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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,
trading as the Woodford Railway, is located
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ANGRMS' display at Caboolture Historical Village 22 July 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. Donations can be made either by Direct Transfer, cash or cheque made payable to the "Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society" and posted to the PO box above. 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

John, Ryan and myself attended a “face-to-face” meeting of the Qld branch of ATHRA 12-13 August in Bundaberg. ASCR hosted the event and a big shout out to them for all the hard work and a job well done!

While the ATHRA Qld branch holds regular TEAMS meetings, this was the first face-to-face one for a long time. As well as invaluable networking and getting to know contacts in other railways, this meeting allowed some great discussion on a lot of issues.

One of these was the draft updated ONRSR Locomotive Boiler Guidelines. Reviewing documents like this takes up a lot of time but is critically important if we are not to find ourselves bogged down in red tape or having to meet excessive requirements. While we don't succeed in everything we ask for, over the years we have been very successful in getting a lot of things changed. ONRSR and similar organisations value feedback so they get to know our issues and can take them into account.

As noted in Greg's report, another track training course will be held on our site on weekdays between Thursday 7 and Friday 15 September inclusive. Access to our Woodford site is restricted during this time to only those taking part in the course. In addition to the effort put in during the actual course, there is a massive amount of preparation work which goes on beforehand. I would like to thank everyone who helps in this regard.

This year is flying by and it will be Christmas before we know it. If you have any ideas/suggestions for our annual end-of-year get together please let one of the Board members know.

And finally, a few reminders:

- With summer fast approaching, be aware of snakes and other “bitties”. Also drink lots of water to avoid dehydration.
- If you take part in activities on site and have not already done so, please complete and return your Medical Booklet. If you don't have one contact Davo.
- With electricity costs rising yet again, remember to turn off lights, etc., when you are leaving or not returning for some time.
- If you working on a project on site and need to use a tool or equipment from somewhere else remember to first ask the person responsible for that area if they are present, and return it before you leave for the day.
- Similarly, if you need to use an expendable such as turps, ask and return after. A lot of members supply their own turps/paint, etc., so it is important to ask first and if necessary, replace what you use when next on site.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Random Breath Tests

RBTs were conducted on the 2 July 2023 running day with no Adverse results.

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

Training

Reassessment of Steve Baker as Guard was conducted by Terry Olsson on 2 July 2023. Theory and Practical were tested and after review Steve was passed at the Board meeting 11 July 2023.

Safety Policy Statement: SMS 12.1

The Safety Policy Statement was reviewed by the Board at its meeting on 8 August 2023 where it was agreed no changes were required. ANGRMS' Safety Policy can be viewed in the ticket office at our Margaret Street Station.

Slips, Trips and Falls

Slips, Trips and Falls are one of ANGRMS' most common risks on running days. Our Railway carries people of all ages and those with disabilities. Heritage rollingstock (#56, #29 #20) used on our passenger train have doors that lower, leaving a small step up at the platform end may be a hazard for individuals with reduced mobility.

Please be on the lookout for those who may need assistance boarding or exiting these carriages. Always ask the individual or their carer if they would like assistance.

If a slip, trip or fall occurs on the train or platform it is important to document this so please advise the Station Master or any board member present at the time.

OBSERVE, COMMUNICATE, ASSIST!

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure Course

Apart from routine inspections of the track, planning and preparations have been underway for the next intake of trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc. who are expected to be onsite from 7 to 15 September 2023. Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training will again deliver the rail specific training.

This group will undertake re-sleepering and ballasting of the mainline from 700m from Margaret Street towards Peterson Road Station, continuing from where the previous group finished in May 2023. Replacing point timbers with steel sleepers

in the mainline turnout in the head shunt at Margaret Street Station is also planned.

Special thanks are due to Ryan Thomas and the workshop team who have been cutting and welding steel sleepers for point work and fabricating square head bolts for the ex-Ingham round hole concrete sleepers. This will ensure that materials are available for the training course.

Please remember that this training is under the control of the RTO - not ANGRMS - meaning that access to the rail corridor is restricted during this time. From 7 to 8 and 11 to 15 August 2023, the entire site including picnic area and car parks will be closed to everyone except those involved with the training course. Access is not permitted unless you have been arranged to assist or you obtain prior permission.

Other Work

With the lull in track activities, the opportunity has been taken to undertake some other maintenance. The rear steps to the CWA cottage were in poor condition and blocked off for some time to prevent access. It was originally planned to replace the side stringers on the stairs. Further investigations found more deterioration and the rear veranda and stairs are now being completely rebuilt.

In the picnic area, some of timbers in the tables and seats need replacing. New timber has been cut and primed ready for installation prior to repainting of the remainder of the tables and seats. These activities are required to ensure that we present the best facilities to visitors.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Passenger numbers have excellent during the last couple of months, helped by the good weather. On 25 July we had a charter from Scott McGregor which went very well.

On Saturday 2 July, Brian Webber and myself represented ANGRMS at the Caboolture Historical Village Heritage Day. Not only was this a successful marketing exercise, it was also very beneficial networking wise as we got to catch up with several of the people responsible for managing the historical village.

Unfortunately, due other commitments by the members who normally look after these sorts of things, plus a lack of availability by other members we will not be attending the Antique Machinery Show in Woodford on 26/27 August, or the Pine Rivers Model Railway Show in November. While the Pine Rivers Model Railway Show is not until November, bookings closed 20 August.

A 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.

Something which happens behind the scenes is promoting our railway on social media. I would like to thank Roland, Ryan and Brian who look after this very important part of our operation.

Monthly Statistics

	July 2023	August 2023
Paying Passengers	362	328
Guards Sheet	442	416

Date Claimers

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

Moreton Bay Regional Council is holding their first Heritage Festival 25 August to 3 September. The Woodford Railway being promoted in their extensive marketing so it is expected to be a very busy day AND it's Fathers Day! Please earmark this day in your diary as we are going to need all the help we can get.



Davo cleaning down Ruston's bonnet 5 August 2023. Terry Olsson photographer.



Germany and train crossing ASCR's new Bridge, ATHRA Meeting 13 August 2023. Terry Olsson photographer.



Sleeper supplies obtained for upcoming track courses, 8 May 2023. Terry Olsson photographer.



QR replica platform seat ends, now for sale from ANGRMS, 8 May 2023. Terry Olsson photographer.