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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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Upgraded track from recent training course, 13 May 2023. 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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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

IMPORTANT REMINDER: With our electricity bill now not much under \$1000 per quarter, and another price rise just around the corner, members are reminded to turn off lights, machinery etc., when no longer required. No problem if you need to turn on the lights when entering or working in an area, but please remember to turn them off again when you are finished or if you won't be back for some time.

We had another track training course on site in May. These courses require a lot of preparation time before hand, including trips to Childers to collect concrete sleepers, sourcing and sorting materials, preparing sleepers, etc. I would like to give a big shout out to everyone involved in making these courses happen, not only assisting during the actual course, but also with the preparation and donating the money needed to obtain the required materials.

I would like to thank John Parnell for his ongoing persistence in trying to sort through the issues with the new version of MYOB (which we use for our accounts). When it comes to receiving income by cash as well as electronically the same as a lot of small businesses one would have thought it would have been simple...

Ever since we changed over to NBN for our land line phone to our Woodford site, we have had regular ongoing failures, sometimes lasting months at a time. During June, NBN replaced the cable box out in the street as well as the cable leading to our buildings. At the time of writing this we were awaiting Telstra to do their bit.

As noted in my Sales and Marketing report, we have a lot going on so we need additional members to help out at displays, etc. These are not only a great way of promoting our railway, they also bring in more passengers to our railway which means much needed income!

The pathing, drainage and safety rail at the Workshop annex have now been completed and we had a visit from the building certifier recently. We now need to do some follow up paperwork. A big thank you to everyone who helped with this very important project.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Definitions

ANGRMS- Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society

ONRSR -Office of National Rail Safety Regulator

RBT- Random Breath Test / also to include Drug tests

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

ANGRMS and ONRSR can and will conduct Alcohol & Drug Testing.

A RBT was conducted during the last two months with no adverse results.

Training

If you would like to Volunteer and be trained in any operational roles (some roles are in training development), please visit the ANGRMS Woodford Railway on any running day (1st and 3rd Sunday of every month).

ANGRMS would be pleased to show you around and discuss what you may be interested in. ANGRMS is a 100% volunteer and non-profit Heritage & Tourist Railway Society.

ONRSR

02/04/2023 – Civil Infrastructure Irregularity, Category C.

Following a storm the previous night, the test train found a tree limb that had fallen across the mainline. As there was no injury or damage to track or Permanent way, and this was removed without delay to passengers services, this was considered as a not significant occurrence to report but will need to be entered as a Cat C event into the Annual Report to ONRSR for 2023.

This Cat C occurrence was also recorded in FO-015 Hazard log.

Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2023. RSNL amendment - False & misleading competency documentation.

The amendments make it an offence for anyone to knowingly provide a document or information, for the purposes of an assessment of competency, that is false or misleading.

The changes are particularly relevant for [but not limited to] labour hire companies, with workers contracted under such arrangements subject to safety duties under Rail Safety National Law. This effort to tighten the national legislation and stamp out fraud is to prevent activities that can have a catastrophic impact on rail safety. Effective May 1 2023.

SMS Section 9 Security Management

ANGRMS protects its rail assets to prevent damage to operational infrastructure as a result of crimes to property including vandalism and sabotage.

ANGRMS security management covers the security of rail safety workers and members of the public, and the prevention of crimes to people.

9.1.1 Actions Vandalism and/or sabotage to the running infrastructure prior to normal operations shall be managed by the running of a test train in accordance with Section 7.4.1 (Scheduled Inspections - Track).

Other infrastructure shall be inspected for instances of vandalism and/or sabotage each operating or work day as required.

Unauthorized movement of rollingstock shall be prevented using securing devices, typically by

- Applying handbrakes
- Chocks
- Chains
- Removal of keys

Instances of trespass, vandalism or sabotage shall be reported to the police in accordance with SMS.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course

This year's second intake of trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc. were onsite from 10 to 17 May 2023. Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training again delivered the rail specific training.

This group continued with re-sleepering and ballasting of a 50metre section of the mainline between 650m and 700m from Margaret Street. This continued from where the previous group finished in February 2023.

On the workshop head shunt which was the former mainline, they continued the work of an earlier group and also undertook placing rails and attaching rails to ex-Ingham concrete sleepers with elastic gauge spikes.

At the end of this course, 92.9% of sleepers in the mainline are steel or concrete with just 7.1% timber sleepers remaining.

Whilst no date has been fixed for the next training course, planning is in hand to re-sleeper another 50metre section of the mainline continuing from where the last group finished and the replacement of point timbers with steel sleepers in the mainline turnout in the head shunt at Margaret Street Station.

Please remember that this training is under the control of the RTO - not ANGRMS - 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.

Other Work

The independent track inspection undertaken in February 2023 identified work that is required on some turnouts over the next 12 months. On Point 20 – entry to workshop head shunt – worn pins that hold the point blades onto the point throw have been replaced. The opportunity was taken at the same time to replace the 8 bolts the hold the brackets on the point blades.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

On 6 and 7 May we had our usual sales stand at the annual AMRA Model Railway show held in the Brisbane Show grounds (RNA). I would like to thank those members who helped not only during the show, but with the preparations, setting up on the Friday, and dismantling on the Sunday evening. With the Sunday being a public running day at Woodford, manpower resources were stretched.

Considering there was very little in the way of new books or DVDs, sales were very successful. While down on last year, sales income was not much less than 2021 and up on 2019 (there was no show in 2020 due COVID). A couple of interesting statistics for those who say books and DVDs are on the way out, and remembering we had very little in the way of new ones - over the two days we sold 44 DVDs and 149 books!

To help with the ever increasing costs associated with running and maintaining a railway, we are trying the sale of replica QR Platform seat ends. We launched these during the AMRA show. Unfortunately sales were not as good as hoped during the show, but there has been a lot of sales since. As they say it is all in the marketing as we learnt during the show. On the Saturday we only had one seat end on display on one of our display boards. On the Sunday we rearranged things to put the other seat end of the pair on the sales table – this notably increased interest and enquiries regarding these seat ends.

This year we hired a second credit card machine for the month of May so we could have one at both the AMRA show and public running day on the Sunday. While this helped make the Woodford sales staff life a bit easier, they still had no cash register so a big thank you for your efforts on that day.

Passenger numbers have not been as good as expected over the last two months, being down on the previous two months. Our average per running day for this year has dropped to 180. The weather has not helped, with rainy days, or when rain is predicted, as we go low on the Facebook marketing due to our open carriages – which are great during fine days but not so great on wet days.

During May we had one visit from a bus group, with a car club booked in July. We still obtain around 10% of our passengers from giving out brochures at various shows throughout the year. With a lot going on at our Woodford site, we need additional members to help out at these shows. The work is not hard and the shows are always interesting to attend. Please let myself or one of the other Board members know if you can help out with this important task.

A critical shortage of operations staff continues to be an issue on public running days 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

HERITAGE DAY CABOOLTURE HISTORICAL VILLAGE – Saturday 22 July 2023.

We will be having a display at the Heritage Day at Caboolture Historical Village on this day. As well as working with another historical society in the area, this is also an excellent opportunity to promote our railway in the local area. It is also a very interesting day at the village. Helpers are needed so please let me know if you can assist.

CHARTER - SCOTT MACGREGOR TOURS – Tuesday 25 July 2023.

We have a charter on Tuesday 25 July so I will be looking for operations staff to assist on this day.

AMRSQ HERITAGE FAIR – WOODFORD SHOW GROUNDS – Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August 2023.

We have been invited to have a stand at this show. As this is during the Moreton Bay Regional Council Heritage Festival good visitor numbers are expected. Being in our backyard so to speak it is a great opportunity to promote our railway locally. As we have a lot on that month we are looking for members to look after this display. I need to advise if we will be attending by 17 August so please let me know before then if you can help out.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND PUBLIC RUNNING DAY – Sunday 3 September 2023.

Moreton Bay Regional Council will be holding their first Heritage Festival from 25 August to 3 September. We are being promoted as part of their extensive marketing so it is expected to be a very busy day. Also being Fathers Day please earmark this day in your diary as we are going to need all the help we can get on this day.

PINE RIVERS MODEL TRAIN & HOBBY EXHIBITION – Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November 2023.

While still a way off, just flagging it for your diaries as we need helpers for this weekend. In addition to our usual photo display, handing out brochures, etc., we also plan to have a model railway. Registration for this show closes Sunday 20 August so please let me know if you can help out before then.

Monthly Statistics

	May 2023	June2023
Paying Passengers	224	184
Guards Sheet	290	252

