



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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ANGRMS Display, Caboolture Historical Village Heritage Day, 30 May 2026. Terry Olsson 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.

* Note that from 30 November 2026 we will be unable to accept cheques.

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

As you can see this issue is number 400. That is a very significant achievement we can all be very proud of.

Sadly, following on from the news of the passing of Brian Webber in the last edition, Brian's wife Eileen also passed away only a few weeks after Brian. Several of us attended a memorial morning tea at St Vincents Retirement Village on 28 May.

On a much cheerier note, I would like to congratulate long time member John Browning on being awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday honours list for service to education administration and to the community. Well done, John!!

Several of us were rather amused recently to see that the Australasian Railway Association have released a paper titled "Circular Opportunities in Rail" which is promoting recycling in the rail industry. ANGRMS have been leaders in that field for many years!!!

Aaron has done a fantastic job on cleaning and restoring the ex-Nambour Water Wagon. This wagon is still a registered piece of rollingstock and will eventually form part of a display of ex-Moreton Mill rollingstock. However, it will no longer be used as the emergency fire-fighting water wagon when we return to steam operation as another option is being looked at.

Aaron has also continued steadily working away on the RMP Baguley with the side rods now removed, ready for lifting to check the axle boxes, etc.

Mark Dorman has undertaken further work on SJ5 and is now working on painting Mialo which has had its side tanks removed for replacement. The intention is to restore this locomotive for static display.

A considerable amount of time is being spent by myself and Ryan reviewing ARISO (formally RISSB) standards as a lot of these are currently up for review. It is very important that we comment on things like this so they take into account railways like ours.

A quick reminder about the upcoming withdrawal of the use of cheques by ANGRMS. We can no longer obtain cheque books and from 30 September we can no longer issue or receive Bank of Queensland cheques. From 30 November we will no longer be able to accept cheques from other financial institutions.

Remember — Safety First

Brief History: DRB and its Antecedents

This edition of "Durundur Railway Bulletin" marks a very special milestone – it is issue number 400!!!

The first Society newsletter was called "Stack Talk" with the first edition, Volume 1 Issue 1, dated April 1971. A copy of the cover page of this first edition is included in this issue of DRB. The late John Kerr was the editor of Stack Talk during the time it existed.

For those who are observant, you will notice the Society's name before incorporation in 1972 was "The Queensland Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society".

As explained in the editorial for the first issue of Stack Talk the aim of that journal was to (a) keep members informed of progress towards the ultimate goal – an operating narrow gauge museum, (b) to record, as faithfully as we are able, current events on the tramway and light railways of Queensland, and (c) to chronicle their history.

In 1976, a separate "Newsletter", edited by David Mewes, began to be published as a supplement to "Stack Talk". This enabled members to be informed more regularly and promptly about Society matters outside the publication constraints associated with the preparation of Stack Talk.

At the end of 1979, it was decided that in view of rising costs, and the modest size of the Society's membership, the publication of Stack Talk should be suspended. The emergence at the end of 1977 of "Light Railway News", published by the Light Railway Research Society of Australia (LRRSA), meant that news of narrow gauge and industrial railways in Australia, including the tramways and light railways of Queensland, was being adequately covered elsewhere.

To coincide with the demise of Stack Talk, the name of the newsletter was changed to "Durundur Railway Bulletin" with the first edition under this new name, Volume 1 Issue 1, dated January 1980.

As explained in the editorial in Volume 1 Number 6 June 1980, the magazine was named Durundur Railway Bulletin as a direct link with our museum railway project at Woodford. This magazine primarily carries, and will continue to carry, news of the Society's activities at Woodford and in other localities in connection with the Durundur Railway project.

The inclusion in this journal of brief notes on current tramway happenings, or notes of some historical significance, in order to assemble a readable magazine is not foreign to this society. However, news about our Society activities, and in particular the Durundur Railway Project, are our first priority and will always take precedence over other material in the journal.

The Durundur Railway Bulletin has continued to perform this role to the present day with David Mewes being the first editor and Lynn Zelmer being the current

editor. At the end of 2008, the DRB changed from monthly to bi-monthly with the first bi-monthly edition being Issue 296 dated January/February 2009.

For those of you who joined in recent years, our railway at Woodford was referred to as the Durundur Railway for many years (named after the local parish name) but was changed to “Woodford Railway” in relatively recent times, primarily for marketing purposes.

[Editor’s note: The DRB is now mostly an electronic publication with issues distributed by email. Back issues from Vol 20 #233 (July 1999) are available from the Society’s website*, which has operated in various forms since 1999.

The Society also uses Facebook** to promote the Woodford Railway and provide up-to-date operational news.]

* <https://angrms.org.au/>

** <https://www.facebook.com/TheWoodfordRailway/>

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Drug and Random Breath Tests

Random alcohol testing was conducted during the reporting period with no adverse results.

Training

New member Zoe Bartsch passed her practical test for diesel fireman on 3 May 2026 with only her theory assessment still to be conducted.

Evan Sheldon-Shaffer (trainee guard) and Bob Freebairn (trainee diesel fireman) undertook the shunting practical component of their training on 20 June 2026.

Evan having completed his training undertook his practical and theory assessment for guard on 21 June 2026. The Board formally approved him as a guard at its meeting on 24 June 2026.

We are still short of operations staff. If you are interested in learning any of these roles please let Terry know if you have not already done so.

Buildings and Grounds

Trevor and Peter undertook vegetation management around the workshop and picnic areas. This not only improves safety but also improves the general appearance of our site – something which is very important in attracting passengers for our train.

Council carried out a building inspection during this period.

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

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Trackwork

In the workshop sidings, work continued on Turnout #22 accessing the inspection pit. All timber bearers and the long support for the point throw lever have now been replaced in steel with bolted connections or weld-on shoulders and Pandrol "e" clips. The welding of the shoulders for the "e" clips has been hampered by regular wet weather. However, thanks to the commitment of Ryan Thomas to fit in this task amongst his many others, this has now been completed. It just remains for final ballasting and packing to be finished to complete this project.

Future track days will be used to replace the timber sleepers from this turnout to the inspection pit with prestressed concrete sleepers previously recovered from Victoria Sugar Mill, Ingham. The remaining timber sleepers on the entrance to the workshop are also earmarked for future replacement with the goal to have all sidings serving the workshop with steel or concrete sleepers before Christmas.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

The weather has continued to be unkind to us in recent months, with rain forecast most running days. While the actual running days have been a mix of showery days and just overcast days, the lack of an all-weather carriage means we go low on the marketing in the lead up to these days. As of the end of June we had carried 1130 passengers which is down 24% on this time last year.

On the first June running day we had a combined visit by the Qld Mini Car Club and the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor car club. With over 25 cars they had a very enjoyable time going for a train ride as well as enjoying a BBQ and a behind the scenes tour. Thank you to Michael Bettucci for arranging this, which will hopefully become an annual event.

Car club visits on running days are a great way of boosting our passenger numbers for no extra cost. So, if you know someone in a car club please spread the word.

To help with any behind the scenes tours, thanks to Elsie we now have 3 optic lemon safety vests with the words "Tour Guide" on the back. Please ensure you wear one of these if conducting a tour.

The minor changes we made to the sales room at the start of the year are continuing to result in increased sale of sales. The average so far this year has been approximately \$1 per passenger carried compared to 66 cents previously.

Monthly Statistics

	May 2026	June 2026
Paying Passengers	145	172
Guards Sheet	172	205

Date Claimers

ANTIQUe MACHINERY SHOW – WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS – Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2026.

Apart from being in our backyard, so to speak, it is a very interesting weekend with heaps of old machinery in operation so I am looking for helpers. Camping is available.

PINE RIVERS MODEL TRAIN AND HOBBY EXHIBITION – Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026.

We have submitted an application to attend this show at the South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale. Fortunately, this is not a running weekend at Woodford, which is great. We will need assistance this weekend, including to operate the model railway layout we will be displaying.

Sales Items

Tully Mill celebrated its centenary in 2025. We now have a supply of the original Tully Mill book "**By the Banyan – Tully Sugar – The First 75 Years**" and the second book "**Beyond the Banyan – Tully Sugar – 2000 – 2025**" which covers the last 25 years. Price: \$55 each plus postage if required.



Mini Morris Car Club Visit 7 June 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.

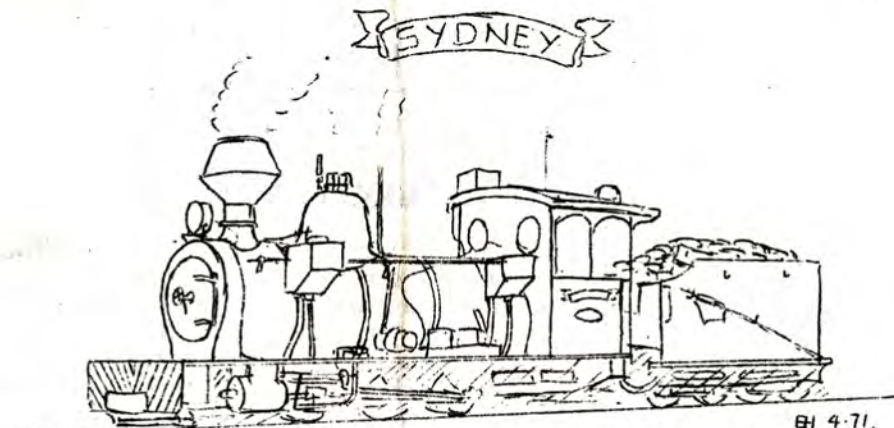


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NEWSLETTER

of THE AUSTRALIAN NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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VOLUME 4 NUMBER 11

DECEMBER, 1979

EDITORIAL:

This will be the last Newsletter you will receive on your 1979 Subscription. Next year, we propose to rename this magazine - "Durundur Railway Bulletin" to more closely associate it with our project at Woodford and in order to upgrade it even more to partially fill the gap following the demise of "Stack Talk".

Rising costs have forced the decision to suspend publication of "Stack Talk". Our small membership could not continue to justify the ~~existence~~ existence of this magazine. Perhaps, in the future, if needs warrant it it might be revived.

As an alternative to "Stack Talk" our Society is offering a subscription to a high quality magazine produced by the Light Railway Research Society of Australia. Called "Light Railways News" this magazine is printed on good quality paper and contains photographs throughout. The magazine will contain news of all participating Societies and current news on various light railways around Australia together with articles of interest.

The suspension of publication of "Stack Talk" has meant the Society's subscription rate for 1980 has been reduced. Members rejoining will continue to receive the magazine "Durundur Railway Bulletin" (Newsletter) plus other membership benefits and will also be offered a special subscription rate (as an optional extra) for the magazine "Light Railways News"

With our project at Woodford now getting under way we look forward to your continued support.

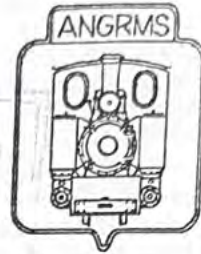
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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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JANUARY, 1980

EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the first issue of "Durundur Railway Bulletin". I hope, you, the Society members find this magazine of interest and that it will help to keep you fully informed of our Society's progress.

The magazine will contain information mainly directly concerned with our museum project at Woodford. However, other short articles or regular columns of interest might appear in order to broaden our interests. One regular feature not directly connected with our museum project will be "From the Past" which is aimed at those members interested in historical research and also for the general interest of others.

If you would like to contribute items please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address. Short articles, perhaps dealing with your activities on Society work parties or perhaps just news snippets of such activities would be most welcome.



Aaron painting Mossman, 21 June 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.



Mialo being painted by Mark Dorman, 7 June 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.