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*Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society,
trading as the Woodford Railway, is located
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Laurie Erb working on the floor of the Rail Motor Trailer PL111 at Woodford on Monday 14 April 2025. Bob Gough photographer and assisting Laurie.

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

The 53rd AGM was held on site on Saturday 29 March. Despite poor weather 14 members attended – thank you all.

The following were elected: Terry Olsson – President, Dave Caruzzo – Vice President, Elsie Knight – Vice President, Ryan Thomas – Secretary, John Parnell – Treasurer, Steve Baker – Board Member, and Shane Yore – Board Member.

I would like to thank them all for putting their names forward to manage the society during the 2025/26 year.

Prior to the start of the actual AGM, Mark Richardson, Senior Rail Safety Officer ONRSR (Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator), gave a talk on what ONRSR is about and what it does. He also highlighted ONRSR adopts a co-regulatory approach (ie works with you) and is very much scalable depending upon your level of risk. Prior to the meeting opportunity was taken to show Mark around and explain how a low-risk railway works, etc. Thank you, Mark.

A large number of members were due to redo their Site Safety Induction (it lasts two years). A big thank you to Ken McHugh for undertaking this task prior to the start of the AGM.

On the rolling stock front Aaron has been working on the Ruston overhaul and it is coming up a treat. It won't be long before it is back out in traffic. Laurie Erb has also been making excellent progress on the railmotor trailer floor.

Despite poor weather and only a few volunteers on site, work was undertaken on the April dedicated trackwork day to replace four timber points timbers in the Margaret Street headshunt. Unfortunately, the weather beat us and it had to be finished during the next week so the track was ready for the running day. Thank you to Ryan for doing a lot of that follow-up work.

Working on the issues resulting from the new medical standard has continued to occupy a lot of time.

As part of the ongoing work on the displays in the old museum room, an old circuit type phone has been purchased with the idea of being able to open up the old staff/phone cabinet on the side of the Wamuran building on running days.

Presentation of our site is a very important part of our visitor experience, and I would like to thank Aaron for his work weeding and tidying up the area at the workshop end of our station platform. As well as work in the garden, the temporary plastic drain pipe from the workshop annex has been hidden under some timber and a seat added to the path way. I would also like to thank Ryan who has installed the old "Look Out For Train" sign on the side of the workshop annex near the pathway from the loco shed. These certainly help improve the look of our site.

A shortage of volunteers on both running days and work days continues to be an issue. If you are not already doing so, or know of someone who might be interested, please come along and help out. Even if it is only one day a month, for example, it is still a big help.

Remember — Safety First

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Drug and Random Breath Tests

RBTs were conducted over the reporting period with no adverse results.

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

Office Of National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) - Tourist & Heritage (T&H) Forum

ONRSR (<http://www.onrsr.com.au>) invited all T&H groups from QLD & Northern NSW to an in-person forum in Brisbane on 1 March 2025. Many T&H groups were represented while ONRSR was represented with the Chief Operation Manager, Queensland General Manager, a policy spokesperson, and an investigations spokesperson. The National Transport Commission (NTC) was represented by CMO Graeme Edwards.

Subjects covered and discussed included;

- ONRSR investigations and what to expect
- National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers
- Accreditation, variations and notification of change - new guideline
- Code of Practice Train Visibility
- Other news and questions

ONRSR also indicated that if any T&H group would like an ONRSR representative to outline their objectives and goals to the general membership they would be available. ANGRMS took this invitation and welcomed ONRSR to give a talk prior to the commencement of the AGM on 29 March 2025.

ANGRMS AGM 2025

Prior to the commencement of the AGM, member Ken McHugh did a site induction renewal for all of those present at the meeting. The site induction is valid for two years and the majority of members were due for renewal. If you haven't done a site induction for some time contact myself, Terry or Ryan.

Medical Booklets

If you work on site at Woodford or help out at shows, etc., and have not completed one, or it has been a while since you last checked it is up to date, contact myself or Terry. Not only does it contain important medical and contact information which is required in an emergency, it also includes a list of any medication you are on. Those who took part in the Drug and Alcohol testing recently found these booklets useful in that you must advise the testing officer of any medication you are on PRIOR to being tested.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Wet Weather

Continued wet weather and rains associated with Tropical Cyclone Alfred have caused on-going disruptions and delays in undertaking work on site. Following the passing of TC Alfred, an inspection of the track and drainage was undertaken before the next scheduled running day to ensure that no damage had occurred. Rain on the day of the Annual General Meeting showed where water was ponding in the picnic area and flat open drains were dug to improve the drainage.

Trackwork

Whilst undertaking the tightening or replacement of loose and worn bolts identified in the independent track inspection, closer inspection identified a cracked fishplate which was also replaced.

Defective sleepers in the mainline are restricted to the points for the Woodford Station head shunt. Steel sleepers have been fabricated and their installation is progressively being undertaken. After the initial 3 long timbers were replaced, 6 concrete sleepers in the passing loop were respaced and an additional concrete sleeper inserted. A further 4 long timbers have been replaced in steel with weld on shoulders and Pandrol "e" clips. This work will continue over future track days.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Despite the large number of wet days recently, including a cyclone, so far this year we have been lucky and largely avoided them. As of the end of April we had carried 1686 passengers compared to 1025 at the same time last year!

We have our first charter for some time on Saturday 7 June for a birthday party.

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.

Unfortunately, being a running weekend, combined with other commitments, I have had to decline an invitation to have a display on 17-18 May at the Cabooture Historical Village Heritage weekend.

In addition to the networking benefits, handing out flyers to promote our running days is still very important part of our marketing. As can be seen below, we have a number of shows coming up and help is needed. If you are unable to make it to Woodford for work days, etc., this is an opportunity to help your society.

Date Claimers

PINE RIVERS MODEL TRAIN & HOBBY EXPO – SOUTH PINE SPORTS COMPLEX BRENDALE - Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July 2025.

Assistance is needed on this weekend to hand out flyers and promote our railway. Member Steve Malone will be providing two layouts this year so help is also needed operating these. If you can assist please let me know.

AMRA MODEL RAILWAY SHOW – Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2025.

While this is still some time off, I am looking for helpers as it is also a running weekend and some of our regular running day helpers will be away. Being school holidays we expect it to be a busy one at Woodford so we need our full compliment of staff there.

This means we are really short of helpers for this weekend, so please mark it in your diaries. In addition to our usual sales stand we will also have a model railway as this added a lot of interest last year. The AMRA show is now our only sales show of the year so it is important we are there. This year the AMRA show will be held at the Wizards basketball buildings at Zillmere.

AMRSQ VINTAGE MACHINERY RALLY – WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS – Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October 2025.

While this is also some time off, again I am looking for helpers as it is a running weekend. Not only is this in our backyard, so to speak, it is an important marketing opportunity. It is also an excellent opportunity to see a lot of vintage machinery in action and on display. Let me know if you can assist.

Monthly Statistics

	March 2025	April 2025
Paying Passengers	199	268
Guards Sheet	275	336



Aaron painting the overhauled Ruston, 20 April 2025. Terry Olsson photographer.



Newly installed Look Out for Train sign, Saturday 19 April 2025. Terry Olsson photographer.



Trackwork Saturday: the points to the Woodford station headshunt, 12 April 2025. This set of points contains the last timber sleepers in the mainline, the rest of it is now all concrete or steel sleepers. Terry Olsson photographer.