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Track Course resleepering mainline near 550m mark. 5 December 2022. R Thomas 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 2023: 17 Feb, 21 Apr, 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 20 Oct and 15 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

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a great Christmas and Santa brought you everything you wanted.

Where did 2022 go? What a year it turned out to be!

During September, thanks to the efforts of Laurie and Carolyn Erb, ANGRMS celebrated 50 years with activities at our Woodford site followed by an excellent event/lunch at the Woodford Golf Club. Then in October, thanks to support from AMRA, we held a commemorative model railway show in our loco shed.

After significant delays due to COVID, we finally got the Workshop Annex erected and this is proving to be of great benefit.

While it has meant a lot of additional work, a fantastic and game changing thing which occurred during the year was working with RTO (Registered Training Organisation) CERT 22 who used our railway for the practical component of track worker training courses. Six courses were run during the year resulting in the mainline now being 86% steel and concrete! This has put us roughly 5 years ahead in our track maintenance. More information in Greg's report.

I would like to give a big shout out to Pandrol, who have donated the clips, etc., we need for the next batch of training courses. This is a big saving in costs – THANK YOU.

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 number of other tasks to be done, as well as preparing for the track courses which takes up a lot of time, etc.

While COVID continues to impact our lives, fortunately during 2022 no running days needed to be cancelled. While weather impacted us, our passenger numbers on public running days were only fractionally below pre Covid 2019 figures (4351 in 2022 versus 4558 in 2019) – bringing in very welcome income at a time when costs are rapidly rising.

As noted in my Sales report, due to increasing costs, it has been decided to raise our fares from the 1 February (after school holidays).

A combination of the Workshop Annex grant money being held over from last year, an unexpected inheritance, and various other increased income/expenditures, we have exceeded the threshold for being GST exempt.

While we do not actually pay GST on things such as donations and inheritances, the GST threshold is based on gross income/expenditure, not the GST-able income/expenditure.

While this will impact on areas such as sales where we lose 10% of income, it is not all doom and gloom as it means we can claim the GST back on items we

purchase (previously we effectively had to write that off). At this time we will not know if the need to pay GST will be an ongoing requirement until close to the end of 2023 (depending on our income/expenditure during the year).

At least initially it will have a bigger impact than normal because we cannot claim back the GST on sales items, etc., we purchased prior to exceeding the threshold and registering for GST. It will also mean some changes to the way we apply for grants, etc.

We had a good turnout for our Christmas get together lunch on Saturday 10 December. After a very hectic year, it was good to just sit back and relax. I would like to thank Elsie for the fantastic effort she put in to provide a very delicious cold lunch, followed by delightful dessert! Those who attended received a "Woodford Railway" china mug donated by Sam to mark the 50th.

At the time of writing this our treasurer is off on a cruise having a well earned rest so I am not able to provide a break down on how we went financially during the past year.

I would none the less like to thank John Parnell who continued to take all of the empty bottles and cans to the collection centre, as well as all of those members who collected them and dropped them off at our railway. Thanks also to Woodford Gardens café who donated their bottles and cans to us.

Similarly, a big thank you to those who helped set up the second hand book sales on running days. With ever increasing costs, every bit helps.

Every November we renew our Public Liability Insurance, and this year the cost of our policy only went up slightly. It is still less than 50% of what we were paying previously and a big thank you goes out to ATHRA and the group policy they set up through Marsh.

DATE CLAIMER - Saturday 25 March has been selected as the date for the 2023 AGM. Please earmark this date in your diary. Also, please consider nominating for one of the Board positions when nomination forms are received.

And lastly, sadly I was recently made aware that Diane Thornton passed away back in October. Diane was the wife of David Thornton who passed away a number of years ago now. Both were active members of ANGRMS for many years. Our condolences go out their children and their families.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Random Breath Tests: Several RBTs were conducted over the reporting period with no adverse outcomes.

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

Training: C. Henderson commenced practical training Fireman (Diesel) on 04/12/2022. Practical training for Diesel Fireman is a minimum of 15 hours.

Fatigue - Heat Stress

Queensland summer weather can produce high temperatures and high humidity. As we are in summer, the number of warmer days will increase, increasing the risk of experiencing a heat related illness such as heat stress. Heat stress occurs when the body cannot control its temperature and it begins to rise internally.

Symptoms of heat stress include heavy sweating, flushed skin, dizziness, persistent headache and nausea/vomiting.

If you feel any of these symptoms let those around you know.

Factors influencing heat related illnesses and include:

1. Environmental factors – higher air temperature, higher humidity, low air flow, low wind speed
2. Work factors – the type of work occurring (hot works), heat sources (reflective surfaces), clothing/PPE requirements preventing cool air or the ability to drink water, the length of a task when in direct sunlight
3. Personal factors – age, acclimatisation, pre-existing medical conditions, level of fitness.

Potential Fire Risk

In the event of a Fire Ban equipment such as, welders, grinders, BBQ, or anything that has potential to produce a spark must not be used. To check for current bans search on the Bureau of Meteorology website -- Queensland Fire Danger Ratings (Southeast Coast).

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course

During November and December 2022 the practical experience component was completed for the fifth and sixth groups of trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc and funded from the "Tracking For Queensland" program under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training again delivered the rail specific training.

The fifth group continue with re-sleepering and ballasting of a 50metre section of the mainline through Freeman's Cutting. All timber sleepers were replaced with concrete sleepers and steel sleepers inserted at joints to accommodate the fishplates. All remaining timber sleepers between the Workshop Points and the start of Freeman's Cutting were replaced with steel sleepers. This group also replaced all timber sleepers with steel sleepers in the points for the workshop head shunt. Ballasting and packing was undertaken despite some unfortunate delays due to mechanical breakdowns of equipment to load the ballast wagon.

Although the sixth group was half the size of earlier groups, they continued with replacing all timber sleepers with concrete sleepers on another 25metre section of the mainline. When the mainline through the gate was relocated some years ago, the original mainline became a head shunt for the workshop. Over the years, it had deteriorated and was only used to store out-of-use equipment – mostly bogies. The sixth group started reconstruction of this siding by removing existing rails and timber sleepers – some of the 60lb/yd rails were in good condition and have been recovered for future mainline extensions. The head shunt is being reconstructed with ex-Ingham square hole concrete sleepers with gauge spikes using part-worn 60lb/yd rails that were also recovered from Ingham. This work will be continued by future groups of trainees.

With the exception of the first set of points at Margaret Street Station, the first 600metres of the mainline contains all steel and concrete sleepers which includes the whole section adjoining the subdivision development. This will minimise our maintenance needs and associated noise through this future residential area.

Movement TwentyTwo Inc has secured funding for additional training courses with the practical experience for the next group scheduled at Woodford in late February 2023, with further classes being programmed through-out the year. The future groups will continue with re-sleeping the mainline between Freeman's Cutting and Peterson Road Station and completion of the Workshop head shunt refurbishment. Replacement of point timbers in the workshop sidings with steel sleepers will also provide training opportunities.

We have continued acquisition of track materials for the future groups with around 200 concrete sleepers being collected from Isis Sugar Mill. In recognition of the valuable training being provided to future railway industry employees, PANDROL has kindly donated 200 Pressed Steel Weld-on Lugs with E1617 Pandrol Clips suitable for our steel sleepers and 900 E1209 Pandrol Clips for the Isis Sugar Mill concrete sleepers.

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

Work continues on the construction of a low retaining wall between the Workshop Annex and the existing main line. The 80lb/yd rail posts and concrete sleepers not suitable for re-use in the track have been installed. Additional work is still required to complete the concrete path and external drainage for the building downpipes at the southern end.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

High fuel costs and interest rate rises, combined with a lack of an all weather vehicle (which means we reduce our marketing on days with forecasts of rain), has meant our patronage has been down during November and December. While not a major income source, when rain is forecast we also do not put out the second hand book gazebo, which also results in reduced income.

Having said the above, there is good news! Passenger numbers have returned much quicker than I thought they would. During 2022 we carried a total of 4351 passengers on public running days, compared to 4558 during 2019 (pre Covid). That means we averaged 181 passengers per public running day during 2022 compared to 182 per public running day in 2019! I would like to thank everyone who helped achieve this excellent result.

Due to ever increasing costs, the decision has been made to increase our fares from the first running day in February (after school holidays). We have not raised our fares for several years but can no longer absorb the increased costs. The new fares will be: Adults 8.00 | Seniors \$6.00 | Child (5 to 15) \$5.00 | Family \$30.00.

Being New Years Day, the decision was made not to run on Sunday 1 January. In addition to expected low patronage on this day, it gave our hard working volunteers a very welcome day off.

I would like to thank those who stepped in to help at short notice on the running day on Sunday 18 December when both Steve and myself were unavailable for medical reasons. With 102 passengers that day it was certainly worth running.

New people have taken over at Woodford Gardens and due to my unexpected absence on Sunday 18 Dec I am yet to meet with them. At this time, everything is the same as previously.

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 – Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May 2023. We have submitted our application form for this show in the Brisbane Show Grounds. This is our major show for the year and therefore a major source of income and marketing. 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

	November 2022	December 2022
Paying Passengers	157	153
Guards Sheet	193	141



Re-sleeping and part re-railing the Workshop headshunt, 24 December 2022.
Terry Olsson photographer.