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The morning was spent mowing but then two hours of constant rain left the picnic area near Woodford Station awash, 14 December 2024. Greg Stephenson photographer.

Running Days: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Trackwork: Saturday before 3rd Sunday

Work Days: Every Saturday as required

Rolling Stock/Mechanical Work Day: last Sunday

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

I hope you all have/had a great Christmas and have a fantastic new year. 2024 has just flown by and it has been another busy one for ANGRMS. A big shout out and thank you to each and every member who helped in any way during the year. You can all be very proud of yourselves. For such a small group it never ceases to amaze me how much we achieve with so few.

With all of our mainline (except one set of points in a non-passenger train location) now steel or concrete sleepers we saw a significant drop off in the track training courses during the year. This has enabled us to undertake other tasks such as replace some timber and repaint the picnic shelters. We have also undertaken fence repairs on the station, upgraded the Peterson Road station, and enclosed the back steps on the cottage. A big thanks to Greg who has undertaken most of this work.

Ryan and Aaron, assisted by others, have been working away in the workshop on overhauling the Ruston while Laurie and Bob have continued their work on overhauling the ex-railmotor trailer.

Our dedicated "Rolling stock/Mechanical" work day will continue on the last Sunday of the month during 2025. Similarly, a trackwork/civil day is the second Saturday of the month. Please come along and help with these very important parts of our society.

On the Saturday prior to the public running days (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) we need to prepare the station and train as well as mowing grass, etc. Help is also much appreciated on these days.

Sadly during the year we lost our secretary, Ian Thompson, who passed away unexpectedly. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. We have been in ongoing contact with his executors and relatives.

We remain short of volunteers on both running days and work days. If you are not already doing so, or know of someone who might be interested, please come along and help out. Even only one day a month is still a big help.

As noted in Davos Safety report, the medical standard for Rail Safety Workers was updated during the year with the new version coming into effect on 11 November. Despite raising issues with several parties, including ATHRA, this update failed to address a lot of the issues we, and other smaller railways, raised. We are working with others, including the doctor who undertakes our medicals, to resolve the issues.

The annual Christmas get together was held on Saturday 23 November with 18 members and their families attending. A big thank you to Elsie for organising the

excellent and plentiful food. It was good to be able to sit back and enjoy the site we all put so much effort into.

And finally, a reminder that annual membership renewals are due. If for some reason you do not receive one shortly, please let myself or one of the Board members know.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Random Breath Tests

Alcohol breath testing was conducted during the previous two months with no adverse outcomes.

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

Training

Roland Paroz was passed at the ANGRMS' Board meeting on 12 December 2024 as Fireman (Diesel). Congratulations Roland.

New National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers

While the Rail Safety Act is managed by ONRSR (the rail safety regulator) the Rail Safety Worker medical standard is managed by the National Transport Commission (NTC).

The NTC has released the 2024 edition of the National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers. The 2024 Standard was approved by the state/territory Infrastructure and Transport Ministers on 2 October 2024 and took effect from Monday 11 November 2024.

All health assessments of rail safety workers from 11 November 2024 must be conducted in accordance with the 2024 Standard and must only be conducted by Authorised Health Professionals (AHPs) who are registered in the AHP Program.

Unfortunately, despite raising issues with ATHRA (along with other smaller heritage groups) and writing to both State and Federal Transport Ministers, while some changes were made regarding using AHPs in country areas and some other minor tweaks, we were not successful in getting our requested changes to the Standard.

In conjunction with our doctor, some other heritage groups, and Rail Advancement Queensland we are currently working through the implications, etc. It is also worth a visit to the ONRSR website to see what they do and how they communicate with the rail industry.

Please view ONRSR WEB SITE: <http://www.onrsr.com.au>

Medical Booklets

If you work on site and have not already done so, please complete one of the medical booklets (which contain emergency information such as any medication you are on, next of kin etc.). If you have already completed one remember it is your responsibility to keep it up to date. These booklets are kept in a locked box with restricted access so see myself or Terry Olsson if need access to your booklet.

Building and Grounds

Thank you to Moreton Bay City Council who have conducted Fire Extinguisher, Termite and Fire Ant inspections. Council has provided some literature on Fire Ants which is available on site at Woodford Railway.

Communication

ANGRMS welcomes any feedback from members and would enjoy your ideas. Think about it – Who, how, money, time, project objective, ANGRMS Operations, etc. Love to hear from you.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

"Contexts for Heritage Engineering"

Ryan Thomas and myself were invited to attend a "Contexts for Heritage Engineering" Workshop on 28-29 November 2024 at the Commissariat Store, William Street, Brisbane. It was part of a course developed by Engineering Heritage Australia (special interest group of Engineers Australia) and University of Canberra.

The Course is to equip engineers with professional conservation, assessment of significance and report preparation skills that will allow them to protect and enhance a significant heritage site or item through their engineering practice. It is part of a wider move to promote the value of all types of heritage and the continuing role in preserving all forms of technology, technological knowledge, and constructed heritage artefacts. It also draws attention to the unbalanced recognition given to the preservation of all forms of engineering and industrial (technological) heritage within the traditional heritage sector which is largely centred on fixed buildings.

It was a good opportunity to understand the concepts of significance assessment and will help to focus our future restoration and preservation works. Understanding the terminology used in the conservation sector will assist us in making more targeted grant applications.

The following day, we hosted Neil Hogg, former National Chair of Engineering Heritage Australia and passionate advocate for the recognition of Movable

Technology Heritage. It was good to see his appreciation of our activities and for us to gain his insights into activities to promote the importance of movable heritage across Australia.

It was also interesting to learn that the University of Canberra and Engineers Australia are conducting a survey on current and future use of fossil fuels and lubricants in operating heritage machines. Fossil fuels keep heritage machines working so they are identifying what types of fuels and lubricants are used and what might be options or alternatives if a potential phasing out of fossil fuels occurs.

Platform Fence – Woodford Station

Council's Pest Control Contractor identified and treated termites in the timber fence between the D'Aguilar and Wamuran Buildings. Whilst, it may have been possible to patch and paint the fence, further investigation revealed further decay so the fence will be replaced to provide a longer term solution.

Trackwork

Whilst the trees surrounding the site and the mainline are a quintessential part of the passenger experience, removal of the accumulated leaf mulch and sticks is a constant maintenance challenge. With the Annual Independent Track Inspection scheduled for January 2025, this mulch needs to be removed from the track so that sleepers and fasteners can be seen to be inspected.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Passengers love our open carriages in fine weather, they are unfortunately not so good on rainy/showery days. The weather, plus lack of an enclosed all-weather carriage, had a big impact on us during 2024.

As well as the direct impact with rain on the actual day, if rain is predicted we go low on the marketing on sites such as Facebook, etc. This also means we are not pushing weddings, charters, etc., which provide much needed additional income. During 2024 overall we are down 30% on passenger numbers compared to 2023, with resulting loss of income. 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 was held in December. While it is not viable for us to have a sales stand, we still get to promote our operation, etc. A big thanks to member Steve Malone who kindly provided a narrow gauge model railway, and to members Steve, Deb, Graeme, Wayne and Ian who helped operate the layout and give out brochures. Also thank you to others like Matthew and Andrew who helped out. We also gave out some membership application forms and sold some books wholesale to other stands at the show.

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.

Monthly Statistics

	November 2024	December 2024
Paying Passengers	129	110
Guards Sheet	184	141

Date Claimers

CABOOLTURE HISTORICAL VILLAGE – AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT – 26

January 2025. We have been invited to have a stand on Australia Day at the Caboolture Historical Village. This is a valuable opportunity to promote our railway and network with the village groups.

AMRA BRISBANE MODEL TRAIN SHOW – At this stage due to issues with the venue, we do not know if the 2025 AMRA model railway show will be held in May or put back to September. As soon as I know I will pass this on.



David Caruzzo working on the ex-Mt Lyell mine wagon, 24 November 2024. Terry Olsson photographer.



Full passenger train, 3 November 2024, note disabled capability. Terry Olsson photographer.