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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,
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Below: Joe's widow Denise officially naming the ballast wagon Joe Cohan-Cramp, 24 September 2022. 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: 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

Sadly I need to commence this report with the sad news that Edward (Ted) Hancox passed away on 21 October. Ted, as he preferred to be called, was one of the eleven founding members of ANGRMS, holding membership number 1 when ANGRMS was incorporated. He was also ANGRMS' first president, a position he held for a number of years. Our sympathies go out to his family.

A successful 50th Anniversary event was held on Saturday 24 September. As well as a number of members, friends and supporters of the society, representatives of the local community, our local councillor Tony Latter and our state member Andrew Powell were in attendance. I would like to thank Laurie and Carolyn Erb who put in a lot of time and effort organising this event.

The day began with everyone meeting at our Woodford station site where some special ceremonies were held. Our local councillor Tony Latter planted a bottle tree in the picnic area, followed by the official opening of the new Workshop annex. Opportunity was taken to also officially name it the Leslie Beahan Lean-to in memory of Leslie who was our mechanical engineer for a great many years. Thanks to Greg Stephenson who gave an excellent talk on Leslie. This was followed by the naming of our ballast wagon Joe Cohan-Cramp by his widow Denise Cohan-Cramp.

We all then proceeded to the Woodford Golf Club where the function room and tables had been decorated by Laurie and Carolyn. More speeches followed, including a history of the society over the last 50 years. Laurie and Carolyn had produced a book making the 50th anniversary and this was on display at the lunch, with a copy presented to the local historical society. Opportunity was also taken to present Bob Gough with a certificate to commemorate the fact that he has been on ANGRMS Board most of those 50 years, an achievement which we believe is very very rare in volunteer organisations.

A very delicious lunch was served by the caterers. A big thank you to Elsie who cooked and provided two commemorative fruit cakes with photos of ANGRMS locos on the top!

On Sunday 2 October to also mark the 50th a model railway show was held in our loco shed in conjunction with our normal running day. While the weather was not kind to us, it was none-the-less very successful with over \$300 raised in donations at the entry to the model railway show plus over double our normal number of passengers riding our train. A lot of work went into preparing for this event, and I would like to thank all of those members who put in a lot of effort preparing for the show, helped during the show, and helped "return things to normal" after.

I would very much like to thank AMRA Qld who did most of the organising and provided 8 layouts, as well as a sausage sizzle with the profits donated to ANGRMS. Without their help it could not have happened. I would also like to

thank Woodford Towing who provided a container to temporarily store items out of the loco shed.

HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY ANGRMS!!

As advised elsewhere in this DRB, the ANGRMS Christmas get together will be held on site on Saturday 10 December. We have all had a very busy year so please come along, put your feet up, relax and enjoy good company and food.

WE NEED YOU! We continue to be short of helpers not just on public running days, but also on our Saturday work days. While the recent track worker training courses held on site have helped incredibly with our track work, it has not meant we can sit back and put our feet up, There is still an incredible amount of other tasks to be done, plus a lot of time preparing for these courses, etc. We are in urgent need of volunteers who have previously been loco crew and are now available during the week to come forward and help during the track training courses.

And lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the year. It certainly has been a very busy one, with the 50th plus the track worker training courses. I would like to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

Remember — Safety First

Christmas Get Together

On Saturday 10 December, we will be holding our annual Christmas get together on site at Woodford from 12:30pm.

Following the success of the cold meal last year we will again be having a cold meal (ham and salad, etc.). If you have special dietary requirements please let us know.

With the likelihood of storms later in the afternoon at this time of year, we are going to try a lunch this year. This will also assist those members who wish to get home before dark and the traffic builds up on the highway.

We have all had a busy year this year so please come along and relax. We put a lot of time and effort into maintaining and operating our railway, so lets sit back and enjoy it!

While ANGRMS has some chairs, bring along your comfortable chair if you prefer.

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For catering purposes, please RSVP to Elsie Knight (ph 0428 446 768 – text preferred or email ekknight1@outlook.com.au. Elsie can also be contacted on site on public running days. Please RSVP by Monday 5 December.

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

RBT (ANGRMS has a zero tolerance on alcohol and non-prescription drug use)

No Adverse results were recorded on RBT testing on 16/10/2022.

50th Anniversary Running Day/Model Railway Show 02/10/2022

The Locomotive storage shed was the venue for a Model Railway show on 2 October 2022 and the loco shed was cleared for this purpose prior to the day. Flange ways, entry/exit, and access from the car park were packed with deco to reduce trip hazards. A temporary safety fence was also erected excluding entry to the storage yard.

Special thanks to Ryan Thomas and Terry Olsson for coordinating and working big hours to achieve this. No Safety issues were reported.

Office of National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR)

ANGRMS has received notification from ONRSR about a possible cyber security alert. Emails were apparently sent out to some railways providing new details of where to pay their accreditation fees. This was a scam.

Please remember **ONLY MYSELF OR TERRY OLSSON** will receive an email from the rail regulator. Remember **DO NOT OPEN ANY E- MAIL FROM UNKNOWN ADRESSESS**. If unsure contact myself or Terry (contact details shown on page 2 of any DRB).

Remember this general philosophy also applies outside ANGRMS. If you get an email from someone you do not know, contains an attachment you were not expecting, or claims you need to collect something/provide info or your account will be shut down, etc., etc., **DO NOT OPEN IT**. If it supposedly comes from someone you know, such as a bank, contact that bank to check it is genuine. Most companies will write to you and not email you or phone you. Also remember to use the phone number on their website, a letter head you have, etc. – do not use the phone number or contact details in the email you received.

ANGRMS Year 2022

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year. Communication has played a key part of our success during the past year. Remember poor communication is a contributing factor to a lot of incidents. Communication is not just internal, but also between ANGRMS and external organisations such as the rail regulator.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course

We recently received confirmation that Movement TwentyTwo Inc. has received funding for additional trainees from the "Tracking For Queensland" program under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training is again delivering the rail specific training. The practical experience for the first group of trainees is scheduled at Woodford in early November 2022, with further classes being programmed for 2023.

We have sufficient materials available for the next group, with plans in place for materials for future groups. The next group will continue with re-sleeping the mainline through Freeman's Cutting. This should see all timber sleepers replaced with steel and concrete sleepers in the whole section adjoining the subdivision development. This will minimise our maintenance needs and associated noise through this future residential area. Replacement of point timbers in the workshop sidings with steel sleepers will also provide training opportunities.

Please remember that this training is under the control of the RTO - not ANGRMS. They are being trained in Qld Rail and Aurizon lockout processes for a worksite, etc., which 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 because of how the training is taking place and that permission to enter the work site/s may not automatically be given.

Other Works

Whilst the shed builder had completed their work of adding the annex to the existing workshop, some external works are required to comply with the provisions of the Building Permit. The provision of an access that complies with the Disability Discrimination Act requires excavation and a low retaining wall to be constructed between the annex and the existing main line. This is being built from 80lb/yd rails as posts and concrete sleepers not suitable for re-use in the track. The first part of the concrete ramp and path has also been placed. Some external drainage is also required for the building downpipes. This work has been hampered by continued wet weather.

Preparations for the 50th Anniversary of Incorporation Celebrations included a general site clean up and various track tools and components found their way to the recently completed garden shed behind the CWA Cottage. As well as improving the appearance, it consolidates the tools and equipment into the one location.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us on Sunday 2 October when we had the model railway show along with our normal public running day. While we still had good numbers, the feeling is we could have doubled that if it had been good weather.

We did not count numbers through the door for the model railway show, but there was just over \$300 in the donation tin. The model railway show had the indirect effect of doubling our passenger numbers on the train (we carried 263 compared to what would have been 100 or less at this time of year and with wet weather).

I would like to say a big thank you to those members who put in a huge effort moving things out of the loco shed (and putting it back), plus other tasks like filling in the flangeways in the shed, rebuilding the entry, putting up temporary fencing, etc.

On behalf of everyone at ANGRMS I would like to give a big shout out and thank you to AMRA. Not only did they organise and provide the model railway layouts, they also organised a lot of the marketing in the model railway field, organised and provided the BBQ (including the food/drinks) and assisted in countless other ways such as loaning us the Model Railway show direction signs we put up around town on the day.

I would also like to thank Woodford Towing who provided a container for a few weeks to store things out of the loco shed in.

Overall, apart from the model railway weekend, our passenger numbers on running days have been average and down on the previous two months (weather has not helped).

The Redcliffe Community Bus continues to regularly bring visitors on running days, with two visits during September/October. On 16 October, thanks to the efforts of Geoff Howes, we had a visit from a group from Petrie Lions (who travelled to and from Woodford Gardens for lunch).

A critical 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.

Date Claimers

AMRA Brisbane Model Train Show – Sat 6th and Sun 7th May 2023.

We now received the application form for this show in the Brisbane Show Grounds. This is our major show for the year so please mark these dates in your diary. Because the Sunday is also our public running day at Woodford we will need as much assistance as we can get. Also please remember help is needed on the Friday to set up.

Monthly Statistics

| | September 2022 | October 2022 |
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| Paying Passengers | 202 | 315 |
| Guards Sheet | 259 | 394 |

New Sales Items

Tin Pannikin Drinking Mugs – We have recently obtained some white tin pannikin mugs – some with Woodford Railway printed on them, and some Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society printed on them. Cost: \$8 each plus postage if required.

ANGRMS 50th 2023 Calendar: Thanks to the efforts of Laurie and Carolyn Erb, we have produced a 2023 calendar to mark our 50th anniversary this year. This calendar contains photos of our locos. This calendar has our public running days for 2023 noted each month along with the usual public holidays. Cost: \$5 each plus postage if required.



Brisbane Model Train Show, 2 October 2022. Terry Olsson photographer