

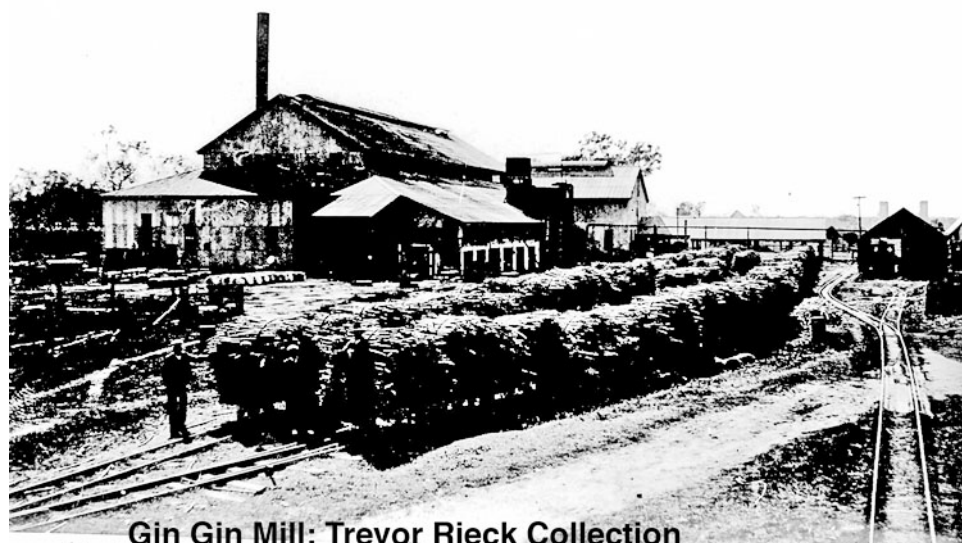
Selected Resources for Modelling Queensland's Railways and Shire/Cane Mill Tramlines

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.



Gin Gin Mill: Trevor Rieck Collection

Books

- Alcorn, Berenis and Dunn, Robin (1997). **Moreton Sugar Mill: Sweet heart of Nambour.** Maroochydore and Nambour: Berenis Alcorn and Robin Dunn. Published at the time of the Moreton Mill centenary, this book details the history of sugar growing and milling in the Nambour area. 238 p.
- AMRA (Qld) (1996-2003). *Selected Resources for Modelling Queensland's Railways.* Zillmere, Qld: ARHS - Qld. Half page photos with captions.
- Armstrong, John (1985-2003). **Locomotives in the Tropics: Vols 1-3, Queensland Railways.** Brisbane/Ipswich, Qld. Photos, descriptions, rosters, bibliography.
- Armstrong, John (2006). **Iron and Steel Wagons of the Queensland Railways Steam Era, Wooden Wagons of the Queensland Railways: 1880-1980; (2010). Wooden Carriages**

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- of the Queensland Railways, 1864-1956; (2012) Brake Vans of the Queensland Railways 1864-1980. Brisbane: John Armstrong. Modelling and historical guides. Descriptions, photos and drawings.
- Armstrong, John and Verhoeven, G H (2000). **The Innisfail Tramway: The history and development of the Geraldton Shire Tramway and the Mourilyan Harbour Tramway**. Melbourne: LRRSA. Revision of 1973 publication describing the 2' gauge tramways in tropical North Queensland, including an update on sugar mill (cane tramway) operations since 1977. 128 p.
- 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.
- Browning, John & Webber, Brian (2012). **Built by Bundaberg Foundry**. Woodford: ANGRMS. History of the locomotives (steam and diesel) built by the Bundaberg Foundry (now known as Bundaberg Walkers Engineering). 84pp.
- Burke, David (2009). **Chasing the Sunshine: The Story of Queensland's Sunshine Express**. Workshops Museum, Ipswich: Queensland Museum. History of building QR's North Coast Line and the Sunshine Express, Queensland's premier train introduced in 1935. 154 pp.
- Crow, Linsay and Sargent, John (Eds) (1999). **Queensland Canefields Steam Era: A photographic profile -- 1955-1980**. Studfield, VIC: Train Hobby Publications. THP Mini Series Railway Profile (A South of the Border Publication). Steam locomotive photos and captions from QLD cane railways. 48 p.
- Ford, Lyall (2007). **A Photographic Record of Colonial Queensland: The work of John Henry Mills**. Freshwater, Qld: Taipan Press. Over 100 images and captions to provide historical context for this professional photographer, 1851-1919, in partnership with William Boag and then Albert Reckitt. Workers cottages, sugar mill, transport, people and activities, etc., around Queensland. [1st edition 2004]. 110 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.
- Hennell, Andrew and Hennell, David (2011). **Country Railways of Queensland - 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, Part 1**. Pinewood, VIC: Train Hobby Publications. Photographic profile: primarily QR (Queensland Railways) but also some shire and cane operations in the post war period through to the end of dieselisation. 56+.
- Hennell, David et al [eds] (2005). **Country Railway Stations: Queensland**. Studfield, VIC: Train Hobby Publications. Photographic profile 1971-1992, large photos with limited captions. 48+ pp.
- Kerr, John (1990). **Triumph of Narrow Gauge: A history of Queensland Railways**. Bowen Hills, Brisbane: Boolarong Publications. QR history from the first train in 1865 to present. Includes some photos and maps. 232 p.

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Kerr, John (1991). **Top Mill in the Valley: Cattle Creek Sugar Mill, Finch Hatton.** Mackay: Mackay Sugar Co-op Assoc. The story of the people who made Cattle Creek Sugar Mill a success. 120 p.

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 naimal powered on wooden rails as well as more advanced steam powered tramlines with steel rails. 104pp.

Knowles, John (2004). **The Mapleton Tramway: The Line of the Diminutive Shay Locomotives.** Brisbane: self. History of the Mapleton Tramway and related sugar mill, timber operations, etc. Includes maps, photos and equipment drawings. 92 pp.



Morgan, R.K., Stamford, F (rev) (2000). **Lahey's Canungra Tramway.** VIC, Australia: LRRSA. First published as Light Railways Number 54, Summer 1975-76. History, with photos and maps, of the small lumbering tramway located about 40 miles south of Brisbane. 32 p.

Oberg, Leon (1996). **Locomotives of Australia: 1850s-1990s.** Kenthurst NSW: Kangaroo Press. Revised, updated, and enlarged edition of the original 1975 and 1984 accounts of Australia's most popular and interesting locomotives--steam, diesel and electric. 1984 edition also in collection. 368 p.

Plater, Clive (2013). **Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill.** Nambour, Qld: Nambour & District Historical Museum. Description with photos and a couple of plans for every locomotive owned by the Moreton Central Sugar Mill between 1904 and 1976. A5 np.

Queensland Railways (various). **Rollingstock Book.** Brisbane: Queensland Railways. Rollingstock and basic outline diagrams, some dimensions.

Various [Eds] (1996-2011). **Australian Narrow Gauge Convention [Proceedings].** Modelling the narrower gauges (including Queensland). Prototype and modelling information, tips and procedures. 106 pp.

Various (Ed) (1995-1996). **Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention [Proceedings].** Clinic notes for the various Conventions.

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- 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 (2004). **Exploring the Railways of Far North Queensland**. Brisbane: ARHS, Qld Div. A line by line review of the historic and current railways of Cairns and District and further north. Includes QR, shire, sugar mill and tourist railways. Useful as a guide for visitors. 64 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.
- Webber, Brian (2009). **The Railways of Caboolture, Woodford and Kilcoy**. Woodford: ANGRMS. A brief history of QR's Kilcoy branch at the centenary of the opening of the Caboolture to Woodford section and 30 years of carrying passengers on ANGRMS' Durundur Railway at Woodford. 34 pp.
- West, A M (1994). **Made in Maryborough: A pictorial record of the railway rollingstock produced by Walkers Ltd**. Ipswich: ARHA QLD Div. Walkers Ltd of Maryborough Qld. np.



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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.

Railstuff (2004). **Preserved Steam in Queensland**. Graceville East, Qld: Railstuff & Camden Miniatures Steam Services. Filmed 1991-2004, contents of earlier VHS video,

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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.

Railstuff (2005). **QR Lineside: 1 Rockhampton**. Graceville East, Qld: Railstuff & Camden Miniatures Steam Services. Shot in 2000, 30 minutes of DVD coverage of Rockhampton and area. DVD, 30 min.

Rowling, Brian [photographer] (1988, 2006). **Steam, Rails and Sugarcane**. Parramatta, NSW: Rollingsstock 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.

Tracks and Trains (2004). **Moreton Mill... end of the line**. Australia: www.tracksandtrains.com. The last workings (last sugar cane train) of the Moreton Mill at Nambour, 3 Dec 2003. DVD, 65 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.

Water Street Productions (various photographers) (2012). **Queensland Sugar Trains Vol 1 & 2**. Water Street Productions. Historical and modern footage of sugar cane trains in Queensland. DVD 51/71 min.



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

Queensland Museum: qm.qld.gov.au and www.theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au

Rail Heritage Image Collection: QldRailHeritage.com

