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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,  
trading as the Woodford Railway, is located  
25 km west of Caboolture in Woodford, Queensland*

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WWI re-enactors visit The Woodford Railway, 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**

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**Our Safety Goal — No Injuries**

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**General Meetings: 2022:** 18 Feb, 17 Jun, 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 any suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

## President's Report

*Terry Olsson, President*

The impacts resulting from COVID, plus a number of members away for work purposes, etc., means we are short of helpers on site for both public running days and work days. Even if you can only attend once a month or once every couple of months it would still be a big help.

Happily I can report that work has now finally started on erecting the workshop annex. This is expected to take a few weeks but once completed will allow us to reorganise the workshop as well as relocate/add much needed machinery. It is very important we set ourselves up to be able to do as much as we can in-house as apart from ever increasing costs, there are getting to be fewer and fewer external companies who can do the sort of specialist work we need.

By the time you read this the fourth and final track training group for this year will have been on site. In general terms the training groups this year have increased the concrete/steel sleepers in our track by about 20% and put us years ahead in our planned track maintenance. Please see Greg's report for more details.

Sadly I need to report the passing of long time member Russell Anderson after several years of poor health, and Moya Anderson's sister. Our hearts go out to those involved.

Members are reminded we will now be holding an anniversary lunch at the Woodford Golf Club on Saturday 24 September, plus an open day on site on Sunday 2 October. All current members are asked to reserve these dates in your diaries. Formal invitations to the lunch will be sent out around early August so please let us know (if you have not already done so) if you have changed address. I would like to thank Laurie and his wife Carolyn who have taken on the role of organising these events.

Council are currently undertaking initial planning for a rail trail in our area and this is taking up a lot of our time. There will be some plusses and some minuses for us and it is important to get the balance right.

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## Remember — Safety First

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### Safety and Training Report

*Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager*

#### **Suspension of Parts of Emergency Access Map – Section 15.6 of SMS**

With the development of Norm's old block into a housing estate, effective immediately Access Points 5, 6 and 7 along with Helicopter pad H2 should be considered as no longer available.

All operations staff and others who have been issued with a copy of the ANGRMS

SMS please note. A Train Notice will also be issued.

**RBT** (ANGRMS has a zero tolerance on alcohol and non-prescription drug use)  
No adverse results were recorded on RBT testing on 19 June 2022.

### **Medical booklets**

For those who participate in activities on site at Woodford, medical booklets are available as an entirely voluntary way of having your important medical and other information on site in case of an incident. These booklets are kept in a locked box and are confidential. Information will only be provided to emergency services if needed, and if you chose to do so, can also be used as a useful way of having any medicine, etc., you are on pre-recorded if you are a rail safety worker and subject to ONRSR (Office of National Rail Safety Regulator) random drug and alcohol testing.

If you have previously provided a medical booklet, please contact Terry Olsson or myself and check it is up to date. If you have not previously provided one (and wish to do so) please contact Terry Olsson or myself. This a voluntary request.

**Workshop Annex and Norm's Cutting Construction** (Track distance maker 250m-600m)

With work currently taking place on both these infrastructure projects, it is important to be on the lookout for any hazards that may pose an increased risk to safety. If you see or think a hazard exists, record it on a suggestion form in the SM's Office or e-mail to myself or Terry Olsson ( e-mail addresses are in front of this DRB).

### **Safety Matters at Last Board Meeting**

At the last Board meeting, the Annual Safety Performance Report to ONRSR was approved by the Board, along with some Assurance reports and Internal Audits.

### **ANGRMS Rail Safety Policy**

At the last Board meeting, the ANGRMS Rail Safety Policy was reviewed. This policy was found to still be applicable and is as follows:

*It is the policy of The Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society to conduct our business in a manner that includes proper consideration of personal injury, property damage, train operation safety, workplace health and hygiene and to comply with relevant legislation whilst continually improving the way ANGRMS works.*

*THE SOCIETY recognises its obligations, taking into account commercial realities:*

- *to the safety and well-being of all people who may be affected by its activities,*
- *to provide suitable safety equipment,*
- *to promote safe working practices amongst rail safety workers,*
- *to maintain property, equipment and the environment in safe and healthy operating conditions,*
- *to provide appropriate training and supervision in safe working methods,*

- *to reduce all safety risks so far as is reasonably practical.*

*THE RAIL SAFETY WORKERS and other workers have a duty:*

- *to themselves, their fellow workers and the community to work safely,*
- *to report any unsafe acts and conditions which they cannot eliminate themselves,*
- *to co-operate in the implementation of this policy,*
- *to contribute to their own safety and the safety of others.*

## Track Matters

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

### **Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course**

The training is provided under the “Tracking For Queensland” program and funded under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. This project is run by Movement TwentyTwo Inc with the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training delivering the rail specific training.

Following experience with the first group of Students undertaking the Certificate II – Rail Infrastructure, we were better prepared for the later groups of trainees. Rather than the small clusters of sleepers we were used to doing, it was apparent that they were more productive working on a face and replacing all timber sleepers in a section.

The second group of trainees undertook their practical experience from 20-29 April 2022 with some days lost due to wet weather. For their exercise of changing rails and maintaining fish plates, they removed four panels of track (about 36metres in length) in front of the platform at Woodford Station. All existing timber sleepers were replaced with ex-Ingham concrete sleepers followed by placing and packing new ballast. They also re-sleepered a 50metre section in Freeman’s Cutting adjoining the section undertaken by the first group of trainees. Good progress was made despite period of wet weather.

The third group of 15 trainees were on-site from 24 May-2 June 2022. Whilst the weather was kinder, wet ground conditions made work more difficult. This group started with sleeper renewals in Freeman’s cutting on a 50metre section connecting to the work of the two previous groups. Following replacement of all timber sleepers, the section was re-ballasted, levelled and packed. Their rail change-out and fish plate maintenance exercise included replacement of all timber sleepers in a 9metre panel of track in the passing loop at Woodford Station. They also replaced remaining timber bearers in two turnouts and serviced the moving parts of the point blades.

To put this into some context of what it means for our railway, in January 2022, 54.1% of the mainline sleepers were steel or concrete. After 3 practical classes, 73.2% of these sleepers are now steel or concrete. This is great benefit, but it requires significant commitment from ANGRMS to have at least two personnel on site for the whole period – preferably one who can drive the train, if needed. We

need to acknowledge the efforts of Ryan Thomas who has taken leave to co-ordinate the activities. Special mention goes to the continuing on-going support of Ralph Cumner who used his backhoe to reload the ballast wagon several times at short notice.

The next group of trainees will be undertaking their practical experience from 27 June-6 July 2022. Please remember that this training is under the control of the RTO - not ANGRMS. Being trained in Qld Rail and Aurizon lockout processes for a worksite, etc, means that access to the rail corridor is restricted during this time. Members can access the cottage and loco shed areas any time but access to other areas is not permitted unless you have already been arranged to assist or you obtain prior permission from Terry Olsson, Ryan Thomas or Greg Stephenson. Please be aware that because of how the training is taking place permission to enter the work site/s may not automatically be given.

## **Operations, Sales and Marketing**

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

During May and June we were lucky and were badly affected by only one wet running day – which set a new low of only 3 paying passengers!! Having said that, the other running days had very good passenger numbers.

A large number of passengers are taking advantage of being able to break their journey by having a coffee or something to eat at Woodford Gardens café, meaning the Peterson Rd platform is getting a good work out! Requests for charters and visits by bus companies along with visits by various groups are on the increase due to people wanting to get out and about now Covid restrictions have been lifted.

On Sunday 19 June we had a visit from the WWI re-enactors who put on a fantastic display of WWI items. Our passengers that day certainly enjoyed the additional attraction. By the time you read this, thanks to the efforts of Bob Gough, we will have had a visit from the Military Vehicles group on our running day Sunday 3 July (the special charter listed in last DRB was cancelled due to poor weather). We also have bus groups visiting on each of the running days in August plus a tentative bus charter on Tuesday 19 July. .

We have a display at the Pine Rivers Model Train & Hobby Expo at the South Pine sports complex on 9 and 10 July, as well as having now received an invitation to have a display at the AMRSQ Heritage Fair at the Woodford Show grounds on the 27 and 28 August. Also we will be having our 50th anniversary open day on the 2 October.

Due to short notice and a clash with our public running day weekend, I have unfortunately had to decline a request for a display at the Old Petrie Town Steam Fair on 16 and 17 July.

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



### Monthly Statistics

	May 2021	June 2021
Paying Passengers	146	363
Guards Sheet	183	468

### Date Claimers

**Pine Rivers Hobby Expo – Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July 2022:** We have been accepted to have a display at this show. It will be held in a different venue this year, instead of the Strathpine Community Centre it will be held in the South Pine Sports Complex, Cribbs Road at Brendale.

**AMRSQ Heritage Fair – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August 2022:** We have received an invitation to have a display at this event at the Woodford show grounds. Shows such as this are a good marketing opportunity, and this one being in our local area is even more so. Therefore, please let me know if you can assist.



Visit of WWI re-enactors to The Woodford Railway, 19 June 2021. Terry Olsson photographer.



Old Up Starter signal from Redbank, donated to ANGRMS by Greg Adams, 11 June 2022. Terry Olsson photographer.