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Local councillor Tony Latter congratulating Ryan on the RTSA award (as best one can congratulate at present with no hand shaking...). Photo courtesy Tony Latter MBRC (Moreton Bay Regional Council).

Training/safety refocus day: Sunday 13 September
Running Days: Hopefully restarting Sunday 20 September
Trackwork Saturdays: Every Saturday in August
Work Days: Every Saturday as required, incl. 19 September

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

I would like to congratulate Ryan for winning runner up in this years RTSA (Railway Technical Society of Australia) Engineering Student Thesis Award for his work on fitting air brakes to our 90 year old diesel Goondi. When you consider he was up against all the big players in the Australian Railway world with their multi-million dollar projects in major workshops this is an incredible achievement! It is the first time a heritage railway has won anything in these awards. Well done Ryan!!

I would also like to thank Samantha for the work she has done in the Northgate building. This building has been a forgotten resource for many years and is now a display room which will help with our passengers experience.

COVID-19 has certainly had an impact on ANGRMS as well as the way we go about our daily lives. Track, rollingstock and our property need ongoing work, bills keep coming in etc. While we have had to restrict our numbers on site, we have still been very busy.

In addition to the normal paperwork and other day to day activities like track and rollingstock maintenance, some of the activities that have kept us very busy recently include:

Preparing and submitting our Annual Safety Performance Report to the Rail Regulator as required under rail accreditation. This has involved some prerequisite activities by the Board.

Samantha has been upgrading the Northgate building.

Greg, Matt, Ryan, myself and several other members have been putting together the new points for Peterson Rd.

Obtaining additional concrete sleepers which are required as part of installing the new points at Peterson Rd.

Laurie Erb, assisted by some other members, has been working on the railmotor trailer.

The Perry team have continued work on the Perry

Ryan has been scanning a lot of documents,

John Parnell has been working on a review of our Memorandum and Articles.

Obtaining quotes and preparing another grant application.

Tony Weber has started a review of our driver/drivers assistant training packages.



Northgate building at Woodford Stations being turned into a museum/display room, 30 June 2020. Samantha Smith photographer.

With no train income and greatly reduced sales income, I would like to thank Moreton Bay Regional Council who have provided financial support to help us through these tough times. I would also like to thank those who have made donations or contributed in other ways such as collecting cans and bottles we can cash in under the government's Containers for Cash scheme – every bit helps at present.

COVID-19 is an unprecedented event and the rapidly and constantly changing requirements have made it very very difficult to do any forward planning. As well as the need to plan all of the things associated with a restart, we have also had to forward plan other things like installing the two new sets of points at Peterson Road. These points not only take time to

construct (and we have only recently been able to reopen the site to all members), but they require considerable time to install (during which time access to the Peterson Road platform will not be available for about a month). The small size of our carriages also means we need changes to social distancing before we can viably restart public trains (4 square metres per person just does not work for us).

For better or worse as they say, a decision has been made to target the third Sunday in September to recommence public train operation. This involves a lot of “crystal ball gazing” and obviously we still need to see how things progress over next couple of months.

Date Claimer: 13 and 19 September

As noted in my Operations report, all Operations Staff are required to attend a training/safety refocus day on Sunday 13 September (we picked this day because the previous Sunday is Father's Day). We also need as many members as possible to help on Saturday 19 September in order to prepare the site (clean/sanitise station Woodford Station, clean and weed Peterson Road station, clean carriages/loco, and mow/tidy grounds. If there is enough interest we could arrange a work day during the previous week.

Date Claimer: Every Saturday in August

As noted above, we are looking to install two sets of points at Peterson Road. This involves a lot of work so we need as many members as possible to come along every Saturday in August. If this job is not finished we won't be reopening in September!.

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 Master's Office at Woodford Station. Any suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

COVID-19: This pandemic has certainly had its impacts on ANGRMS. It is important that in line with current requirements, you maintain your social distancing and regularly wash your hands. If you are feeling unwell please stay home. If you are required to stay home please ensure you stay in touch with family, friends, etc. – remember you are not alone.

ONRSR Annual Safety Performance Report: At the March and June Board Meetings, the Board undertook our required annual Assurance Cycle activities, an important part of preparing our annual Rail Safety Performance Report submitted by 30 June each year.

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. While these have been deferred due to COVID-19, those involved are reminded these need to be undertaken before you can take part in public train operations when we recommence operations.

As advised in the previous DRB, prior to recommencing public operations we will need to hold a training day for Operations staff. This is not only for those who are due to be reaccredited; it will also be a refresher for other members of the Operations team and as a Safety refocus due to the extended time since previous public operation. The Rail Regulator issued a Fact Sheet on 4 June which provides guidelines for tourist and heritage operators prior to recommencing operations.

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

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. Operations staff are requested to have a read as a refresher prior to the training day on 13 September prior to recommencing public train operations.

ANGRMS KPIs: One of the Board's activities required as part of our accreditation is to review and set ANGRMS Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for each year'. The KPIs for the next year are:

- Scheduled Track and Rollingstock Inspections to be carried out as specified in the SMS

- Carry out scheduled internal audits

- All rostered operations staff are competent to undertake their duties as Rail Safety Workers.

Remember to stay safe.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

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.

However, the opportunity has been taken to replace 6 timbers in the passing loop points at Margaret Street with steel sleepers. Whilst Ralph Cumner was on-site with his backhoe to fill the ballast wagon, some panels of track were loaded and transferred for replacement of a storage siding near the Workshop. This work will be scheduled when time permits. An area for improvement identified in previous Independent Track Inspections was the relocation of pieces of rail that were stored close to the mainline near the entry to Freeman's Cutting. These were lifted by Ralph in his backhoe and placed in the adjacent rail storage area.

Peterson Road

The track work for the future Peterson Road Station and connection to the level crossing for the future extension has been mothballed since 2015 whilst the track work for the locomotive running shed was completed. The installation of two sets of points is a significant project which requires removal of approximately 30 metres of the existing mainline. The first set will be for the passing loop and the second set will be for the new mainline – the existing mainline through the platform will be retained to give access to the rail stockpile.

The original planning was that these points would be built in place at Peterson Road. With limited people on site and the majority of restoration projects on hold, it was decided to fabricate the two sets of points at Margaret Street and, once completed, transport them to Peterson Road for installation. This has the advantage that there is ready access to the necessary components, tools, power, workshop facilities and volunteer's amenities.

The points are being fabricated on flat wagons and the first step was to locate and position long heavy timbers along the outer edges of the wagon. These support the steel sleepers which are placed into their approximate positions before the steel rails are placed. After the rails are positioned and final adjustments made to the location of the sleepers, brackets for the Pandrol "e" clips are welded onto the sleepers and boltholes drilled for the switch blade plates. The long sleepers and the point throws are fitted and checked for correct operation before being removed for transport. They will be reinstalled once the completed points are in position in the track.

The first set of points is ready for transport and fabrication has commenced on the second set. Planning is now underway so that when both sets are complete, they can be transported and installed into the existing mainline at Peterson Road.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

As noted in my Presidents report, with the constantly changing restrictions due to COVID-19 we have had to make a call on a resumption of public train operations. Obviously if things change between now and then, we may need to postpone.

At the time of writing, we are looking at a training/safety refocus day for all operations staff on Sunday 13 September (avoiding the previous Sunday due to it being Father's Day. We are also looking at Saturday 19 September to clean/sanitise the station/carriages/Netherdale, restock the fridge, mow and clean up the grounds and Peterson Road station, etc. Please let me know if you have any issues with these days. The training day is compulsory for all operations staff before they can take part in public train operations again.

We also need lots of help on the cleaning day – do not leave this to those who have already put in their fair share doing other work during this time. There is a lot of work to do so we need lots of help. I will email everyone with updates as these become available.

We will also need a roster for the remainder of the year so can you please let Neil know your availability (or non availability).

The Pine Rivers Hobby and Model Railway show which was originally scheduled for August then deferred to 12th/13th December, has now been cancelled all together for this year.

Date Claimers

Operations Training/Safety Refocus Day: Sunday 13 September: All Operations Staff are required to attend.

Operations Staff Station and Site Preperation for reopening: Saturday 19 September: We need as many members as possible to help in order to prepare the site (clean/sanitise station Woodford Station, clean and weed Peterson Road station, clean carriages/loco, and mow/tidy grounds. If there is enough interest we could arrange a work day during the previous week.

AMRA Show – Now 21 and 22 November 2020: This show which was due to be held in May has been deferred but will still be held in the “Exhibition Building”, 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 mark it in your diaries.

Help Wanted: Lights for RM Coach

There is progress with refurbishment of the rail motor coach PL111. Laurie Erb is looking for the interior light fittings from rail motor coaches to reinstall.

Does anyone know if there were any interior light fittings in the rail motor coaches when ANGRMS acquired them some 50 years ago?

Does any member have any rail motor coach interior lights stored in the back of their garage or under their house for safe keeping? If so, please return them now so we can use them.

Does anyone know where they might be? (There are none at Woodford!)



Railmotor light. Laurie Erb photographer.

Please contact the President, Terry Olsson, if you have any information.





Steel sleepers set up on a flat wagon ready for rails for the first set of points to be placed, 16 May 2020. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Fabrication of the points commences with locating and fixing the "frog", check rail and the straight stock rail, 29 May 2020. Greg Stephenson photographer.



The switch blades and curved stock rail are the next items fitted, 29 May 2020. Greg Stephenson photographer.



Fabrication is underway on the second set of points, 27 June 2020. The long sleepers in the foreground for the point throw will be fitted and correct operation tested before being removed for transport and reinstalled once the points are in place at Peterson Road. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Looking Back

Seven years since our trip to Ingham to collect concrete sleepers from Victoria Mill. Ryan Thomas photographer July 2013.

