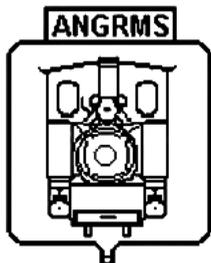


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Restoration of Rail Motor Trailer PL111: the side has been opened up, sanded and undercoated. Peter Hall photographer.

Trackwork Days: 14 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov & 11 Dec

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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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Since the last edition we have updated the DRB e-mail and hard copy mailing lists. Please let one of the Board or Lynn know if you have not received your copy in the correct format (e-mail or hard copy) or if you have missed any recent issues. Several members have taken up the option to receive their DRB by e-mail - if you want to change to an e-mail version, just let one of the Board or Lynn know

Our new neighbours, the Woodford Country Retirement Villas held their official opening on Saturday 24 July. Constructed by the Woodford Aged Care Association Inc, these villas are very well done and a credit to them. As part of the opening, we provided our train so that residents and guests could partake of a ride after the opening ceremony and afternoon tea. The ANGRMS Board considers it important that we are part of the local community, and to be "good neighbours".

After attending the opening of the retirement villas next door, we had a visit from our local federal member, the honourable Jon Sullivan MP, and our local councillor Adrian Raedel. Opportunity was taken to give them a train ride, as well as provide an update on our progress and to discuss various issues. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this day a success.

The next ATRQ meeting will be held in Warwick on 28 and 29 August. Gordon and myself will be representing ANGRMS at this event. Shortly after, I will be travelling to Western Australia for the ATHRA meeting. As well as the "networking" benefits, it is important that we keep on top of the various changes that keep happening, particularly in rail regulation.

As noted in the other reports in this edition, there has been a lot of activity recently. Work is progressing on the repairs to our railmotor trailer, with the "midweek" team making steady progress - it is great to see the number of workers steadily increasing. Work is also progressing on the restoration on our Baguley diesel and the ex-Moreton Mill open wagon.

It is, however, important to also remember the large amount of work that goes on "behind the scenes" – mowing the grass, replacing sleepers and packing the track etc. We also do a lot of things that do not result in anything actually happening or changing on site, but take up time. A recent example of this is was we discovered that we had an easement over some property on the western side of the highway. This dated back to the time when there was a sawmill on part of the land we own, and they needed to get water. We were approached to release this easement, which we have done.

Safety and Training Report

Gordon Anderson

Remember – Safety First

Training: Congratulations to the following Members who have their completed training for their 5 year Accreditation:

- Greg McHugh and Gordon Anderson as Guard
- David Thornton as Station Master

Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010: Qld Parliament passed the *Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010* on 25 February 2010 with assent by the Qld Governor on 4 March 2010. The supporting *Transport (Rail Safety) Regulation 2010* was released for consultation on 2ⁿ April 2010 and closed for consultation on 21 May 2010.

Both the Act and supporting Regulation have been based on the *National Model Rail Safety Legislation* which had been approved by the Australian Transport Council.

Proposed commencement date for both the Act and Regulation is 1 September 2010.

ANGRMS Board of Directors will review all of our documentation and make the required amendments to comply with the above Act and Regulation.

Light Duties Work Day – Third Wednesday of each month. 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

Margaret Street — Woodford: The Moreton Bay Regional Council's 2010/2011 Budget includes funding to upgrade Margaret Street, Woodford between Coronation and Hendy Streets. This includes the frontage of Woodford Station where concrete kerb and channel will be installed and the road pavement reconstructed with asphalt. Preliminary discussions with Council officers show that the front fence and the display including the Malcolm Moore locomotive will need to be relocated as part of the project. We are working with Council to ensure that the project proceeds with minimal impact on our operations. The completed works should significantly improve the frontage of Woodford Station.

We are grateful to the Moreton Bay Regional Council and in particular to Councillor Adrian Riedel for including these works in the current budget.

Building and Platform Works: Although a new platform is planned for Story Brook Station, this is still some time away. The timber capping on the existing platform had deteriorated and rotted sections have been replaced.

Fortunately winter gives us some little respite from grass cutting because two of our lawn mowers needed major overhauls. Thanks to Wayne Harman who has rebuilt the engines on the two stroke mowers so that they'll get us through another season or two.

Track Maintenance Work: Whilst the cooler weather is slowing weed growth, regular poisoning has still been required to keep weed growth under control.

Work has continued lifting, levelling and repacking the ballast with the section from the Woodford Station gates towards the start of Freeman Cutting now being completed. A section of "pumping" track in the cutting will be lifted and packed on a future track day.

We plan to continue our commitment to routine maintenance activities with the monthly track work parties held on the second Saturday of the month. The track work days are scheduled for Saturdays 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November and 11 December 2010.

RMP Baguley "Mulgrave No. 1": Work on the bonnet has progressed to the stage where it can soon be refitted. Efforts are now concentrated on the top of the underframe where the bonnet is mounted. Cleaning and treating with rust converter is being undertaken before painting surfaces that will be hidden when the locomotive is reassembled.

PL111 — Ex-QGR Railmotor Trailer: The mid-week "retirees" continue this project with some side sheets beginning to be installed and rotten timber window frames removed from the end walls. New aluminium windows are being sourced to remove the constant maintenance required on the timber window frames. To improve passenger safety, the windows will be fitted with safety glass.

The repairs will still be a long project, but it is good to see it progressing.

Bogie Open Wagon — Ex-Nambour Mill: Work continues on preparing this wagon for accreditation. The steel frame is being repaired and painted whilst the bogies are being overhauled. New timber for the floor, sides and ends is being acquired.

Bogie Ballast Wagon — Ex-Innisfail Tramway: This ballast wagon was originally used at Condong Sugar Mill in Northern New South Wales before

seeing service on the Queensland Railways Innisfail Tramway. With the sale of that Tramway to the local sugar mills, it stayed in the Innisfail District. We obtained it from the former Goondi Mill site when owned by Bundaberg Sugar. It arrived in Woodford in early 2001 and has been stored pending overhaul.

A bottom dump ballast wagon will be vital for any major track works, so refurbishment of this wagon will be undertaken from funds earmarked for the future track extension. Due to the commitment of our volunteers to a range of other restoration projects, refurbishment of the hopper body and doors will be contracted to Tony Hewitt at Mt Mee. Other work such as repairs to the bogies will be undertaken by our volunteers before the wagon can be assessed for accreditation.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

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Roster: If you are not rostered on, but are available to help on a particular day, please let me know. In addition to being able to give someone a break, with our running days getting busier, we find we can always use “an extra pair of hands”.

While the end of the year may seem a way off, it will be here before we know it, and another roster will be due. We are still looking for someone to take over the rostering, so that I can concentrate on other areas.

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

Special Running Days: 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.)

Bus Groups/Car Clubs, etc: During the last couple of months, we have had special running days for buses on 8 June and 22 June, as well as a special run for the opening of the Woodford Country Retirement Villas on 24 July. I would like to thank those who helped on these days.

At the time of writing, we have another special run planned for Saturday, 2 October for a car club. This is the day before our normal Sunday running day, and I am looking for operations staff to assist on this day

Weddings: While we have had a few enquiries of late, at the time of writing we do not have any firm bookings

Toowoomba Model Railway Show – 19 and 20 June 2010: This show was very successful. In addition to being a very useful marketing opportunity, sales were slightly up on previous years. I would like to thank Brian Webber

plus Neil and Dianne Trevorrow who helped over the weekend. [See also fuller report pg 8]

Caboolture Historical Village Town & Country Heritage Fair — 10 and 11 July 2010: This show was a useful marketing opportunity, particularly since it is in our local area. This year we “went up market” and used a portable gazebo. This certainly helped add a more “professional” look to our display. We also took the opportunity to sell some of our Woodford Railway books and Bundy mugs. I would like to thank Gordon Anderson, Brian Webber, and Wayne Harman who helped out.

Pine Rivers Model and Hobby Show – 7 and 8 August 2010: This show is not far away and any help will be appreciated. As well as sales income, this show is a good marketing opportunity in our local area...

Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention – Mt Gravatt – 28 August 2010: As I will be away at the ATRQ meeting in Warwick on this day, Bob Gough has kindly offered to look after this stand

Mega Motor Show – Caboolture Historical Village – Saturday 11 September 2010: We have received an invitation to attend this show. Being in our local area, this would be a good opportunity to promote our railway. At this stage I will not be available on this day, but if you can help please let Brian Webber or myself know as soon as possible so we can confirm attendance.

Monthly Statistics

	June 10	July 10
Paying Passengers	368	224
Guards Sheet	460	256

New Sales Items

Australian Railway Heritage Guide – 2010 Edition: Produced by the Australian Railway Historical Society – NSW Div, this book is an excellent guide to tourist and heritage railways throughout Australia. A must for whenever you travel, or if you just want to know what heritage railways are out there, how to contact them, and something about them. Price: \$35.00 plus P&P.

A History of Commonwealth Engineering – Volume 3: This is the third in the series on the history of this company which amongst other things, produced rollingstock for government and private railways. Price \$69.95 plus P&P.

Restoration of Rail Motor Trailer PL111.

Peter Hall, Project Manager.

There were eight members and volunteers in attendance on Wednesday, 21 July. These workers have continued with the restoration of the railcar. The end windows have now been removed, the rust sanded away and undercoat applied. We will now be able to get measurements for their replacement. It is hoped to replace the old wooden frames with aluminium extruded frames. This will avoid moisture building up in and behind the wood and avoid further rusting.

Bequests

We appreciate your help and support now, but have you considered mentioning us in your will? Such a bequest can assist our long term growth and the future of ANGRMS.

Your contribution to ANGRMS can be remembered: A bequest can be left for a particular project if you wish. Your generosity can be remembered through the placement of a permanent plaque or the naming of the project to commemorate your name.

In addition to directly funding a particular project, bequests allow us greater access to grants when a matching contribution is required from us or to assist with additional costs. For more information, contact our President.

Toowoomba 2010

Neil Trevorrow

Along with Terry, his Dad Merv, and Brian Webber, Dianne and I attended the Toowoomba Model Train Show on the weekend of 19 and 20 June.

Dianne and I left home on Friday morning and after a leisurely drive via Moggill Road, Mt. Crosby Road and the Warrego Highway we arrived in the Garden City just before midday and booked into the Leichhardt Motel. Following lunch and a short nap (we are not getting any younger) we drove out to the Showgrounds and met up with Terry, Merv and Brian. After setting up our tables and display stands we unpacked our stock and made everything ready for the following morning.

Saturday was a typical chilly winter Toowoomba morning (3 degrees). Our corner of the big tin shed however caught the early morning sun and also was far enough away from the live steam locos for us to be not too bothered by their smoke. Brian, who had been out earlier than anyone to photograph the Westlander, arrived in dire need of coffee and the Show got underway. We all talked to a lot of people and gave away a considerable amount of our

promotional leaflets. The Saturday crowd included many serious book and DVD buyers and we made some good sales.

In the evening we enjoyed the hospitality of the Darling Downs Model Train Club at the Exhibition Dinner. Sadly, we did not carry away any prizes from the Trivia Quiz. The company however was great and although the speeches could have been a trifle shorter, it was an excellent night.

The following morning was another cold one. The anticipated Sunday crowd did not quite materialise, but we were kept reasonably busy in our little corner. Visitors included many family groups and Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends were much in demand. Brian was able to collect material for a new book. I picked up two well-priced items of rolling stock for my model railway and the day went well. At 4pm the doors closed and we started to pack up. With everything safely stowed in cars and trailers, Brian, Terry and Merv headed for home. Dianne and I are no longer happy driving distances at night, so we stayed over at the Motel and made our way home on Monday morning.

Indications from the organisers are that attendances this year were down a little on previous years. It was however an enjoyable weekend and for ANGRMS, I think, a successful one

Historical Sugar Site

Queensland Country Life, 15 July 2010, p 22 via Media Monitors

*Remains of one of the earliest links with our sugar industry are now covered under the State Government's heritage maintenance program. Oaklands mill (1865-72), built by **Captain Vladius Whish** on Caboolture River north of Brisbane, was one of the first to produce high-quality sugar and rum using Kanaka labourers. His diaries, now in John Oxley Library, are an invaluable record of a 30-year period involving the industry's formative days, particularly sugar pioneers **Capt Louis Hope** and **John Buhot**. The mill was eventually sold to MacKenzie Bros of Gairloch, Ingham, but remnant bricks, mounds and depressions still show where Oaklands was located. The site of an old tramway and wharf at Habana near Mackay has also been added to the Qld Register. It harks back to the sugar district boom in the 1860s.*

Making up the Wholestick Rake...

Lynn Zelmer, Editor – lynn@zelmeroz.com

The Society's web site (www.angrms.org.au) has recently received a cosmetic upgrade and is hopefully easier to navigate. Full width photos at the top of each page are unique to that page and change every five seconds. Information on major items in the collection now come as individual pdf files and access to photos is being improved.



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Welcome to ANGRMS and its services, including the *Durundur Railway* which we operate at Woodford, Queensland.

On the site you'll find a short [profile](#) of the Society, details of our [open days](#), [photographs](#) and information on our [collection](#), the latest [news](#) of Society activities, [sales](#), [bridal train](#) and [industry](#) information, [links](#) to other sites of interest, and an open [invitation](#) for you to visit ANGRMS one Sunday at our steam site in Margaret Street, Woodford.

- Passenger operations are on first and third Sundays of each month. The Woodford Lions Country Market also occurs on the third Sunday of each month.
- Brisbane Bus Lines now provides Sunday services to Woodford on their Brisbane-Murgon Service... arriving Woodford 9:35 am and returning 4:15 pm. [Details](#).
- ANGRMS member, Bill Blannin, has contributed 40 years worth of [photos](#), memories of many events in ANGRMS' history.
- Visit [Storey Brook Cottage](#) for tea, lunch or an overnight stay--located at the end of our line in Woodford.

Last issues' collection focus was on the ex-Moreton Mill bogie open wagon being refurbished by Mark and Bob Gough and Ryan Silk. As Mark explains:

Once I had rejoined ANGRMS, Terry asked me to under take work on Melbourne to help finish it off after so long being idle. Since I had worked on Melbourne before I knew what I was up against. After some thinking I said that I would work on it as long as I had a wagon so removed parts would be in a safe place and not just on the ground.

It was decided to use the Nambour wagon as it already had some items from Melbourne on it. After removing these items and an inspection the steel frame was found to be in satisfactory condition but some timber work had to be removed. The more that was removed the more timber we found to be unusable. Work continued over coming weeks and with rust and mud removed a steel chassis was revealed in good order with only some minor repairs to be done.

To date the frame is on its side and some painting has taken place, wheels have been inspected to make sure they meet our standards. We have found some do not meet our standards so they will be replaced with ones that do.



Side view of PL111 under restoration, June 2010. Bob Gough photographer.



Sunbeam Car Club visit, 20 June 2010. Dave Caruzzo photographer.

ANGRMS member John Browning has recently been traveling, both overseas (South Africa and Java) and Far North Queensland. A selection of his photographs can be found on his blog: <http://trainrover.blogspot.com/>. Two of his images are shown on the next page.

Top is a view of the newly finished historical exhibit in the Tully Mill yard. 26 June 2010, John Browning photographer.



Sumberharjo Mill, Java: The area is low-lying and obviously flood-prone, with extensive drainage works having built through what were once swamps, so the future of these tramways is quite optimistic. 19 July 2010, John Browning photographer.