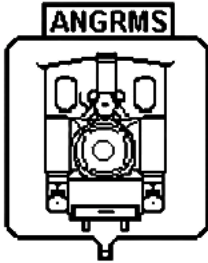


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Ex-Moreton Mill bogie open wagon during refurbishment for use as an extra maintenance wagon. Rotten timber has been removed and replacement timber ordered. Bob Gough photographer.

Trackwork Days: 10 July, 14 August, 11 September & 9 October

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Scheduled Activities

Track Work Parties Second Saturday

General Work Parties Every Saturday

Running Days First and Third Sundays

Light Duties Work Day Third Wednesday

General Meetings Second Friday: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec;
at the BBC Library, Garden City Shopping Centre, Mt Gravatt; 7:30 pm,
entry from 7:00 pm (after hours entrance at rear of Library)

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

President's Report

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You will have noticed that this edition is being produced not long after the previous edition. With Lynn Zelmer having taken over as editor of the DRB again, we are making an effort to get it back on schedule. If everything goes to plan, you should now receive your copy more regularly.

As noted in the last edition, the DRB is also available via e-mail. Not only does this help reduce costs, it also enables you to have a copy with colour photos in it. If you have not received your copy of Issue 302 by e-mail, or would like to receive an e-mail copy, please let myself or Lynn know.

For those of you who have not been to our Woodford site of recent times, we now have new neighbours. Residents commenced moving into the Woodford Retirement village on June 17, so we need to be more conscious of noise etc. In line with the ANGRMS Board philosophy of being a part of the local community, once the residents have settled in we will be holding a welcome event for them.

I recently represented ANGRMS at the June ATRQ meeting which was held at Mary Valley Heritage Railway at Gympie. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to "Network" with other similar groups and discuss common concerns. As representatives from Queensland Transport (Rail Safety Unit) also usually attend, it is a great opportunity to liaise with them and discuss any concerns. Many of you will know Phillip Barker, who attended this meeting for the first time in his new role as Director Rail Safety. Former Director Julie Bullas is now the National Rail Safety regulator.

Other issues discussed included the new Rail Safety Bill and the new national boiler code which will be released for another round of comments soon. It was also decided that ATRQ now needs a colour brochure to advertise the various operating railways, in addition to the existing black and white version.

The QR turntable at Caboolture is surplus to requirements and will soon be removed. In line with QR's policy, this was first offered to us and the Caboolture Historical Village. While we could have found a place for it, being 60 ft long it was considerably larger than we would ever need. The Board also considered we had higher priorities for our limited funding. The turntable will be preserved, with it being sold to the group in Atherton.

Safety and Training Report

Gordon Anderson

Remember – Safety First

Training: Congratulations to the following Members who have completed their Training.

Bob Gough: 5 year Accreditation for Driver/Fireman.

Terry Olsson: 5 year Accreditation for Station Master.

Mark Gough Accredited for Driver/Fireman

Kevin Stiller: Accredited for Station Master.

Reminder: All Running Day Staff should refer to the Check Lists provided for their particular duties on a regular basis to ensure all necessary Forms are completed as required by ANGRMS Operations (SMS) Manual.

Emergency Training Day

All Volunteers on site at Woodford are required as part of ANGRMS Accreditation to participate in an Emergency Training Day every two years. The Training Day will be in the second half of this year. After discussion with the Emergency Personnel and Volunteers I will notify you of the date via the DRB.

Light Duties Work Day – 3rd Wednesday of each month. Proposed duties next work day, Wednesday 21 July, are the continuing restoration of PL111.

If you are unable to attend our Saturday General/Track Work Days, Why not participate in these Light Duties Work Days? The gates will be open from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Even if you can only participate on this Work Day for a few hours, or only occasionally, remember this is YOUR Society. Its continued existence depends on VOLUNTEERS.

Track Matters

Greg Stephenson

Track Maintenance Work: In late May and early June, there were several “impromptu” track days to continue lifting, levelling and ballast packing with the air operated ballast hammers. A further 50 metres of mainline at the start of Freeman Cutting has been treated. When we lifted the rails, some sleepers separated from the rails and were rebored and respiked – a normal part of track maintenance. Rotten sleepers were also replaced when found. One more day should see us reach the rear gates before heading towards the middle of the cutting to attend to some “soft” spots where the track is

pumping when trains pass over. By working on a front and concentrating on adjoining sections, we are progressively treating the areas of track that have only ever been packed with picks.

For many years, the large pine trees beside the track in Freeman Cutting caused problems with their roots lifting the track and making replacement of sleepers difficult. Whilst the trees were removed over 5 years ago, the trees are getting their revenge. The roots are still causing us problems! On recent track days, we found rotting roots are leaving holes under the sleepers that need to be packed with ballast.

There are several areas of the mainline closer to Story Brook Station that can be improved by lifting and repacking the ballast. We will concentrate on this area when we complete Freeman Cutting. This non-urgent work will be scheduled for future track days. We plan to continue our commitment to routine maintenance activities with the monthly track work parties generally scheduled for the second Saturday of the month. The track work days are Saturday 10th July, 14th August, 11th September and 9th October 2010.

RMP Baguley “Mulgrave No. 1”: Recent work has been removing a life time of sludge and crud from inside the fuel tank and painting the exterior so it can be reinstalled when the bonnet is refitted.

Bogie Open Wagon – Ex-Nambour Sugar Mill: This wagon is being refurbished and prepared for accreditation as an additional maintenance vehicle. The rotten timber flooring and side and end panels have been removed and replacement timber ordered from Wamuran Sawmill. The steel underframe and bogies are in sound condition and being repainted to protect them into the future. Fitting of the new timber will then be undertaken. [See photos front and back covers.]

Operations, Sales And Marketing

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Public running days continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Roster: The operating roster for the second half of 2010 has now been issued. If you have not received your copy or there is an error please let me know as soon as possible. As can be seen we are again short of operating staff so if you can help give some of the “regulars” a break let me know. Remember that a lot of “regulars” also put in a lot of time in other areas of ANGRMS.

Running Days

Special Running Days: We have had a couple of special running days for buses lately, and I would like to thank those who helped on these days.

As a further development of his marketing role, Brian Webber has agreed to take on the role of co-ordinating special running days and group bookings. Therefore if you have any suggestions or contacts in bus companies, car clubs etc please let Brian know (Ph 07 3354 2140 or e-mail bwebber5@bigpond.com. Before we can fully develop this important funding steam, we need to increase our available mid week operations pool and get our RM trailer back into traffic (more helpers are also needed here on the Light Duties Work Days, third Wednesday of each month).

Bus Groups/Car Clubs etc: As noted above, Brian Webber is now co-ordinating these.

Weddings: At the time of writing, we have no confirmed bookings for any more weddings this year.

Shows

Toowoomba Model Railway Show - 19 and 20 June 2010: By the time you read this, this show will be over. Brian Webber plus Neil and Dianne Trevorrow have kindly offered to help this year. While it might at first seem a long way away, through the back way via Crows Nest and Esk it is really not that far from Woodford. Handing out brochures at this show it is surprising how many people regularly travel down our way.

Caboolture Historical Village Town & Country Heritage Fair - 10 and 11 July 2010: NOTE DATE CORRECTION. The gremlins stuck last issue and I mistakenly showed this as taking place in June instead of July. As well as handing out brochures, this year we will be selling our Woodford Railway Centenary book and Bundy mugs. I have another commitment on the Sunday so if you can help please let me know.

Pine Rivers Model and Hobby Show - 7 and 8 August 2010: We have booked into this annual show so I will be looking for assistance over this weekend, as well as the set up on the Friday.

Modelling Railways of Queensland Convention – Mt Gravatt – 28 August 2010: I now have to attend an ATRQ event in Warwick on this day and John Parnell is overseas so I am looking for someone to look after this show.

Monthly Statistics

May 2010: Paying passengers, 316; Guards Sheet, 370.

Sales Items:

Clydes Among the Cane - Fiji: Produced by SCR Publications this book is similar in format to the Train Hobby Publications picture type books. It contains some excellent photos of diesel cane haulage on Viti Leva in Fiji, which still hauls wholestalk cane. Price: \$40.00 plus P&P.

Restoration of Rail motor Trailer PL111.

Peter Hall, Project Manager.

Work restarted on the restoration of Rail Motor Trailer PL111 in September 2009 and is continuing. The Rail Motor Trailer has been removed from the storage siding and placed near the workshop. All the interior fittings, seats etc., have been removed and stored. This has allowed an assessment to be made on previous restoration work. It has also allowed for an assessment of the parts that have been in storage and to find out what will be required to complete its return to service.

Work has started on the body frames, which have been wire buffed and given a coat of paint. Flat steel has been welded to the outer section of the frames to allow for replacing of the outer sheeting. The old sheeting has been inspected and is currently being refitted to the Rail Motor Trailer.

Some floor boards have been removed to estimate the requirements for repairs. A suggestion has been made to replace the windows with heavy duty welded aluminium framed windows. This will be considered by the ANGRMS Board.

Thanks to the Wednesday Crew and to others onsite and off for their efforts.

Making up the Wholestick Rake...

Lynn Zelmer, Editor – lynn@zelmeroz.com

Mark Gough and others have managed to place articles about ANGRMS in their local papers. While many of us simply throw the local newspapers into recycle, for others they are well read, and they often open respond favourably to a well written local interest story. Consider how a note on your involvement in ANGRMS, plus a photo or two, might help promote the Society. And ask if you need help in preparing it.

Next issue we should have some photos of the PL111 restoration and notes on the refurbishment of the ex-Moreton Mill bogie open wagon.

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Top: Mark Gough cutting off welded bolts and nuts to remove rotten timbers from the ex-Moreton Mill bogie open wagon. **Bottom:** Track gang in May 2010 using air-powered track tools (from left: Greg Stephenson-behind, Ryan Silk, Joe Cohen-Cramp & Terry Olsson). Both photos, Bob Gough photographer.

