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ANGRMS' Christmas Get Together at Woodford, 11 December 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

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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General Meetings: 2022: 18 Feb, 17 Jun, 19 Aug, 21 Oct and 16 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.

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 and suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. COVID continued to impact us during 2021 with 7 running days cancelled due to either lockdowns or increased social distancing restrictions which made it unviable to run. While lockdowns are part of "COVID life" the additional social distancing restrictions stopping us running when other places are open has not helped our public image and it will take time to build this up again.

During 2021 we carried a total of 2376 passengers compared to 4558 in 2019 (I am ignoring 2020 due shut down most of year). If you look at this on an average per running day basis, this represents 140 per running day during 2021 compared to 182 per running day in 2019.

Generally shows were back to normal during 2021 with only the Strathpine and Antique Machinery Shows cancelled. Sales income from these shows was up approx 30% on 2019 which was great news.

On 17 December the COVID rules changed to focus on "essential" and "non-essential" activities with non-essential activities moved to double vaccinated only. This meant that from and including the last running day in December, ANGRMS is now a double vaccinated site only – for both passengers and volunteers. The big plus for us is we are now dropping off, and picking up, passengers from the Peterson Road platform for Woodford Gardens café!!

With reduced income, and the ongoing unpredictability of COVID, during 2021 effort was put into reducing our costs. Thank you to John Parnell for researching and arranging to change our credit card machine provider. This has resulted in a nearly 75% reduction in fees.

During the year I spent considerable time providing information and data to ATHRA who were working on a group Public Liability Insurance policy. Our existing insurer had raised our premium 25% for each of the last two years and quoted another 25% price rise for 2020/2021 – despite our risk being significantly reduced in recent years due to the extensive amount of time we were closed to the general public. The prices being quoted were rapidly approaching being unviable to continue public operations, particularly when we looked ahead at additional increases once we return to steam operation plus cross Peterson Road (due to the increase risk). A very big thank you goes to former ANGRMS member Paul Rollason and ATHRA for negotiating the group scheme. It has resulted in a significant cost saving with no reduction in the level of cover.

During the year we made over \$1500 by collecting cans and bottles. I would like to thank John Parnell who took them to the collection centre, plus all of those members who collected them and dropped them off at our railway. Thanks also to Woodford Gardens café who donated their cans and bottles to us.

Thanks to the members of the Operations team who helped set up and pull down the second hand book gazebo on public running days. This has brought in over \$600 of much needed income during the year,

There were also some significant donations made during the year which allowed the various projects like overhaul of Gemco, continued work on the RM trailer and Perry, plus the continued replacement of timber sleepers with concrete. A big thank you to everyone of you.

Work on the Workshop annex has been further delayed for various reasons, with work now expected to start in mid January.

Work has now commenced on the development of Norm's old block, which will unfortunately have a negative impact on the ambiance of our railway. Please remember it is a worksite so entry is not permitted.

50th Anniversary: Following on from suggestions by several members, and obviously subject to COVID, etc., we've decided to hold a gala weekend on the first weekend in October (the long weekend) to mark ANGRMS 50th Anniversary. As part of this we are planning some new exhibits as well as changes to existing exhibits in public areas of our site, plus the restoration/overhaul of several items of rollingstock to be displayed/used on the day. Therefore, as well as extra help on that weekend, we will need lots of help during all of 2022 to undertake all of the work required.

And finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Get Together on Saturday 11 Dec. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a big thank you to Moya and Elsie for the great food, and Ken McHugh for giving a talk on Cross River Rail.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

COVID-19

On 17 December we moved to require persons on site to be double vaccinated if 16 years of age or over (or have a medical exemption certificate). At that time density limits were lifted but where possible you should still maintain social distancing and continue to regularly sanitise your hands.

ANGRMS also now needs to record the sighting of vaccination certificates for volunteers the first time you come on site after that date (ie it is once off only). This will be co-ordinated by myself and the President, Terry Olsson, with others delegated to assist where required such as when we are not on site. No personal details are recorded, just the volunteer's name, date sighted and name of person who sighted it.

As before, 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/Toolbox

R Thomas has been passed as Fireman (diesel) – congratulations Ryan.

New hand held radios are now on site and a base station radio has been fitted to Gemco (other locos will follow over time). A big thank you to Ryan and Roland.

New members Chris Parr and Paul Elliott have been given their site inductions, as well as renewing those for R Thomas, I Thomson and J Parnell which were due.

Developments of Norm's Cutting Area

Work has now commenced on this development. Unfortunately it will mean we lose the trees on that side of the line up through Norm's cutting but the positive is drainage will be improved along that side of the line. Please do not enter the construction site, train crews need to take extra care during this time, particularly on the test train.

ANGRMS has met with the developer and provided a site induction. Except on weekends, no train should travel on the mainline without contacting Greg Stephenson, who is our liason with the developer. Except in an emergency, we have agreed to give the developer a minimum 2 working days notice.

Reminder (SMS) 5.7.1 Alcohol and Drug Policy

Basic Requirements

- ANGRMS rail safety workers must always be in a fit state to carry out their duties when undertaking rail safety work. They must not possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol or other impairing substances while on duty.
- ANGRMS has a 'zero tolerance' to illegal drugs and alcohol while on duty and a zero blood alcohol limit applies. You also must not be under the influence of illegal drugs or have them in your blood stream
- ANGRMS will carry out random screening for alcohol, while the Rail Regulator also carries out random testing. Testing may also be carried out on reasonable suspicion or following an accident or incident.

- All ANGRMS rail safety workers and other workers are encouraged to test themselves for the presence of alcohol (particularly if there is a possibility there may be alcohol in their system) prior to signing in for duty if you are in doubt.

General

Thanks heaps to all for participating in ANGRMS' rail safety programs during 2021.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Mainline Maintenance

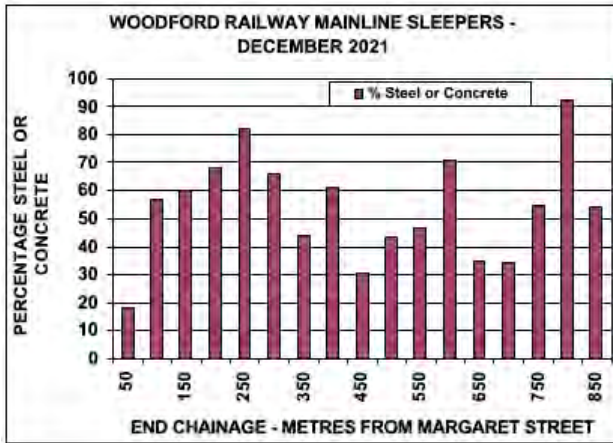
Sleeper renewals have been concentrated in the start of Freeman's Cutting between approximately Ch 300 and Ch 400. There were 3 locations with one individual defective sleeper identified in the last Independent Track Inspection. Whilst 3 sleepers were marked, the adjoining sleepers were only in fair condition so we replaced 13 sleepers in the 3 locations. Replacing with concrete sleepers at the same time allowed some irregular sleeper spacings to be corrected and will remove the need to return to the same location for many years.

The next Independent Track Inspection is scheduled for January 2022 so removing leaf litter from the track to expose the sleepers prior to this inspection will need to be undertaken. This is achieved by a combination of raking and blowing with the compressed air lance.

There is always a need to be undertaking 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.

Mainline Sleeper Replacement Strategy

We have been working towards replacing the timber sleepers in the mainline with either steel or concrete. With the completion of the works at Peterson Road in 2020, in 2021 we have been concentrating on sleeper renewals in the mainline. With 97 replacements having been undertaken during 2021, it was an opportune time to review our overall progress. To date 54.1% of mainline sleepers and points bearers are either steel or concrete with 10 of the 50 metre sections having over 50% steel or concrete sleepers. As this strategy continues, it should progressively reduce our long term requirements for sleeper renewals. However, this is still some years away but good progress is being made as shown in the figure below.



Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

After nearly two years, it was great to be able to let passengers off again at Peterson Road platform on the running day on 19 December. This was because from 17 December, as required by the latest Qld Government Health Directive, passengers are now required to be double vaccinated to ride our train. The big plus for us is that as part of this density limits were removed. Thus we no longer had to allocate seating and could again drop off and pick up passengers for the café at our Peterson end of our line. As with everything COVID we will continue to monitor requirements.

While passenger numbers were down in December, looking back over previous years figures it is normal to get a drop off at this time of year.

Hopefully 2022 will be a good one for us and over time we will start to rebuild our passenger numbers.

A shortage of operations staff continues to be an issue so if you would like to help with this society activity please let myself or one of the other Board members know.

Monthly Statistics

	November 2021	December 2021
Paying Passengers	207	55
Guards Sheet	245	77

Date Claimers

Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May 2022: The annual AMRA model railway show will be held in the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds on this

weekend. This is our major show for the year so please reserve it in your diary. We will also be setting up on the Friday.



Gemco's first post-overhaul passenger run, Christmas Get Together, 11 December 2021. Terry Olsson photographer.



The line up of locos which were taken to the Café on the night of Friday 10 December with lights attached for the night event. Mark Gough photographer.

Perry Overhaul: A major milestone was achieved on Sunday 12 December with the Perry undergoing a hydrostatic test to 200 psi. This pressure was held for one hour to ensure there were no issues and the boiler will be fit for purpose. Mark would like to thank all involved to get to this point in the project.