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Baguley on pit with side rods removed, 29 August 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.

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President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

A big thank you to Peter and his helpers who have been spending a lot of time tidying up the site. While there is still work to be done it is certainly improving the safety and appearance of the site, as well as reducing the fire risk.

Mark Dorman has also continued his great work on Mialo. As well as painting the boiler, frames, etc., the old side tanks and cab have now been removed so they can be sent away to use as patterns for new replacements. Thank you, Steve, for funding this.

Baguley has had the side rods removed, and been placed over the pit so that it can be prepared for lifting to enable inspection of the axle boxes, etc. Having previously worked on St Helena Island it is important these are inspected and cleaned, etc., as part of the overhaul process prior to being added to the operational fleet.

Mossman was moved into the workshop where Aaron and his helpers have been doing a fantastic job painting it, removing rust, and undertaking a huge number of other tasks required to accredit this loco so it can also become part of the operating fleet. Meanwhile Ryan is continuing with the paperwork required.

Unfortunately, due to Erb family commitments, there has been little progress on the railmotor trailer during the last couple of months, however Laurie is now back into it.

With the onset of the hot weather please make sure you drink lots of fluids and beware of snakes, etc.

The year sure is flying which means we are approaching time for our annual Christmas get together. We usually look at late November or early December, so if you have any preferred (or not preferred) dates along with any thoughts on a location please let Elsie or myself know.

A considerable amount of time continues to be 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

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

Congratulations to Zoe Bartsch and Bob Freebairn who are now qualified diesel fireman, having passed both their theory and practical tests.

Also, congratulations to Trevor Oyston who has now passed the assessment for sales officer.

With Evan moving to Victoria shortly, we are again critically 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.

BUUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Peter has been undertaking vegetation management at the Peterson Road end, while Peter, Aaron and Davo have continued their fantastic work tidying up and getting rid of rubbish around the Margaret Street site. 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.

ONRSR QUEENSLAND ENGAGEMENT FORUM (TOURIST AND HERITAGE)

On Saturday 18 July, Terry, Ryan and myself attended the ONRSR annual engagement forum. This event is a getting together of Queensland's T&H operators in one room along with representatives of the Rail Regulator (ONRSR).

ONRSR gave several presentations on what is happening in the rail regulator world. There was also an opportunity to ask questions, raise and discuss concerns, etc., which were much appreciated. It was also a great networking opportunity with the other T&H groups in Queensland.

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

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Trackwork

Saturday 11 July 2026 saw the final installation of steel bearers in Point #22 – workshop pit and storage road. Ryan Thomas completed packing of the ballast which included the partial rebuild of the engine on the tamper during the morning. These points were returned to traffic that afternoon.

Apart from 3 timbers (currently in good condition!) in Point #10 in the mainline head shunt at Woodford Station, all point work now in service has steel bearers installed to replace the timber bearers.

The timber sleepers from Point #22 to the inspection pit at the workshop have been replaced with prestressed concrete sleepers previously recovered from Victoria Sugar Mill, Ingham. Because this area is surrounded by trees, over the years the leaf mulch had broken down and penetrated through the ballast, encouraging root growth and stopping effective drainage. Recovering, screening and sorting the existing ballast for re-use has been a time-consuming process. Final packing and shaping of the ballast remain to be completed.

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.

Despite being winter, the continued rains during autumn promoted weed growth along most of the track work. This has now been poisoned. Peter Silk has been clearing dense grass growth that had engulfed the future main line and passing loop at Peterson Road Station and exposing the sleepers and rails. Keeping the vegetation under control in this area will assist when we return to completing this work.

Operations, Sales and Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

The weather has continued to be unkind to us in recent months, with either rain or rain forecasts most running days. With our current open carriages this has meant we have had to cut back on the marketing with a resulting big hit to our passenger numbers, down from 2713 last year to 1471 this year (as of end August). This is a 46% reduction.

Group visits such as car clubs on running days are a great way of boosting our passenger numbers for no extra cost. If you know someone in such a club please spread the word.

Thank you to Peter, Arron and Davo who assisted me giving out brochures and promoting our railway at the annual Antique Machinery Show at Woodford Showgrounds on 29 and 30 August. Also, a big thank you to Peter, who loaded his standard gauge inspection trolley for display along with our Pleystowe trolley. Both are powered by Villiers motors and this along with the difference in gauge created a lot of interest.

I would like to thank Light Railways Society of Australia (LRRSA) who have made some of the surplus Innisfail Tramway and Tall Timbers books available to ANGRMS.

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Monthly Statistics

	July 2026	August 2026
Paying Passengers	170	131
Guards Sheet	230	181

Date Claimers

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

We have been accepted for this show at the South Pine Sports Complex in Brendale. Fortunately, this is not a running weekend at Woodford. While we won't be doing any sales, it is still a great opportunity to promote our railway and give out brochures. Handing out brochures and talking to people is still a very important part of getting passengers to ride our train. We also need people to help operate the model railway. We need assistance this weekend, noting I will not be available on the Saturday.

LIONS WOODFORD STREET CARNIVAL AND LANTERN PARADE – Saturday 28 November 2026.

I have received an enquiry from the Woodford Lions as to if we would like a stall to promote our railway at the annual street carnival and lantern parade at the end of November. With our current low passenger numbers this is an excellent opportunity to promote our railway with large numbers attending. Please let me know if you can help, and let me know fairly soon (by end September at the latest) so I know whether to accept. Please do not leave it to the same few!!

ANGRMS Display at the Antique Machinery Show, 29 August 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.

Progress on Mialo 29 August 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.

General tidying up of the site, 29 August 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.

Relaying of Pit Road in concrete sleepers, 29 August 2026. Terry Olsson photographer.