

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Association of Tourist Railways Qld Inc held at
Warwick Station Precinct
Saturday 18th November 2017**

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 10.03am.

As this meeting followed the AGM the usual welcome and housekeeping announcements had already occurred.

1. Attendance (from the sign-in sheet) :

G Adams, L Bishop, W Boden, J Brady, I Childs, J Cooper, P Ford, C Freeman, P Gregory, G Hayes, P Hyde, R Keogh, V Marlow, T Olssen, J Parnell, C Pratt, P Slater, R Slater, J Smith, G Thomas.

2. Apologies : P Rollason, B McPherson, W McPherson.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Adoption of the minutes was moved by P Hyde and seconded by L Bishop. Carried with nil discussion.

4. Financial Report

The report from the Treasurer was circulated. Acceptance was moved by J Parnell, seconded by P Slater and carried.

5. Correspondence

Annual Return Form from the Office of Fair Trading had been received.

6. Update on scanning

Greg Adams reported on progress on digitising manuals. The task is progressing slowly (now 38GB) but steadily and is now up to Sleepers and Bridge Timbers.. The next section will be fore Del's in preservation

7. Codes of Practice

Work on the Maintenance Code has slowed and is awaiting work by Jenny. Air brake one is approximately 76% done. The Review of the Boiler Code by RISSB is now due.

8. Reports from Members

ARHS – Lindsay Bishop

Number of archival linen plans have been received. Visitor numbers at Rosewood are still growing from an average of 66 to 150 per open day with individual days greatly dependent on temperature.

Work on C17 has slowed almost to a halt – 2019 is now likely completion date.

The Commissioners car now has the leather seats done and is expected to be painted in early 2018.

Its new shed is approx. 80% complete and is clad in "old" corrugated iron like the original at Mayne.

AHHR - Bob Slater

All timber bridges are to be replaced with steel utilising one generic plan. <Power point presentation shown here>. Hope to have steam operational next year. Carriage under restoration. "Jacaranda Day" attracted approx. 250 visitors. The ATRQ tamper has been re-wired to fix problems. A "Rail Trail" is being constructed alongside the track.

DownsSteam – J Smith

Increasing number of overseas visitors was noted as was their reported comments that Australian T&H sites are much more "welcoming" than in other countries.

A new Awning 28' by 8' on the eastern side of the workshops is almost completed using 100% donated materials. Test running of the RM engine has begun with a sustained 5/6 hour continuous run scheduled. Completion of the project is scheduled for early 2018.

Probability of all activities ending up in public domain via Facebook etc was noted stressing that even background features can reveal much about an organisation's safety culture and observance.

SDSR – Peter Gregory

Following on from the previous Facebook reference – they have had a "please explain" from a posting showing people on the track at Wallangarra.

CL774 has been under re-construction for about 18 months and has included a complete rebuild of the roof. The “diamond” window is a local innovation. All underframe members and bogies ultrasound tested. Negotiations are under way with Aurizon to take control of the multi-modal area. QR is to undertake some repairs to yard tracks as they wish to use the turntable. Approx 4,000 passengers carried so far this year. Diesel operation in September because of fire risk. Running every weekend in Nov is scheduled. There will be a 3 day trip to Goondiwindi in 2018.

QR Heritage – Paul Slater

There is only one operational steam loco available at the moment due to leasing out.

Also C17 suffered damage en route to Gympie recently. AC16 is on loan to QPSR. 1079 is under maintenance. The Hunslett has been transferred to the Museum even though a small amount of work remains to be done. SX set overhaul has commenced. 37 weekends were run so far in 2017 with a higher number planned for 2018. All timber bolsters in bogies are being replaced with steel. All lighting in wooden cars is now LED and the dynamos are being replaced with truck alternators.

MHR – Peter Ford

A 1950ish bulldozer has been bought for the earthworks at Paget, as has a slasher. The business case is complete. The main generator is now the only item remaining on the frame of the 1400. New cabs have been built ready for installation. Little progress has occurred on the steam loco since last meeting.

ANGRMS – Terry Olssen

Patronage has been very good lately. The new loco shed is effectively complete and awaits formal “sign-off”. For concreting the “groove” beside railhead, a modified version of the Brisbane tramway grooving tool was produced.

1707 – Greg Adams

A new name is to adopted - “Qld Rollingstock Preservation Group”. Site is at old fertiliser factory at Blackstone. Have bought the old Del transfer bogies from Redbank. Have bought a crane truck which is available to assist any other group. 2 3D36 traction motors have been bought for \$2,500 ea.

BTMS – Peter Hyde

Slide presentation.

Meeting adjourned for re-enactment train for “egg throwing incident centenary” and closed after further brief discussions at 3.50pm

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Ipswich in the first quarter of 2018 at a date to be announced.