Selected Resources for Modelling Queensland's Railways

Queensland's railways include mainline, branch line, industrial and municipal operations with a range of ownership and operating styles. The presentation will explore the readily available research resources -- text and visual, conventional and electronic, rail and non-rail -- that enable the modeller to create more accurate models and model settings.

The presenter is primarily an On30 Queensland sugar cane and shire railway modeller and regularly exhibits his 'Capricorn Sugar Railway Museum' models/dioramas/modular layout. He's a Narrow Gauge Down Under author on cane railway and modelling topics, and has been using photorealistic card modelling techniques for both structures and rolling stock.

Authentic scenery elements and colouring, signs, structures and lineside items, vehicles, wagons, carriages and locomotives are essential to creating a believable Queensland scene. However, many aspects of creating a model railway—trackwork, scenery and electrical, etc.—are the same for any model railway. Your local hobby shop, newsagent, bookseller, library or the Internet will have such materials.

This idiosyncratic listing has been selected from my personal library as a guide to the type and range of resources available to the modeller creating accurate Queensland models and scenes. It is not a definitive listing and the clinic will suggest a broader range of resources.

Books


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Bell, Peter and Kerr, John (2002). The Aramac Tramway. Melbourne: LRRSA. History of the Shire tramway operating from Aramac to Barcaldine, Qld. Last Shire owned railway operating in Qld and one of the few 3' 6" gauge lines that wasn't taken over by QR. Includes maps, photos and locomotive lists. 48 pp.


Fraser, Garth and McGarvie, Neil (2010). History of the Buderim-Palmwoods Tramway. Buderim: Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc. Buderim-Palmwoods tramway history (connecting Buderim with QGR at Palmwoods), heritage development (tramway walking trail, etc.) and restoration of the original 30 inch gauge 0-6-2T Krauss locomotive (later regauged to 2'). 104++ pp.

Hanlon, Percy and Webber, Brian (2011). Rail Motors, Railcars, EMUs and Tilt Trains of Queensland. Brisbane: ARHS QLD. Primarily QR equipment but also includes Rockhampton's Purrey steam trams, interstate developments, rail ambulances, trailers, etc. Companion CD includes selected QR timetables. 144pp A4.


Kerr, John (2009). *Tall Timbers & Tramlines Queensland*. Melbourne: LRRSA. Describes all of the timber tramways known to the author in Queensland from the 1960s to the 1930s. Includes animal powered on wooden rails as well as more advanced steam powered tramlines with steel rails. 104pp.


Webber, Brian (2001). *Recalling Queensland Railways in the ’60s (the last decade of steam)*. Brisbane: ARHS (Q). Personal recollections of steam on Queensland Rail in the 1960s, with some diesels appearing. Includes Commissioner’s reports and some QR hauled sugar cane operations. 66 pp.


Webber, Brian (2007). *Exploring Queensland’s Railways: South from Brisbane*. Brisbane: ARHS (Q). Personal recollections, description and history of all the rail lines south of Brisbane, including the now abandoned sugar cane tramlines. 130 pp.


**DVDs**

Commercial video and DVD sources include ANGRMS (angrms.org.au), vendors at model exhibitions and the ARHS (arhsnsw.com.au/bookshop.htm/). TV news footage and newspaper photo files (eg Trove: trove.nla.gov.au) may also be useful.

Byron Page Production (c2007-2010). *Sweet ’n' Narrow: Isis Central Mill Tramways; Babinda Mill Tramways; Marian Mill Tramways; Mossman Mill Tramways*. Beenleigh, Qld: Train Pictures. Isis Central Sugar Mill and tramway system. DVD, each 124-168 min.

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plus extra to 120 minutes: Bayer-Garratt, AC16, BB18 1/4, PB15, C17, DD17, A10, and brief looks at Fowler sugar cane steam locos (Woodford & Bundaberg) and Purrey Tram (Rockhampton). DVD, 120 min.


Rowling, Brian [photographer] (1988, 2006). **Steam, Rails and Sugarcane.** Parramatta, NSW: Rollingstock Productions. DVD version of video, covering the rail scene from Brisbane to Rockhampton in 1957, 1966 and 1968. Scenes somewhat speeded up by transfer from film, but has good shots of cane operations. DVD, 45 min.


University of Sunshine Coast (2004). **The Last Crush: Closure of the Moreton Sugar Mill.** Nambour, Qld: Maroochy Shire Library. Commissioned video of the last season of the Moreton Sugar Mill through to December 2003. Shown on TV and issued in DVD format. DVD ~40 min.


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**Web Resources**

2012 Reference list of published articles (AMRM and NGDU) for Queensland Modellers: qldrailheritage.com/mrqc/simages/mrqc2012_references.pdf

LRRSA: Light Railway Research Society of Australia: www.lrrsa.org.au

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Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention: QldRailHeritage.com/mrqc/ (or direct to qldrailheritage.com/mrqc/downloads.html for clinic/presentation notes from previous conventions, download free Queensland specific models, etc.)

Noel Butlin Archives, ANU, Canberra: www.archives.anu.edu.au/nbac/html/

Queensland State Archives: archives.qld.gov.au


Rail Heritage Image Collection: QldRailHeritage.com