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Points and rails ex-Clapham Yard, Yeerongpilly, stacked at Woodford, 19 June 2021. Terry Olsson photographer.

Running Days: 1st and 3rd Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: Saturday before the
second running day of the month**

**Work Days: Every Saturday as required
Volunteers Needed, contact President!**

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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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.

Safety is a very important part of our operation and ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.

Communication is an essential part of safety. As well as taking the time to let others know what you are doing before and while undertaking a task, your 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.

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

ANGRMS 50th Anniversary – 2022: The Board is looking for ideas to help celebrate this significant milestone so please put your thinking caps on and let myself or one of the Board members know if you have any suggestions. Thank you to those who have already submitted ideas. Any offers to help organise this event/s would also be appreciated as a lot of us are already fully committed with the day to day tasks of keeping a railway running.

General: As well as a shortage of Operations staff, we are also desperately short of volunteers to help with all of the other tasks involved in a railway. While some tasks involve particular skills, the majority do not! Running a railway involves a whole range of tasks, from helping maintain the track and rollingstock, to maintaining the grounds and buildings, mowing grass, painting, looking after the upgraded gardens which we now have on site (something for those with other interests!!), helping with marketing, paperwork, etc.

There is a job suitable for you so please come along and help out, even if it is only once a month or every two months. With the work at Clapham, as well as the AMRA and Toowoomba shows, now out of the way, we are back to normal workdays every Saturday.

We have received a few requests for weddings of late, with the first one likely early 2022. Our carriages could use a "spruce up", as well as assistance with the RM trailer.

Due to the flow-on effect of delays caused by the rain earlier in the year start of work on the workshop annex now looks like sometime in August. Please remember when work does start that area will be the shed company's construction site.

In the mean time work has continued on preparing the site by removing the old concrete slab where the BLC wagon body sat, as well as cutting up and scrapping the BLC body.

Obtaining suitable rail and sets of points within a reasonable distance from our railway is becoming an increasingly difficult task so we are very grateful to the Cross River Rail Authority who recently donated a set of 63lb points and some associated lengths of rail from Clapham Yard, Yeerongpilly. A couple of days were spent preparing and loading these for transport to Woodford. I would like to thank the Cross River Rail Authority for the donation and their support of community groups like ours. I would also like to thank Ken McHugh who arranged access to the site, Greg Adams for use of

his crane truck, and Greg Stephenson, who along with myself were also there to help.

I would like to thank John Parnell for his ongoing work on the Constitution, as well as working on moving us into the 21st century by setting up electronic banking.

Ensuring our passengers enjoy their experience when visiting our railway also involves giving them something to look at while waiting. Making our visitors aware of the history of buildings on our site is an important museum activity so I would like to thank Sam Smith for putting together a diorama of our Woodford Station site showing our buildings. A list of our buildings and brief history has now been put on the wall behind this diorama in the Northgate building. Thank you to Greg Stephenson who made some model locos and rollingstock to put on the diorama. This Diorama is proving popular with our passengers waiting to access the platform.

As some of you may have read in the local media, the Moreton Bay Regional Council are investigating a rail trail from Wamuran through to Woodford. This is still very much in the early stages and we will be in ongoing discussions with the council to ensure our existing operation, as well as our plans to extend through to D'Aguilar, are not impacted. There could be a lot of advantages to ANGRMS.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

COVID-19: 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 and isolate at home, please ensure you stay in touch with family, friends, etc. – remember you are not alone.

Training: Theory and Practical reaccreditation assessments were recently conducted for R Paroz (Guard) of the Operations Team. Well done Roland.

Thank you to Shane Yore, who is undertaking a Cert IV Trainer course. This will not only help Shane but be a big help to ANGRMS. As part of this, his assignments often involve mock exercises using Zoom. Thank you to those who have already helped, and if you are interested in helping Shane by taking part in the future please let one of the Board members know.

Safety Generally: Random Breath Tests were conducted with no adverse findings.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Additional Track Materials

Recently, we became aware of an isolated set of 3' 6" gauge points at Clapham Yard, Yeerongpilly, in a location not connected to any other track work. Further investigation showed they were in good condition with a 1 in 7 frog, made from 63lb/yd rail rolled in 1971 and compatible with our main line standards. These points are now very hard to find in the South East Queensland area.

Whilst we don't have an immediate need for another set of points when we extend beyond Peterson Road we will require additional point work at Chambers Road.

Clapham Yard is being redeveloped as part of the Cross River Rail project and we negotiated with their Contractors "Unity Alliance" to obtain these points. These negotiations were helped by ANGRMS being an accredited railway operator well versed in workplace health and safety procedures. Being an active construction site, special access arrangements were made with Unity Alliance and a small party prepared the points for transport on Saturdays 15 May and 13 June 2021.

The donation of these materials was featured on the Cross River Rail Facebook page (see above).

Nearmap is a digital content technology company that offers a range of services including access to high resolution aerial imagery. They publish fresh imagery of their coverage areas online multiple times each year. Coincidentally, their imagery for Yeerongpilly was updated on 15 May 2021 at the same time that our work party was preparing the points for transport. Since they maintain an imagery archive, this work party has been recorded for posterity!





Nearmap imagery showing ANGRMS work party (outlined area above) removing the points at Clapham Yard, Yeerongpilly, 15 May 2021.

Mainline Maintenance

With the additional stocks of main line sleepers obtained from Isis Central Sugar Mill, a start has been made on their installation where sleeper renewals were identified in the Independent Track Inspection. We are concentrating on those areas with poor condition sleepers marked close to each other. Recently, two sleepers marked for replacement were either side a sleeper in fair condition so the 3 sleepers were replaced in concrete at the same time to remove the need to return to the same location for many years. 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

A severe shortage of train crew continue to be a problem. The new training packages mentioned in the last edition are progressing well so if you are interested in becoming part of the operations crew, please let me know.

In addition to train crew, we also need other helpers to assist with the additional tasks resulting from COVID requirements. We also need help for a

couple of hours on the Saturday afternoon prior to a running day setting up the gazebos, etc., so any help then would be appreciated.

Other than groups by special arrangement, we are still not letting passengers off at Peterson Road since COVID precautions limit when they can reboard. In busy times, due to the Covid-restricted train capacity we also need to turn our trips around in less time than pre-COVID. If you have any ideas in this regard, please let me know.

Passenger numbers have continued to be good despite having to limit marketing due to weather or limited train crew availability.

The AMRA show in early May was very successful sales-wise and we made some significant sales on both days. Our sales income was up an incredible 40% on 2019!

The Toowoomba show was also successful sales-wise, although it was more like pre-Covid times with very few sales on the Sunday. Despite this, our sales income was up just under 50% on 2019!

I would like to thank all involved as there is a lot of work involved in preparing for these shows as well as during the actual shows. In addition to the sales income, both of these shows were a great way of promoting our railway and its heritage train rides.

The drink fridge in our sales room failed completely in May. Thankfully John Parnell had already done some ground work and at very short notice John and Ryan submitted a successful application for funding by our Div 12 Moreton Bay Regional Council councillor, Tony Latter. Thank you Tony! This fridge has now been ordered with delivery expected around late July.

Date Claimers

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 August 2021: The Pine Rivers Model Trains and Hobby Expo will be held at the Community Centre, Strathpine, on this weekend. Due to the costs involved, plus the clash with a running day on the Sunday, we will be displaying a model train layout and giving out brochures this year.

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 August 2021: After being cancelled last year due COVID, the Antique Machinery Restoration Society are holding their Heritage Fair at the Woodford Show Grounds. As well as being "in our backyard" so to speak, this show is worth attending as it is a gathering of those interested in collecting, restoring, and operating all sorts of old and interesting machinery. Helpers are needed to hand out brochures so let me know if you can help.

New Sales Items

Railway Hotels of Australia – Vol 3 – Queensland by Scott Whitaker:

This is an excellent publication covering that classic building in every railway town – the Railway Hotel! This book is not just aimed at those interested in railways, but at a broader range of interests. Cost: \$45.00 plus postage.

The Isis Branch – Railway Signalling & Safeworking History – Ordinary Staff and Ticket by Frank Tybislawski, reprinted with several updates. Don't be put off by the title if you are not interested in signalling specifically, as a large amount of the book is dedicated to the history of the now closed Isis Branch which ran through Childers. Some of the Isis Sugar Mill lines now run on the old formation. Price: \$25.00 plus postage.

Monthly Statistics

	May 2021	June 2021
Paying Passengers	255	232
Guards Sheet	315	299



Bob Gough (left) and Mick Ewer after the machining of the sealing surface of the Perry's steam dome, the lathe in the workshop making this an easy job. May 2021, Mark Gough photographer.