



# *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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### **Vale Ian Thompson**

Ian Thompson helping with Rollingstock repairs. Ryan 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**

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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*

With great sadness I have to advise of the sudden loss of our Secretary Ian Thompson. Born in 1946, Ian suffered a massive heart attack on Sunday 14 July, passing away the next day. A number of members represented ANGRMS at the funeral service on Thursday 25 July.

Ian has been ANGRMS secretary since 2008 when he took over from Di Ezzy. He was also active in a lot of other areas, helping out with various tasks such as rollingstock maintenance/restoration. Ian was a qualified sales officer, guard and station master as well as a trainer/assessor for these roles.

In later years Ian suffered badly from diabetes, spending a lot of time in hospital, etc. Despite this he always had a positive, bright and cheerful attitude.

Ian was an only child but kept in close contact with his cousins and nieces. Our condolences and thought go out to his relatives as well as all of his friends.

He was a real gentleman and will be greatly missed – VALE IAN THOMPSON.

During the last couple of months Greg has continued repairing and repainting the picnic shelters, while several members have continued with the various tasks associated with finishing off the refurbished Peterson Road platform,

On a rollingstock front, Aaron has done a fantastic job repainting the Malcolm Moore we use on the passenger train in military green, as well as organising and cleaning up the workshop. We also have added a number of invaluable machines to our workshop – these machines are vital if we are to preserve old skills and be sustainable in the future maintaining our heritage rollingstock. A big thank you Ryan.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, the Board is seeking suggestions from members re when/where/how we hold this year's ANGRMS Christmas event.

We need to increase our active membership and the Board is seeking ideas/suggestions from members. Please put your thinking caps on.

A few suggestions so far are:

- Sandwich Board on platform on running days
- Membership and Expression of Interest forms on sales counter
- Make the point to potential new members that while previous railway experience/trade, etc., are obviously beneficial, they are by no means a prerequisite or requirement

Several of us have spent time on the new medical standards proposed by NTC (National Transport Commission). Along with other low to medium risk T&H railways we have been putting forward reasons against as well as asking for justification for the increased regulatory burden, costs, etc.

A big thank you to everyone who have assisted during the past couple of months.

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## Remember — Safety First

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### Safety and Training Report

*Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager*

#### Random Breath Tests

A RBT was conducted over the reporting period with no adverse results.

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

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#### Annual Assurance

Every year as required by our SMS and to meet our obligations under the Rail Safety Act, we undertake various assurance activities. The first of these, a review of our risks, has been presented to the Board.

#### Volunteering and Training

There are a lot of benefits in volunteering including learning new skills and enjoying the social benefits of our Railway. While previous railway, trade, or other experience is obviously of benefit, it is not compulsory or a prerequisite. There are a huge number and variety of jobs which don't require it. Where required such as being part of our operations team, training is provided.

Some examples of the various tasks we need more volunteers for are:

#### **Operations** – (running days)

- Sales – Ticket Office,
- Station Master,
- Guard,
- Fireman (this term is generic and not gender specific – it applies to both diesel and steam),
- Driver.

#### **Engineering:**

- Maintenance and restoration of Locomotives and other rollingstock. Includes metal work as well as woodwork,
- Maintenance of railway infrastructure. Includes things like light track maintenance, maintain drainage, vegetation management, lineside fencing, etc.

#### **Building and Grounds**

- Cutting grass, maintaining our gardens, etc.,
- Maintaining our buildings (some of which are over 100 years old!!), fences, picnic area, etc.

Other tasks which do not necessarily require you to be on site, can often be done at times that suit you, etc.:

- Writing of grant applications – a very important part of our railway,
- Promote our railway – help at shows and other ways of marketing, etc.

If you are reading this and not already involved, please consider helping out. Every bit helps. As they say, many hands make light work.

**ANGRMS needs your help!!**

## **Track Matters**

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

### **Peterson Road Station**

After the excitement of the delivery and installation of the Brisbane Metro Bus Shelters, work has been undertaken to complete the area with painting the station sign and safety lines and defining public access areas. Some areas of paintwork will require "touch-up" painting. With the help of our contacts in Brisbane Metro, we located the supplier of the paint who identified the colour as "Translink Grey" and the paint obtained.

The story of the relocation of the Bus Shelters was shared within the Brisbane Metro project team, using the heading "Upcycling Metro Infrastructure". As well as images of the shelters being placed, it also included our brochure promoting train rides.

### **Picnic Shelters – Woodford Station**

The three shelters in the picnic area at Woodford Station were built in 1995 and one was subsequently relocated in conjunction with the erection of the locomotive storage shed. Minor repairs and repainting of two of these shelters is nearing completion. When finished work will then commence on repainting the remaining shelter.

### **Trackwork**

Routine inspections are undertaken on a regular basis. Poisoning for vegetation control is undertaken when required commensurate with weather conditions.

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

Although classroom training has commenced, no dates have been set for the trainees from Movement TwentyTwo Inc. to undertake their practical training this year.

## Operations, Sales and Marketing

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

Unfortunately, a combination of weather, tough economic times, and the reduced number shows to promote our railway, means we continue to be down on passenger numbers. Compared to the same time last year we are down 33% (one third) in passenger numbers. If you have any ideas to help boost our passenger numbers please let myself or one of the Board members know.

The annual Pine Rivers Model Railway show will be held in December this year. Due to the cost of having a sales stand, as with last year we will be displaying a model railway loaned by member Steve Malone. Steve has done some work on the layout since last year which will help its appearance. A big thanks to Steve. We will also be using this show as an opportunity to promote our railway which means we need assistance to not only run the layout but give out brochures.

With the recent loss of two members we continue to be critically short of operations staff on public running days. If you are interested in helping with this aspect of our railway, or know of someone who is, please let myself or one of the Board members know. Where required training will be provided.



Ian Thompson helping out at the 2014 Strathpine Show. Terry Olsson Photographer.



## Monthly Statistics

	July 2024	August 2024
Paying Passengers	170	139
Guards Sheet	207	192

## Date Claimers

### **PINE RIVERS MODEL TRAIN & HOBBY EXHIBITION – Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December 2024.**

We will be displaying a narrow gauge model railway (Thanks Steve) plus giving out brochures to help promote our railway. Assistance is required so please let me know if you can help. This show does not clash with a public running day this year.

## Sales Items

**Romance of the Rail** by now deceased artist Janet Skinner and author Pauline Reckentin. The price of this book is now \$20.00 plus postage.



ANGRMS volunteers, including Station Master Ian Thompson, April 2014. Brian Webber photographer.



Ian Thompson as Station Master. Elsie Knight photographer.