THE AUSTRALIAN NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

THE SOCIETY:

The Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society was formed during 1971 and is comprised of people interested in any aspect of narrow gauge railways whether in operation, locomotives, rolling stock, past or present, or whether they be surface railways or underground mining tramways. The Society was incorporated during 1972 as a Non-Profit Company, Limited by Guarantee, under the Companies Act of Queensland. The Society has received accreditation from the Queensland Department of Transport as a Railway Owner and Manager under the Transport Infrastructure (Rail) Act.

AIMS:

1. To establish an operating two feet gauge passenger carrying railway using suitable steam locomotives as a "living" museum.
2. To establish a static museum of locomotives, rolling stock and other items used on narrow gauge railways, to complement the operating railway.
3. To preserve and maintain an archive collection containing records, documents and photographs relating to narrow gauge railways.
4. To encourage research into the operation, engineering or technical aspects, both past and present, of the various Shire and private narrow gauge railways and to record the results.
5. To produce such publications, both audio and visual, as are conducive to these aims.
6. To promote outings and excursions to places of narrow gauge railway interest.

The operating two-foot gauge railway, staffed by volunteer members of the Society, would like to encourage the learning of manual skills fast disappearing in this age of modern technology. Skills such as blacksmithing, coach and wagon building, machine shop practice and the use of specialised hand tools would all be necessary and encouraged.

MUSEUM SITE:

The search for a suitable museum site was a long one and it was not until 1979 that a suitable location was found at Woodford, a township 25 kilometres west of Caboolture, on the D'Aguilar Highway. The site was originally a portion of the Caboolture to Kilcoy Branch Railway.

Development and Operation of the Durundur Railway in Margaret Street, Woodford has commenced and a considerable amount of equipment is on site. One kilometre of running line as been established and is be extended in stages as the museum site is developed.

We also have a Station complex with platform, ticket office, crew quarters and locomotive workshop in operation. We also have a meeting room, disabled facilities and shower.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS:

The society so far owns, or has on loan, fourteen steam locomotives, six diesel and six petrol locomotives and numerous items of rolling stock. The oldest is a steam locomotive built in 1897 and the newest is a diesel locomotive, built in 1965.

OPERATIONAL EXHIBITS:

The Society so far has two steam locomotives, four diesel and one petrol locomotive in operational service whilst work to restore others to service is proceeding steadily.

PUBLIC OPEN DAYS:

The Society's museum site at Margaret Street, Woodford is currently open to the general public on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

On these days, one of the operational Society locomotives is used to give people rides along the track already constructed. The public are also encouraged to view progress of the project and to ask questions of members present.

WORK PARTIES:

Work parties are held every weekend either at the Woodford site or at other locations around Brisbane where the Society is storing equipment or recovering material donated by interested groups. Track workdays are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Work is being undertaken with the restoration of a number of steam and diesel locomotives, track extensions and the provision of a number of buildings and other facilities on site as well as the maintenance necessary in the operation of a railway.

The Society regularly undertakes basic occupational health and safety training and everyone on site must be willing to comply with our Occupational Health and Safety policy.

MAGAZINE:

The Society publishes a magazine, "Durundur Railway Bulletin", which is distributed free to members. The magazine contains articles and news about the Society's activities, dates and details of work parties and other events. Notes and news of narrow gauge railways, past and present, and technical notes are included for the interest of members.

Further detailed information about us & our collection can be found at www.angrms.org.au.

FINANCIAL:

The Society raises funding for its aims through membership subscriptions; sales of books and other items of railway interest; raffles and other fund raising ventures; proceeds from public open days at the museum site and also from donations by interested parties.

The Society operates a special Museum Fund Account, which is used solely for the establishment and operation of the museum project. Donations of $2 or more, either in cash or material, to this Museum Fund are an allowable Income Tax deduction.

The Society's Financial Year operates from the 1st January until the following 31st December.

HOW DO I JOIN?

If our Society and its aims interest you, then please complete the attached Membership Application Form, and, if you are under 18, also complete the Guarantee Form, and post it, together with your remittance to:

Membership Secretary,
A.N.G.R.M.S.,
P.O. Box 1135,
WOODFORD, QLD, 4514

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual subscription is $40, but a reducing scale applies to new members joining during a financial year, so that all subscriptions then fall due at the end of the Society's financial year. An initial joining fee also applies.

If Joining Between :		Subscription plus:	Joining Fee:	Total:
January	March	$40.00	$10.00	$50.00
April	June	$30.00	$10.00	$40.00
July	September	$20.00	$10.00	$30.00
October	December	$10.00	$10.00	$20.00

FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Financial Life Membership is available, except for Junior Members, and subject to the discretion of the Board. The subscription is $800 plus a joining fee of $40.

A Financial Life Member does not then pay any annual membership subscription, but continues to receive all the normal benefits of membership.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:

To encourage the younger generation, the Society offers a Junior Membership to those under the age of 15. Junior Membership for a full year is $20 whilst those joining in the second half of the year pay $10.00. An initial Joining Fee of $10 again applies.

Junior Members enjoy all the usual benefits of membership **except the right to vote**.

Due to Accreditation and Workplace Health & Safety Requirements, many tasks on the Woodford site require some form of Training and/or Supervision. Junior Members may assist in tasks providing the above requirements are met.

CONCESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

A Concessional membership rate of $25 for Pensioners/Full Time Students (15 years and over) is available on application. The usual Joining Fee of $10:00 applies. These members receive all the normal benefits of Adult Membership.

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FORM 1

(ARTICLE 5; 14)

To: The Board of Directors,
The Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society

I,……
(Full Name - Block Letters)

of……

hereby make application to become a **Full / Financial Life / Junior*** Member of The Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society and request you to enter my name in the Register of Members and agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society.

Enclosed is a cheque/money order/cash* totalling $…….. being made up of $10:00/$40:00*/$30.00 Joining Fee, $……. Annual Subscription

My Occupation is……..) *For*

Other Qualifications are……) *Statistical*

My Phone Number is……..) *Purposes*

I was born on the…….. day of……..……. 19……..
(to be completed if the applicant is less than 18 years of age)

DATED this…….. day of…… 20……..

* Delete whichever is inapplicable SIGNED:……

GUARANTEE

FORM 2

(Article 6)

To: The Board of Directors
The Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society

I, …….
(Full Name - Block Letters)

of ……
(Address - Block Letters) (hereinafter called the "Surety")

hereby undertake that, in the event of the election to Membership of the Society of

.....……
(Full Name - Block Letters)

of ……..……..…
(Address - Block Letters) (hereinafter called the "Applicant")

who is less than the 18 years of age, in consideration of such election to Membership, I will guarantee the payment in the event of the winding up of the Society of the amount of any Guarantee which would, but for the minority of the applicant be payable by him PROVIDED THAT all and any liability hereunder on my part shall cease and determine forthwith on the attainment by the Applicant of the age of 18 years.

DATED this……. Day of…….. 20……..

Signed by the Surety in the presence of:

SIGNED:……. SIGNED:…….