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Special work day to clean up the old timber pile at the workshop end of the station, 3 October 2020. Terry Olsson photographer.

Trackwork Saturdays: Every Saturday
Work Days: Every Saturday as required
Work Day & Christmas BBQ: Saturday 5 December

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

COVID-19 continues to be unpredictable and to impact on ANGRMS as well as on the way we go about our daily lives. Even though we are not open to the public, there is still a huge amount of work happening on site so please remember your social distancing where practical, and remember to regularly sanitise your hands.

The great news is we now have a COVID plan to work to – thank you Roland and John for your help with this. Now we have a lot of work to do obtaining and installing signs including separating entry and exit, obtaining and installing sanitising stations, inspecting rollingstock, etc. The more help we get the quicker we can restart.

I would like to thank all of those members who showed up on 3 October to clean up the old woodpile at the workshop end of the platform. Many hands certainly helped and we made more progress than I expected. We still have some final cleaning up work to do and I will still need assistance cutting up and stacking the old sleepers.

We received some very great news early October when Queensland Rail donated a surplus air compressor plus some hand tampers. As advised last edition of DRB, our 62 year old ex-Moretton Mill air compressor finally died and was not viable to fix. The donation of the air compressor and tampers will be of invaluable help and allow us to finish off the work at Peterson Road without the need to hire an air compressor every weekend.

Queensland Rail will also be donating some signage to explain the history of our turntable. While they cannot help us with things like rollingstock, hire of steam locos, etc., which other groups receive, it is great they can still help us in this way. A BIG thank you to Queensland Rail for your help and support.

I would like to thank Greg and Ryan, along with all of those others who helped with the huge task at Peterson Road, building and installing two sets of points. One positive out of COVID was it allowed us to undertake this massive task without any impact on passenger trains.

I would like to thank John Parnell for his ongoing work updating our Constitution. This has now reached the point where it has been sent to Board members to review before being sent out to the members. The plan is to vote on this at the next AGM in March.

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 impact on ANGRMS. It is important that in line with current requirements, you maintain your social distancing and regularly sanitise 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.

Training: Our railway is of low risk but we must maintain a good standard of Safety and Training not only for the travelling public enjoying what we have worked for, but also for those that work and continue to put many hours of their own time into running ANGRMS.

Since we have had no public running days since March, ANGRMS will need to conduct a training day for all operations Rail Safety Workers prior to restarting public operations. This training will include, but not be limited to, operational procedures, radio communications, and emergency action. Please take the time to refresh yourself with the new Safety Management System (SMS), as this document is a recent issue with some updated controls.

The COVID-19 Management Plan meeting held on site on 13 September had a good turn out by membership. At that time it was agreed that all cab/foot plate rides be suspended until social distancing rule are relaxed.

Environment: With the weather warming up coming into the summer, snakes and spiders, etc., are on the move. This is even more since ANGRMS has been running fewer trains (apart from the tireless work done by Maintenance and track crew), which means some areas are seeing less human activity. Remember not to pick up items with your hands unless you check under them first.

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

Thanks to all at ANGRMS for working to provide a safe and enjoyable railway to be part of.

Have a good Christmas Break and remember to stay safe.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Mainline Maintenance

Despite not running public passenger services, some regular activities are still required on the track. The full length of the mainline has been sprayed for weed control and regular inspections continue. A developing cluster of 3 defective timber sleepers around Ch 200 has been replaced with Isis Sugar Mill concrete sleepers. With our annual independent track inspection due in January 2021, further sleeper replacements will be prioritised along with the Peterson Road works.

Peterson Road

The points are built to our mainline standard of 60lb/yd rail with the passing loop being built with 42lb/yd rail. In the material reclaimed from Ingham in 2013 there was a pair of full length 60lb/yd rails with 42lb/yd fabricated transition sections on one end. When Ralph Cumner was on-site to load more ballast he loaded these rails onto bolster wagons for transport to Peterson Road. These rails have now been cut to length, fishplates installed and been bolted to the steel sleepers to connect the new points to the future passing loop.

Additional ballast has been runout through the area. The next step is to jack the rails to the correct levels to allow the ballast to be compacted to support and hold the sleepers in their final position. As highlighted in the previous edition of DRB, the failure of the ex-Nambour Sugar Mill rail mounted compressor has severely limited progress on this project. A replacement compressor (QR donation) is now available and packing of the ballast can now recommence.

Completion of this work is one of the prerequisites for the recommencement of passenger operations. Whilst good progress has been made, there is still many days of work required to complete the ballasting and generally tidy up the area before the main line can be re-opened. Track work parties will continue on all Saturdays until this is complete.

Once that work is completed, we can return to work on the new mainline and passing loop for the future Peterson Road station.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Brian Webber represented ANGRMS at the recent AMRA open day at their Zillmere clubrooms. Thank you to Brian, as well as those who look after our Facebook and website, as it is important we continue to let people know we are still active and looking forward to seeing them when we reopen.

As noted in my Presidents report, we now have a COVID plan. As discussed at the meeting on 13 September we need your help to put the plan in place before we can restart.

At least for the foreseeable future, we cannot operate as we have done previously and some changes need to be made to meet COVID requirements/expectations. One of these, at least initially, will be we can no longer let passengers randomly get on and off at Peterson Road for coffee, etc.

After discussions with the new managers at Woodford Gardens, it has been agreed that when we reopen we will only allow passengers who prebook a lunch train to travel to and from Peterson Road – once this train is booked that will be it for that running day. Passengers on other trains that day will, if they drive around to Woodford Gardens and present their ticket, be given a discount on a tea or coffee (Woodford Gardens are still to advise exact details of any discounts).

Shows

May 2021: The AMRA show which was previously advised as possibly being in November 2020 is now tentatively scheduled for May next year but this is still to be confirmed.

COVID Reopening Preparation & Christmas Party

Apologies to all but with the crazy year it has been, Christmas has snuck up on me. COVID has meant a lot of changes in our world but I still think it is important that we get to spend some time with friends and fellow members. I also think it is important to show that you are valued and ANGRMS appreciates your help. COVID and the near impossible task of predicting the future means a simpler affair this year.

We will be holding our annual Christmas BBQ on site at Woodford Saturday 5 December 2020 commencing at 4pm. Hopefully by this time in the afternoon it will have cooled off and the timing will still allow those members who wish to do so to get home before dark.

Prior to the BBQ we will be holding a COVID reopening preparation day from 9am. Subject to how we go during next month and the resulting decision on when we restart passenger operations, this day will involve some preparing of the station (cleaning, signs, social distancing crosses on platform, etc., etc.). At this stage the plan is to also have our restart and safety refocus training for operations staff and other interested members this day. I will confirm exact details times later by email but please bookmark this day. We need your help.

ANGRMS will supply basic BBQ items like sausages, etc., but BYO drinks.

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The air compressor donated by Queensland Rail, 17 October 2020. Terry Olsson photographer.



Track work on the Peterson Road end, 2 October 2020. Terry Olsson photographer.