The Queensland Sugar Industry and its Tramways

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The Australian Sugar Industry c. 1979

New mills and growing areas have been established, especially on the Northern Queensland Tablelands and in Western Australia where mills in other areas have been closed.
Mill Closures since 1955

Gin Gin, 1974
Qunaba, 1985
Goondi, 1986
North Eton, 1988
Cattle Creek, 1990
Hambledon, 1991
Moreton, 2003
Fairymead, 2004

The Tramways

Still in operation with tramways:
Isis, Millewa, Bingeri,
Plane Creek, Racecourse, Pleystowe,
Marion, Farleigh, Proserpine,
Inkerman, Kalamia, Pioneer (1067 mm),
Invicta, Victoria, Macknade,
South Johnstone, Mourilyan,
Babinda, Mulgrave, Mossman

In operation without tramways:
NSW (3 miles), Rocky Point,
Maryborough, Tablelands,
Ord (WA)
**H0n30 modelling**

- Queensland prototype
- 3 mm gauge
- 1:87 scale (3mm mechanism, wheelsets and couplers)
- STOCK (and other materials for scratchbuilding)
- Rust and white metal (for commercial models)

Models built by Queensland modeller Carl Millington.

- Cane van, chopper wagons, bullies (as in the mill), flat wagons, cement wagons, tank wagons, platforms, etc.
- The tankers (upper right) and brake vans (below transporters) are, as-built models from Breme using plans which Carl created based on the prototypes.
- The track back (lower left) is remnants from the army (Nth) Track.

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**Modelling the Bundaberg Jenbach**

- Cropped drawings by the Modellers' Union (alt. side view en all previous drawings).

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**Far North Hobbies’ 1:87 model of Marian Mill’s Limco loco**

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**Modelling Queensland’s Cane Railways**

- Brake Vans
- Transporting Sugar

- Cane bins on Queensland cane railways lack brakes; thus the need for radio-controlled brake vans, normally positioned at the end of the rake, to supplement loco brakes.

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Inspiration from the prototype: weed sprayer equipment at Bingera Mill, 1998

Models and prototype photos used for artwork by Greg Stephenson

Models, Plans and photos by Jim Hutchinson

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Modelling Cane

- Corrugated cardstock
- Whisk/broom straw
- White glue
- Gloss green acrylic paint

*Trim base and bury to install*

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From Field to Mill: Cane Railway Modelling

Further information available from www.zelmeroz.com/canesig

Modelling materials, tools, etc., are available from Capecorn Model House
75叠st Street, Rockingham. Ph/Fax: 07 4922 1577

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Cane in the Garden

*Petrie*, a coal-fired 16 mm scale Fowler for 32 mm gauge.
Built and photographed by Steve Malone.

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DO NOT CARRY SUGARCANE

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Historical Information Sources

- Libraries and Archives (government & private)
- Museums, including small local groups
- Historical Societies (especially their journals)
- Rail Research Groups and their journals
- Industry publications
- Internet sites
- Online discussion groups
- Mapping organisations
- Corporate records
- Postcards & slide sets
- Individual photographers
- Site visits

CaneSIG: http://www.zelmeroz.com/canesig

Qld Rail Heritage: http://QldRailHeritage.com

ANGRMS: http://www.angrms.org.au

ASCR: http://QldRailHeritage.com/ascr

ASIM: http://www.sugarmuseum.org.au

ILRMS: http://www.gghome.com/ILRMS

Light Rails: http://www.lrrsa.org.au