ANGRMS Collection: Bundy Fowler #5

- Name: No. 5 (The Bundy Fowler)
- Wheel Arrangement: 0-6-2T
- Built By Bundaberg Foundry, Bundaberg, Q, Aust.
- Weight: 20tonnes
- Build #: 6
- Horse Power:
- Year: 1952
- Cylinders: 2 @ 10" x 14"
- Drive Wheels: 28"
- B.P.: 180psi

Background
Following the decision by John Fowler & Co. to cease building steam locomotives after 1935, the Bundaberg Foundry negotiated to build the design under license as they were a very popular make in the sugar industry, being noted for their robust design and good steaming qualities. It was not until 1952 that the first examples were built.

Our example was the 5th built and was supplied to the Pleystowe Sugar Mill, Mackay. It was donated to our Society in 1971 and was transported to Brisbane. It was stored at various locations around Brisbane until being restored to working order for use on a short length of track along Stanley Street, South Brisbane as part of the celebrations of the opening of the new cross river rail link in 1978. No. 5 was transported to Woodford in 1979.

Similarly, No. 5 took part in the celebrations for the Moreton Mill Centenary, hauling trains of sugar cane of up to 300 tonnes from a marshalling yard at the edge of Nambour, up the middle of Howard Street, to the mill yard.

For an entire week in August 1997 steam returned to Moreton Mill for the first time in 29 years and it was the first time No. 5 had hauled cane since 1964. No. 5 was invited back again in August 1999 for similar duties and it remains our main operational steam locomotive at Woodford. For the week it was away in 1999, Melbourne performed passenger train duties at Woodford.

The best moments of No. 5 at Nambour have been captured a 50 minute video titled "Train Whistle Blow'n", a professionally produced and narrated ANGRMS production.