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Terry Olsson (left) with the rail bender used to correct rail curvature through the pointwork. Wayne Harman photographer. Aaron Chant (right) cleaning decades of Maroochy River mud from the flangeways of the new pointwork on the locomotive storage shed by-pass track. Terry Olsson photographer.

Running Days: First and Third Sundays

**Trackwork Saturdays: 17 November and 15 December 2018,
 19 January and 16 February 2019**

Work Days: Every Saturday

Our Safety Goal - No Injuries

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Scheduled Activities

General Meetings: 2018: 14 Dec. **2019:** 15 Feb, 19 Apr, 21 Jun, 16 Aug, 18 Oct, and 20 Dec at 7:30 pm, entry from 7:00 pm; combined with LRRSA at the BCC Library, park and enter at rear 107 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains, a 10 minute walk from Coopers Plains Railway Station or a phone call to Dan Sheehan or Bob Gough for transport to the venue. A bus stop is at the front of the shopping centre and Express buses run services from the stop.

Light Duties Work Day: Normally 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Neil Trevorrow m:0402051546 if planning to attend.

Donations and Bequests

Donations to the Society's Museum Fund are tax deductible. Please make cheques payable to the 'Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society' and mail to the PO Box above or deliver in person. 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.

President's Report

Terry Olsson, President

That time of year is rapidly approaching when the man with the white beard and red coat visits!! If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year's ANGRMS Christmas get together please let myself or one of the Board know.

The recent rain included some storms and resulted in heavy rainfalls which gave our new platforms a good test. The work Samantha and Dingo Pete did at Peterson Rd platform has stood up extremely well with the platform draining well with no washouts.

One of the problems we face is what do passengers do while waiting for the train at our Woodford Station. As part of the ongoing upgrade to our stations, Samantha Smith has now commenced work on turning the Northgate building at the entrance to our platform into a display room. Due to other commitments this work may take a while.

While Greg is temporarily out of action, work is still being undertaken on the track so any assistance is always welcome. Also with the onset of wet weather, the need for an all weather carriage comes to the forefront again. If you can help with this project please let Tony Weber know.

The batteries in Netherdale had been giving trouble for a while so a new set have now been purchased and installed. We also experienced some trouble with the alternator on Netherdale after wet weather so this loco is now stored in the loco shed.

Thanks to Ryan, we recently acquired a larger lathe from an auction at Rockhampton Railway Workshops. This lathe will now turn all of our wheels except the loco driving wheels. This lathe along with the small lathe we purchased a while ago will meet our needs for the foreseeable future. Thanks to Greg Adams for the use of his crane truck as well as Laurie Erb for arranging the change over of electrical connections. The two old lathes have been removed and are in the process of being disposed of.

Unfortunately due to Ryan undertaking other work on site, plus study commitments, work on Melbourne and the ballast wagon has been slow. With a far bit of work being put in by Sam Erb recently, steady progress is being made on the Perry while Aaron is steadily working away on overhauling three of the linecar wagons.

The warmer weather combined with the recent rain has meant the grass is starting to grow very well! Therefore any assistance with the mowing and wiper snipping on the Saturday before a running day would be most welcome.



New lathe arrives 15 September 2018. Terry Olsson Photographer.

Remember – safety first!

Safety and Training Report

Dave Caruzzo, Safety Manager

Safety is a very important part of our operation and ANGRMS remains committed to providing a safe railway.

Communication is also an important part of safety and member's feedback is always welcome. There is a suggestion box in the Station Master's Office at Woodford station, and all suggestions will be discussed at the next board meeting.

RBTs conducted over the reporting period had no adverse outcomes.

October went from dry to wet very quickly. With the warmer weather insects, spiders and snakes are on the move. The Poisons Help line 13 11 26 will assist with all manner of poisons including Flora and Fauna reactions. REMEMBER, if life threatening RING 000.

Internal Audit A.SMS.18 was presented to the ANGRMS Board meeting 12 October 2018. Many of the changes detected will be rectified as part of the

SMS rewrite to comply with the new National Law due to be done by 1 July 2019.

Emergency and non-emergency contacts are available in the Woodford SM's Office and also the cottage at Woodford.

Training: Elsie Knight has completed the practical and theory tests for the position of Sales. Elsie and Moya Anderson both provide great service in greeting passengers and answering questions from the public, and their knowledge of the history of the Woodford railway and Cane railways adds to the experience for people travelling on our railway.

Some Civil Notes

Greg Stephenson, Track Day Coordinator

Personal Note

Following an accident at home, I underwent surgery on 3 September 2018 to repair a torn tendon in my leg. Whilst I have been recovering, through modern mobile phone technology, I have been able to receive photos and answer requests for advice despite being unable to be present at Woodford. I am hopeful of returning to Woodford in the near future and would like to thank everybody for their kind thoughts during this recovery period.

Track Maintenance

Future track days will concentrate on renewing defective timber sleepers in steel or concrete. It is proposed to continue these renewals with the monthly track work parties generally being held on the Saturday before the second running day of the month and are planned for 17 November and 15 December 2018, 19 January and 16 February 2019.

Locomotive Storage Shed

When Ralph Cumner had his back hoe on site to load the ballast wagon, he lifted the rail components of the pointwork onto the steel point bearers that had previously been laid out for the by-pass track. These points came from Nambour Sugar Mill and rusted fishplates and bolts need to be replaced and decades of Maroochy River caked mud removed from the flangeways. The rail bender was used to adjust the curved rails and to remove some other extraneous bends. The rails still remain to be attached to the steel bearers.

The alignment of the temporary level crossing providing access to the adjoining property has been adjusted slightly to connect to the by-pass track. Two panels of concrete sleepers track have also been assembled using ex-Ingham round-hole sleepers. Completion of the by-pass track is an on-going project.

Peterson Road Trackwork

Whilst there has been no activity at this end of the mainline, Ryan Thomas has been undertaking the marathon task of cutting and welding ex-QR steel sleepers to fabricate the point bearers required for the two sets of pointwork required for this project. The works at Margaret Street station had depleted our stocks of fabricated point bearers. We will return to this area once the storage shed by-pass track is completed knowing that materials are to hand.

Operations, Sales And Marketing

Terry Olsson, Operations, Sales and Marketing

Passenger numbers continued to be good but unfortunately with the warmer weather came the rain. Poor weather resulted in lower patronage on some days but overall we are still about 28% up on last year. Unless we experience some really bad weather in the last couple of months of the year we are on target to get over 4000 passengers for the year!!!!

On the last running day in October, we had 300 passengers for the day. While we are still learning the best way to manage such numbers, past experience meant we certainly handled it much better.

Unfortunately due to other commitments and members not being available that weekend we had to cancel our attendance at the biannual Modelling Railways of Queensland Convention at Beenleigh.

Sales staff are reminded that in line with the recent ban on one use plastic bags, we have paper bags available. Due to their high purchase cost, we need to charge customers 50c per bag if they require one.

Guards are reminded that there is now a gate at the boundary between our station area at Peterson Rd and Woodford Gardens Café carpark. This needs to be opened on the test run on public running days, and closed on the last run of the day.

Monthly Statistics

	September 2018	October 2018
Paying Passengers	316	338
Guards Sheet	431	454



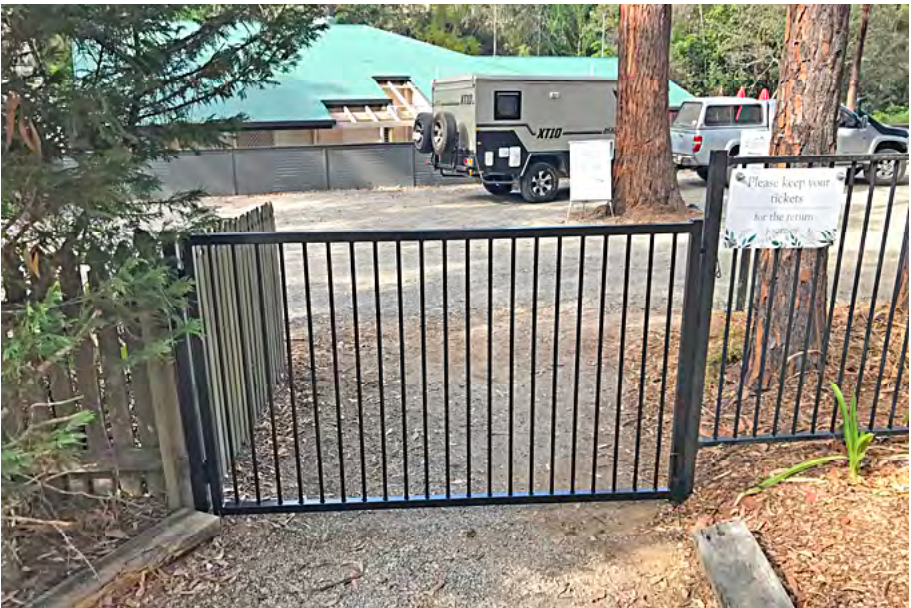
Passengers waiting on the rebuilt Woodford Platform, 20 Oct 2018. Terry Olsson photographer



Ex-Dreamworld Perry work party, 9 October 2016. Mark Gough (left) cleaning the trailing axle in preparation for painting, Bob Gough photographer, and a large lump of carbon from the smoke stack (right), almost 200mm high by 25mm thick. Mark Gough photographer.



Perry side tanks being repainted by Sam Erb, 16 Sept 2018. Terry Olsson Photographer.



New Gate at Peterson Road, 16 Sept 18 Terry Olsson Photographer.