



Resources (Selected)

CaneSIG: The Cane Railway (Tramline) Modelling Special Interest Group

CaneSIG was initiated as a non-commercial on-line special interest group for modellers of cane railways in July 2000. While resources on the site are still limited, it is becoming an important information repository on all aspects of cane railway modelling.

The sample plans from Jim Fainges (below) have been scanned and reduced to approximately HO scale in the computer. Accuracy of scaling was not possible due to time constraints in preparing these notes and the same time constraints prevented the inclusion of dimensions. Additional drawings by Jim Fainges can be found in low resolution (72 dpi) form on the CaneSIG web site. A high resolution printed set of the drawings is planned for 2003 if sufficient demand exists.

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

ANGRMS (Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society)

The society operates the Durundur Railway with almost 1 km of track at Woodford, Queensland. Most of the museum's artefacts came from Queensland's sugar cane railways.

There are additional collections of cane railway equipment in the Sugar Industry Museum near Innisfail, the Illawarra Light Railway Museum Society, Bundaberg's Botanical Gardens Railway, the Fairymead House Museum (Bundaberg), amusement parks, etc.

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

LRRSA (Light Railway Research Society of Australia)

Light Railways is the society's bi-monthly publication and contains many articles on cane railways past and present.

LRRSA: <http://www.lrrsa.org.au>

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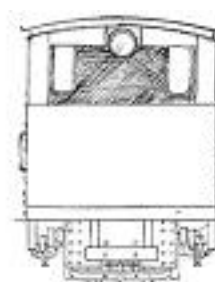
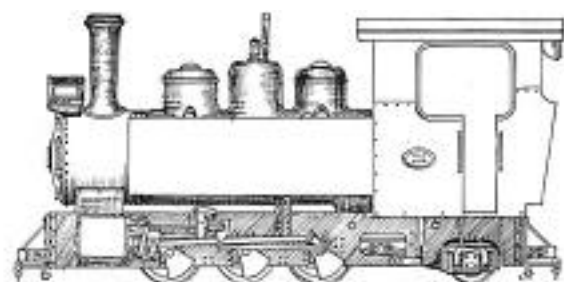
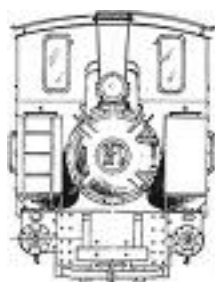
Archives collect business and other historical records in the same way that libraries collect books, ending up with everything from photographs to annual reports to correspondence. Each archive specialises in a particular industry, geographic area or function so you need to 1) know what you want, and 2) check out the archive's coverage, before making a visit.

Photocopies and copies of photographs can be obtained for a reasonable fee but publication of the material (even in a modeller's newsletter) normally requires an additional fee.

Hobby Suppliers

Living in Rockhampton I'm restricted to one local hobby shop, supplemented by mail order (usually through the hobby shop) and occasional visits to a capital city. You'll undoubtedly find different scratch-building and other products than I use, and may have access to swap meets and the like for kitbashing materials,

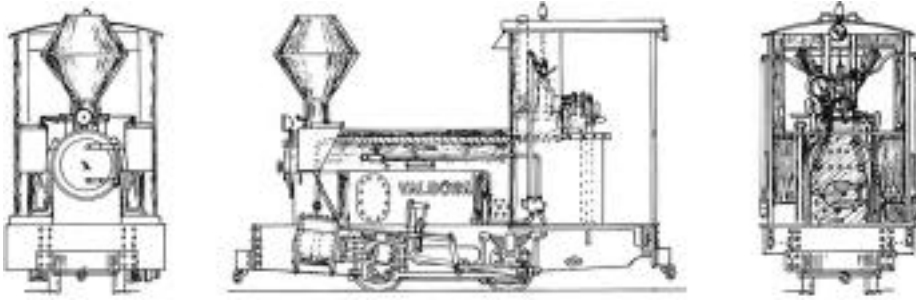
As noted elsewhere, a number of Aussie suppliers have recently disappeared, some through sickness and other through the changing economic climate. The CaneSIG web site has a [hopefully] current guide to some manufacturers and distributors.



**Bundaberg
Fowler 0-6-2T**

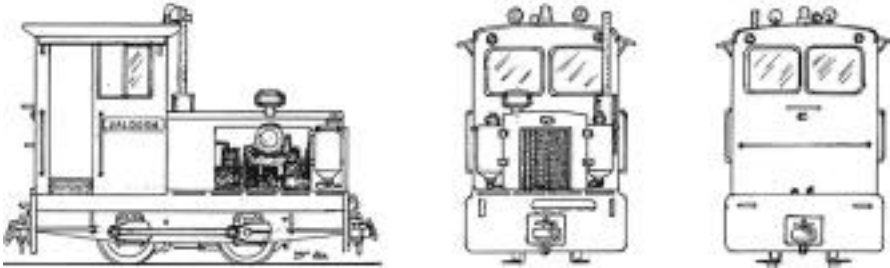
*ANGRMS Bundy #5
is a loco like this.*

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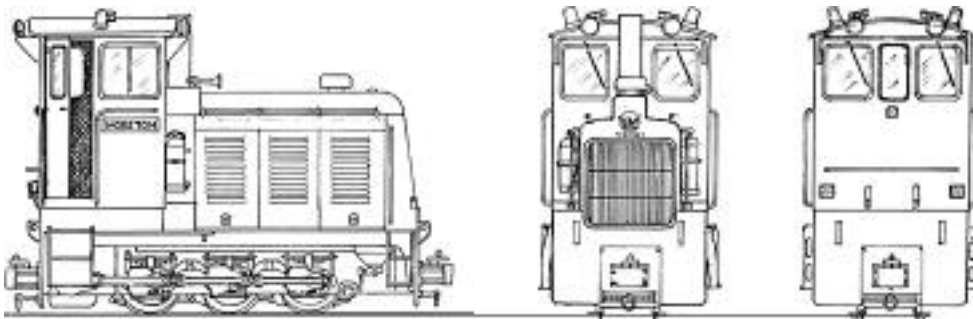
*Drawings © Jim Fainges
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Moreton Central Sugar Mill's 0-4-0T 'Valdora'
built by Dick Kerr



Moreton Sugar Mill (Nambour) 'Valdora'
Baldwin built 8 ton diesel

Valdora and Maroochy are known as 'the twins' and often operate together.

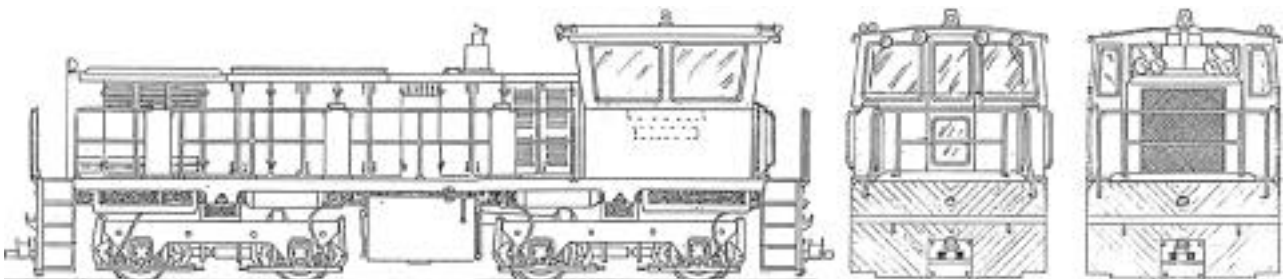


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Moreton Sugar Mill 'Moreton'
Chyde diesel 0-6-0



Moreton Sugar Mill's 'Coolum', 18 ton EM Baldwin bogie diesel



Farleigh Mill 73 class DH conversion from NSWG standard gauge by Bundaberg Foundry

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Selected References

These references from the author's growing collection have been selected because of their potential utility to modellers of Queensland cane and their potential availability. Please let me know (author, title, publisher and source) about other appropriate materials.

A wide variety of industry material and histories (Australian mills and overseas—Fiji, Cuba, etc.) are available in book and video format. Look for reference materials in your nearest university archives or a good second hand store if you cannot find them new.

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Dyer, Peter and Peter Hodge. **Cane Train: The Sugar-cane Railways of Fiji**. New Zealand Railway and Locomotive Society: Wellington, NZ; 1988. The classic, now out-of-print but worth locating: Photos, plans, maps and description of the various cane railways in Fiji. Very similar to Queensland cane operations, especially as equipment moved from one to the other and same [CSR] ownership.

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Holden, James (Ed). **Australian Sugarcane**. PO Box 766, Toowoomba, Qld 4350. Bimonthly industry magazine; advertiser supported and member service for the Australian Cane Farmers Association. Contains industry and research news, regular cane district updates, history, etc.

Jehan, David (comp). **Illawarra Light Railway Museum Society Limited Museum Guide**. ILRMSL: Albion Park Rail, NSW; 2000. Photos, plans and descriptions of the museum, locomotives and some rolling stock. Includes a variety of cane railway locos.

Kerr, Bill. **They're All Half Crazy: 100 years of mechanical cane harvesting**. Canegrowers: Brisbane, QLD; 1995. Video traces mechanisation from 1888 to

present, includes rare footage of Kanakas cutting cane as well as harvesters.

Kerr, Bill, and Blyth, Ken [Comp]. **They're All Half Crazy: 100 years of mechanised cane harvesting**. Canegrowers: Brisbane; 1993. Book to accompany video of similar title [cane harvesting]

Link, Roy C. **Industrial Narrow Gauge Handbook: Catalogue and Handbook**. Roy C Link: UK; 1994-. Catalogue and Handbook for Link's industrial narrow gauge kits, 7mm scale, 14mm gauge (2 ft): track & turnouts, rolling stock, locomotives, equipment & plant, prototype. Current details UK-based but locos also used for cane railways.

LRRSA's **Light Railways** (details pg 1). An increasingly indispensable source.

Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention Notes and Narrow Gauge Convention Notes. 1995-2001. Every convention has had presentations, photos, plans and ideas of value to the cane modeller including modelling cane locomotives and bins, bridges and trackwork, locomotive depots, etc.

Narrow Gauge Downunder, Australian biannual. Has cane modelling feature or short articles in most issues.

Oberg, Leon. *Kevin's Night of Drama: A Nambour Sugar Mill Adventure* [in **Australian Diesel Scene 4**, pp 44-57]. Everleigh Press: Mantraville NSW; 2000. A look at the modern operations on Nambour's Moreton Sugar Mill tram system through the eyes of a long time driver. Illustrated with a map and photos of current and historical diesel operations.

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Zetlin, Larry (Prod). **Bundy's Last Great Adventure**. Gulliver Media Australia: Brisbane; 2001. Video (VHS PAL) of ANGRMS' Bundy No 5 as it travelled from Woodford to FNQ, stopping at many of Qld's sugar mills on the way.



Happy Modelling!