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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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Recently donated ex-Mt Lyell Mine wagon, 19 October 24. 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**  
**Rollingstock/mechanical workday: trialling  
last Sunday (see President's Report)**

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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*

We will be holding our annual Christmas get together on Saturday 23 November. We put in a lot of time and effort maintaining our site during the year so please come along and enjoy it!! See note below for details.

On the last Sunday of each month we are trialing a dedicated rollingstock/mechanical workday. Please come along and help with this important part of the railway. We have included the word "mechanical" rather than just "rollingstock" as there is a lot of work to be done on other things, such as our forklift, tractor etc. We have picked the Sunday because it is easy to remember but if you prefer the Saturday prior someone will also be on site – also let Ryan or myself know if you prefer the Saturday over the Sunday.

While some tasks require specialist skills, there are a huge number which don't so everyone is welcome. During the September rollingstock work day work continued on the overhaul of the Ruston plus modification to the door operating mechanism on the ballast wagon.

I would like to thank Peter from Caboolture who recently donated a heavy duty wagon from the Mt Lyell mine in Tasmania. This wagon needs some work, including painting, repairs to timber deck, etc., before we can use it. This wagon will be a very useful addition to our work wagon fleet due to its low floor height. A big thank you to Peter for this plus the mobile lifting gantry he also donated.

A big thank you to Greg who has been putting in a great effort working on repairing and repainting the picnic shelters. These are now looking fantastic.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, we were not successful in getting the changes we wanted to the new NTC (National Transport Commission) medical standards. The new standard was signed off by the state transport ministers in late September and we are now working through the implications.

A big thank you to everyone who has assisted with a whole range of tasks required during the past year. On behalf of the board and myself I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

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## Remember — Safety First

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### Christmas BBQ

On Saturday 23 November, we will be holding our annual Christmas get together on site at Woodford from 12.30pm. With the likelihood of storms later in the afternoon at this time of year, we will again be having a lunch. This will also assist those members who wish to get home before dark and the traffic builds up on the highway.

Being a "warm" time of year, we will be having a cold meal again this year (ham and salad, etc.).

We have all had a busy year this year so please come along and relax. We put a lot of time and effort into maintaining and operating our railway, so let's sit back and enjoy it!

While ANGRMS has some chairs, bring along your comfortable camp chair if you prefer.

Enquiries Terry Olsson (m: 0429100911 or e-mail: terryolsson1@hotmail.com).

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Elsie Knight (m: 0428 446 768 – text preferred or email: ekknight1@outlook.com.au). Elsie can also be contacted on site on public running days. If you have not already done so please RSVP by Monday 18 November.

## **Safety and Training Report**

*Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager*

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

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#### **SMS 5.8 Fatigue Management**

ANGRMS is aware that fatigue may be an issue for its rail safety workers.

ANGRMS rosters its rail safety workers to ensure no-one works for extended periods and that appropriate rest breaks are taken.

ANGRMS is also aware that rail safety workers may become fatigued mixing their normal working hours with work for ANGRMS.

Rail safety workers are required to have a suitable break between completing their paid work shift and taking up duty with ANGRMS.

Prior to signing on for duties the ANGRMS rail safety worker must self-assess their level of fatigue and are not sign on for duty or perform any rail safety work or any other activity, until the rail safety worker is satisfied they are not affected by fatigue in performing their rail safety duties.

Rail safety workers are encouraged to report any fatigue which could affect their performing their duties so they can be given the opportunity to rest.

Remember, drink plenty of water.

#### **Site Awareness**

As the weather warms up, be aware when you move around the track area (permanent Way), workshop and storage areas. As a lot of areas don't see use every day these areas may have become a haven for snakes, spiders etc. Also due to the ongoing development in the area our site could become a haven for displaced animals.

## **Fire Ants**

Fire ants have been detected in the Moreton Bay area, but not yet in Woodford. However please be on the lookout and take this into account if importing soil, etc., to the site. Please visit the website [www.fireants.org.au](http://www.fireants.org.au) as it is not only relevant to our site but could be relevant to where you live.

## **Site tours on running day**

Site visits may only be conducted if first checked with the Station Master or Officer in Charge on the day, and ANGRMS has members available to conduct a tour. No person/s are permitted to enter non-public areas without an ANGRMS member present and they must be accompanied at all times.

## **General**

Thanks to all that have contributed to the safe running of ANGRMS in 2024.

## **Track Matters**

*Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator*

### **Donation Of Ballast**

Bracalba Quarry has continued to support our operations with the donation 100t (8 truck loads) of 40mm green stone screenings for use as ballast. This will greatly assist us as we return to track construction at Peterson Road Station next year as well on-going maintenance. This support is greatly appreciated.

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

After months of Saturday work interrupted by health and family issues and periods of wet weather, minor repairs and repainting of the three picnic shelters at Woodford Station is now complete. They were built in 1995 and one was subsequently relocated in conjunction with the erection of the locomotive storage shed. However, this is the first time that they have been repainted.

### **Trackwork**

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

## **Operations, Sales and Marketing**

*Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing*

Unfortunately weather has not helped our passenger numbers, and a reduced number of shows to promote our railway continues to impact our passenger numbers. As of the end of October, compared to the same time last year, we are down 32%. If you have any ideas to help boost our passenger numbers please let myself or one of the Board members know.

On the 6 October running day we had a visit from the Pontiac car club plus a number of 4 wheel drivers who had a meet at Woodford Showgrounds.

The annual Pine Rivers Model Railway show will be held in December this year. Similar to last year we will again be displaying a model railway loaned by member Steve Malone (thanks Steve). We will also be using this show as an opportunity to promote our railway which means we need assistance to both run the layout and give out brochures. This is not a running weekend — please let myself or one of the Board members know if you can help out.

If we can get enough helpers we have an opportunity to give out brochures, etc., at the annual Woodford Lions Christmas Carnival and Lantern Parade on Saturday 30 November, so please let me know if you can help. Being a running day next day the usual helpers will be unavailable as they are preparing the site, train, etc.

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.

### **Date Claimers**

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

We will be displaying a narrow gauge model railway plus giving out brochures to help promote our railway. Assistance is required so please let me know if you can help.

### **Monthly Statistics**

	September 2024	October 2024
Paying Passengers	138	273
Guards Sheet	172	408



Work on ballast wagon, 7 October 2024. Terry Olsson photographer.



Chris Malone's Pontiac beside member Aaron's Model A Ford, 6 October 2024. Terry Olsson photographer.



Aaron working on the Ruston, 28 September 2024. Terry Olsson photographer.