



# *Durundur* Railway *Bulletin*

*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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Plaque to mark planting bottle tree in commemoration of 50 years since ANGRMS' Incorporation, 17 February 2024. 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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### 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*

**AGM REMINDER:** the 52nd Annual General Meeting of ANGRMS will be held at our Woodford site Saturday 23 March 2024 commencing at 2pm.

By the time you receive this you should have received the list of nominations for positions on the ANGRMS Board.

All members are welcome to attend this event to hear about what has been happening in your society and cast your vote for the Board positions.

All members are reminded they need to have paid their membership, or be a honorary/paid life member, to vote at the AGM.

On Saturday 24 February, Wayne Harman and myself represented ANGRMS at the official launch of the updated version of the book "Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill" at the Nambour Historical Society.

At this stage we do not know when the next track training courses will resume on site. As soon as we know we will let those who go to site during the week know.

I would like to thank Laurie Erb who recently installed the concrete plinth and plaque beside the bottle tree planted to mark 50 years since incorporation of ANGRMS.

As part of the 50th celebrations, Nani Mills donated another platform seat with the cast "QR" ends. Laurie recently completed work on this and has delivered it to site. Laurie used boards cut from old timber railway sleepers which looks very effective. He also undertook some work on other seats on the platform

A big thank you to Nani and Laurie.

A big thank you to Greg Stephenson also who has replaced the poor condition back steps on the cottage as well as extending out the roof above the steps and constructing some side walls to help protect them from the weather.

Greg also recently replaced a number of timbers in the seats/tables in the picnic shelters which had dry rot in them, while Ryan has repainted the steel walkways over the tracks between the workshop and loco shed.

Thank you, Greg and Ryan.

I would also like to thank Council who recently undertook termite protection work around most of our buildings, as well as fire extinguisher testing and tagging.

And finally, a reminder about using the kettle in the Station Masters Office. If you need to turn on the power at the wall to use the kettle, remember this also starts the fridge. Therefore, please ensure the fridge door is closed, and remember to open it again when turning off the power at the wall.

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**Remember — Safety First**

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# Safety and Training Report

*Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager*

## Random Breath Tests

RBTs were conducted on RSWs on (random) running days over the reporting period with the no adverse results.

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

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## Training

**Assessor:** Congratulations to Roland Paroz who was approved at the February board meeting as a trainer and assessor for Guard at the Woodford Railway. Until his recent move to driver Roland was a guard with Queensland Rail so brings good experience to this role. Assessors/Trainers at ANGRMS follow a training guide developed specifically for ANGRMS.

**Guard:** Congratulations to Geoff Howes who has completed the required training for Guard at ANGRMS, and passed the relevant theory and practical tests. Geoff was approved as guard at the Board meeting in February.

**Driver (Diesel):** Congratulations to Chris Henderson who has completed the required training for Driver (Diesel) at ANGRMS, and passed the relevant theory and practical tests. Chris was approved as driver (Diesel) at the Board meeting in February.

## Building and Grounds

The area underneath the station buildings has been cleared of debris and leaves, and the vegetation growing against buildings has been cut back and removed.

The gutters on the station buildings have been cleared of leaves again.

The Margaret Street platform and the workshop disability access have been water blasted, thereby reducing the risk of a slip on wet days. Slips, trips and falls are one of ANGRMS 5 biggest risks to safety.

## Communication

ANGRMS is a non-profit 100% volunteer Society. We all have an equal responsibility to run Woodford Railway safely. So, if you think something is not quite right or could be improved, please take the time to document this via the suggestion box/form located in the Station Master's office.

## Track Matters

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

### Independent Track Inspection

On 17 January 2024 an independent track condition inspection was undertaken through a walking inspection by Glenn Phillips (Senior Track Inspector – Strategy & Planning SEQ Assets) and Nigel Wherret (Senior Planner Structures SEQ

Assets), accompanied by Greg Stephenson (Society Civil Engineer) and Ryan Silk (Society Mechanical Engineer). A "front of train" inspection was also completed. The findings were:

There were mostly low priority defects identified during the inspection.

Track strength was acceptable for the traffic task required of this track.

Nil safety issues identified during this inspection.

Nil recommendations from this inspection.

Two opportunities for improvement were identified.

Oiling of joints to improve stability.

Some areas require adjustment in alignment and boxing up of shoulder ballast.

At the time of the inspection, the rate of combined concrete and steel sleepers was 98.2%. The remaining 1.8% of timber sleepers are in the points on the head shunt of the Woodford Station passing loop. Steel sleepers have already been manufactured for this location.

### **Mainline Maintenance**

The continued rain and hot weather mean that regular herbicide treatment has been required to control weed growth along the track. The challenge has been finding dry times when people are on-site to undertake this work.

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

No dates have been set for the trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc. to undertake their practical training this year. Registered Training Organisation (RTO) CERT Training will again deliver the rail specific training.

The first group will also undertake the replacement of point timbers with steel sleepers in the mainline turnout in the head shunt at Margaret Street Station as identified in the independent track inspection.

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 Works**

It was originally planned to replace the side stringers on the rear steps to the CWA cottage. Further investigations found more deterioration and the rear veranda and stairs have now been completely rebuilt.

## Operations, Sales and Marketing

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

Unfortunately the rainy and hot weather has taken a toll on our passenger numbers during January and February, with an average of 156 passengers per running day compared with an average of 196 last year.

Fortunately *Brisbane Kids* promoted us on their Facebook page for the first running day in January, giving us a great boost in passengers numbers for that day (302 passengers). Unfortunately for some reason they made an error with our opening hours resulting in a lot of passengers arriving early and some after we had finished running. While this has been brought to their attention we have little or no control over other social media sites and are often not consulted.

A very important part of marketing our railway is presentation and part of this is the dedicated and very important behind the scenes team who help prepare the site by mowing and whiper snipping grass and weeds every Saturday before a running day. In recent months with all of the heat and rain you could almost watch the grass grow! This task is another one of those very important tasks which do not require and special railway skills.

A big shout out and thank you to all of those involved, especially with the recent heat and high humidity making this not the most pleasant of tasks!

The annual AMRA show on the first weekend in May is our biggest sales event of the year, and one of the most important marketing wise. With a public running day at Woodford on the Sunday, which also means site preparation on the Saturday, we need as much help as we can get on that weekend. We also need assistance setting up on the Friday, and packing up on the Sunday evening.

This year, we are trying something different and have reduced the size of our stand at the AMRA show to make room for a narrow gauge model railway which will be an ANGRMS exhibit and located beside our sales exhibit. A big thank you to Steve Malone who is supplying the freelance narrow gauge model railway we will be using. Not only will this hopefully increase interest, but with the ever-reducing supply of new sales items we believe this also makes good economic sense.

Please mark this weekend in your diaries as we need your help.

Congratulations to Geoff Howes who was recently approved as a guard, and Chris Henderson who was recently approved as a driver (diesel). While the addition of these two has certainly helped, we are still critically short of operations staff. If you would like to help or know someone who would like to help, 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.

This show is now only our major marketing and sales event for the year, meaning it is a significant income source both directly and indirectly. Because we also have a pubic running day on the Sunday and at this stage do not know how we will be positioned in regard to 2024 track courses, we really need a lot of help that weekend – for not just set up and dismantle, but also during. Please mark this weekend in your diaries now. Please do not leave it to the same few who are also trying to do a lot of other society activities.

## Monthly Statistics

	January 2024	February 2024
Paying Passengers	307	160
Guards Sheet	404	220

## Sales Items

**Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill**, revised edition, book by Clive Plater OAM.

The Nambour Historical Society has recently released an updated version of this book. It has increased in size as not only has some of the locomotive information been updated, but some other information about the mill has been added. An important addition to your book collection for anyone with an interest in this now closed sugar mill. Cost: \$15.00 plus postage if required.



New platform seat donated by Nani Mills and built by Laurie Erb, 24 December 2023.s



Top: Laurie Erb attending to the growth of the 50 year bottle tree, 7 February 2024. Bob Gough photographer. Right: Repairs to picnic table and seats, 18 February 2024.