Howes – Treasurer; Steve Baker – Board Member; John Parnell – Board Member.

I would like to thank them all for putting their names forward to manage the society during the 2020/21 year.

As discussed at the AGM, one very significant activity only just completed, is the reprofiling of driving wheels from 3 of our locos (Goondi, Bundy and Perry), plus the replacement of axlebox bearings on one of Bundy's driving wheel axles, along with the replacement of a cracked tyre on one of the Perry driving wheels.

These wheels had worn to the point they needed work before return to service and if we had not been able to undertake this work it would have had a significant impact on ANGRMS.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank Laurie Erb and Ryan Thomas for their incredible determination, persistence, and efforts in not only getting this critical task done, but at a price we could afford.

This was by no means an easy task and it took up a huge amount of time. Because of Ryan's Uni commitments, Laurie did a lot of the "leg work". Eight companies were approached (with a fair amount of work just in talking with each of these companies) before one was found which could not only perform the work but could perform it at an affordable price.

Well done Laurie and Ryan.

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.

COVID-19: This pandemic has certainly had its impact on ANGRMS. In addition to suspending passenger train operations after the running day on 15 March, we have banned members of the public from going on site, and in line with the Qld Government requirement that persons over 70 should stay home, advised them not to visit site. Please observe the Qld Health Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines. If you are required to stay home please ensure you stay in touch with family, friends, etc. – always remember you are not alone.

ONRSR Audit: During March and April a desktop Compliance Audit on Operational Safety was conducted by ONRSR (the National Rail Regulator). No findings were found which required action by us. Due to COVID-19 this audit was conducted electronically, which was a new experience for us.

Training and Medicals: Some Operations staff are due for reaccreditation during the COVID-19 shutdown, and at least one medical is due during this time. Based on advice contained in ONRSR Fact Sheet “Operational Implications – COVID-19” (which contained advice on deferring reaccreditation plus medicals), plus pages 392 and 393 of Queensland Government Gazette No 76 dated 17 April 2020 (which contained the parliamentary approval) ,we have undertaken the necessary Risk Assessments and Change Management. This only covers extensions for existing staff up for reaccreditation/medicals.

Therefore, prior to recommencing public operations we will need to hold a training day for Operations staff. This will not only permit those who are due to be reaccredited, it will also allow a refresher for other members of the Operations team, as well as a Safety refocus due to the extended time since previous public operation.

Random Drug and Alcohol Testing: Due to COVID-19 concerns in March, and no operations in April, there was no Drug and Alcohol testing during this time.

Annual Rail Safety Performance Report: This annual report is required under the Act to be submitted by 30 June. Terry Olsson and myself commenced work on this. Before this report can be finalised, it requires a lot of prerequisite work including a review of our risks, setting KPIs and Risk

Priorities, etc. The new forms in the SMS assist with this (which also forms part of the Board's 12 Month Assurance cycle).

SMS: Remember the Safety Management System is there to provide the structure to make our railway safe for not only our passengers, but also our volunteers. Have a read of the SMS and take notes on your role in our Railway. Feedback is always welcome – you may have had an idea that no one else thought of!

I am so pleased to be part of ANGRMS.

Stay safe.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Track Materials

Around six years ago, I was involved in having two redundant QR level crossings at Whinstanes in Brisbane removed as part of a road reconstruction project. One of these had served the private siding for the BP Bulk Fuel Terminal. Most of track within the terminal has been abandoned and buried but a short section remained outside the fence. Whilst this terminal was built after the Second World War and used new rail, it appears that a derailment late in its life was repaired using 60lb/yd OS rail dating from the late 1800s. Whilst the rail is in poor condition, the fishplates and other connections were in good condition.

Because this type of rail is used on the Woodford Railway, contact was made with the terminal last year. Our appreciation is extended to Australian Terminal Operations Management for allowing us to reclaim around 15 sets of fishplates and other irreplaceable items.

Track Maintenance

Prior to ceasing passenger operations, the high priority defects identified in the Independent Track Inspection had been rectified. Currently only essential maintenance is being undertaken to ensure that there will be no incumbrance when we can resume passenger operations. This includes regular inspections and weed and vegetation control.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

How things have changed since the last DRB!! COVID-19 has brought unprecedented changes which have had a big impact on us.

After the running day on 15 March, in the interests of the health of our volunteers plus our passengers, the decision was made to voluntarily

suspend public running and public access to our site until after the COVID-19 pandemic was over. It was not long after this that the Federal Government introduced COVID-19 restrictions which would have forced us to suspend public operations.

At the time of writing this, it is still unknown when we will resume public operations but I don't expect this to be until October at the earliest. A number of members are due for reaccreditation during this time so even after restrictions are lifted we will require some time to ramp up including a training day/s. In addition to those needing reaccreditation, this will be a good refresher for all others plus an opportunity to refocus on safety after this period of closure. Once we know more about when restrictions are lifted we will arrange a suitable date/s for this training day.

Passenger numbers during March were well up on the same time last year. On the running day on 1 March, we had a visit from the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club.

Also, once we know when we will be reopening to the public, a new roster will need to be prepared for the remainder of the year.

Date Claimers

AMRA Show – Now 21 and 22 November 2020: This show which was due to be held on 2nd and 3rd May has been deferred and AMRA are now looking at 21st and 22nd November. It will still 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. Please earmark it in your diaries.

Toowoomba Hobby Show 6 and 7 June 2020 - Cancelled: Due to COVID 19 this show has been cancelled.

Pine Rivers Hobby and Model Railway Show – Now 12 and 13 December 2020: This show which was planned for 8 and 9 August has been postponed to 12 and 13 December.

Monthly Statistics

	March 2020	April 2020
Paying Passengers	365	Nil
Guards Sheet	515	Nil



BP Bulk Fuel Terminal site, Brisbane where fishplates, etc., were recovered early 2020. Greg Stephenson photographer, 17 June 2014.



Essential maintenance continued on the mainline at Woodford Station to replace the walkway between the workshop and the locomotive storage shed, 11 April 2020. Greg Stephenson photographer.