

Small Rolling Stock with Character

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Australian Narrow Gauge Convention: Small Rolling Stock with Character

Presentation Definitions

- Shire/cane/branch line, industrial
- ~20' max length
- Modelling in HOn30, On30, SM32
- Kit, kitbashing and scratchbuilding
- Narrow gauge up to/including 3' 6"

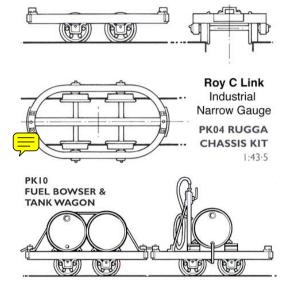


Moreton Mill 1997 © Greg Stephenson



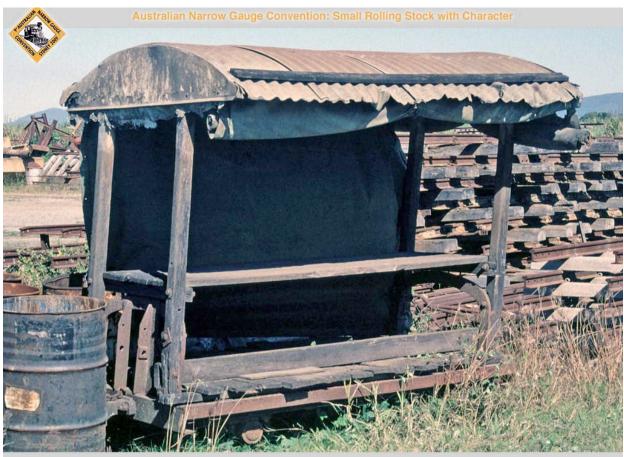
KISS: Keep it simple...

- Modelling always a compromise!
- Photo-realism or impressionistic?
- Specific prototype or freelance?
- Modelling based on adapting from many sources





NMRA On30 Gauge with my Gauge, based on AMRA Brisbane practice, superimposed. Background On30 diorama

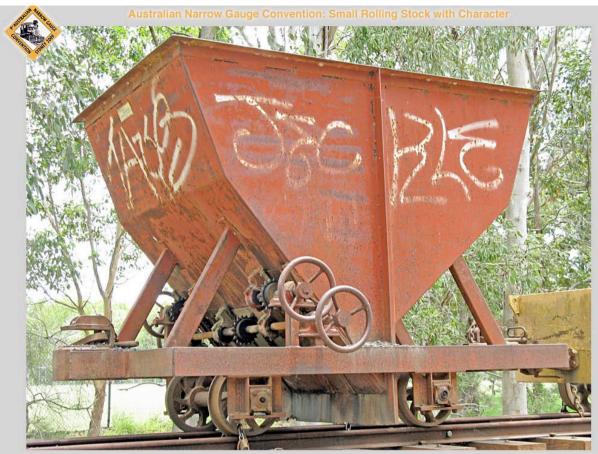


Pleystowe Mill, stored at North Eton Mill, 2000

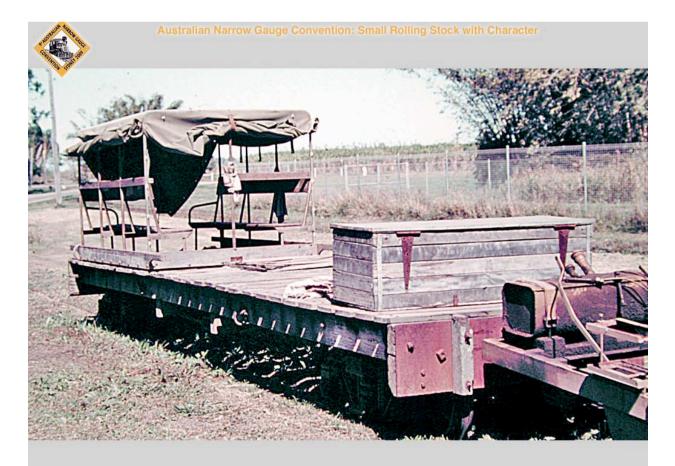
Greg Stephenson, photographer



Ex-Moreton Mill, tool wagons, 2007 at Durundur Railway (Woodford)



Bundaberg Sugar, bottom opening ballast wagon, at ASCR 2007



Fairymead Mill, 1981

Greg Stephenson, photographer



My Modelling

- Small home layout began HO (mixed traffic & logging)... now On30 shire/ cane with HO logging branch
- Displays A4, 16" x 24", 20" x 24"
- Future SM32 display & garden railway





Innisfail Tramway 7' brake van: RJ Models On30 kit, Tootle Engineering SM32 kit



Not just aging...

- HOn30 displays too small for viewing under typical museum lighting
- Eyesight/age HO/HOn30 --> change to On30
- Now building On30 display modules

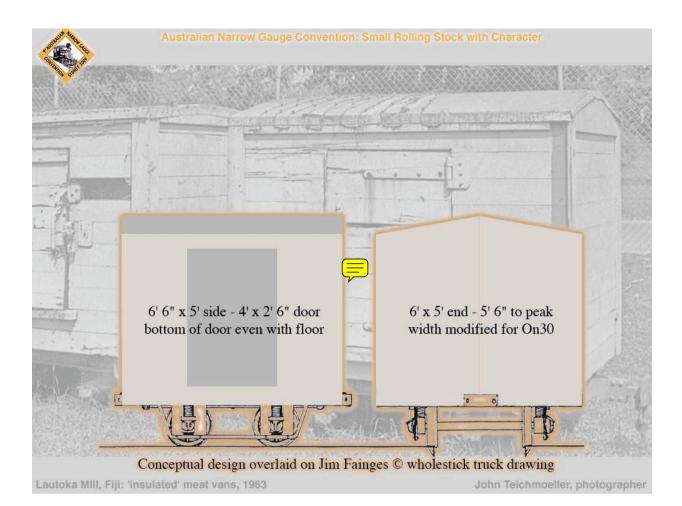




Scratchbuilding/Kitbashing

- HOn30/On30/SM32 use track-related items from N/HO/O
- Freelance/realism:
 "Does this model or scene show the world as it was or might have been?"





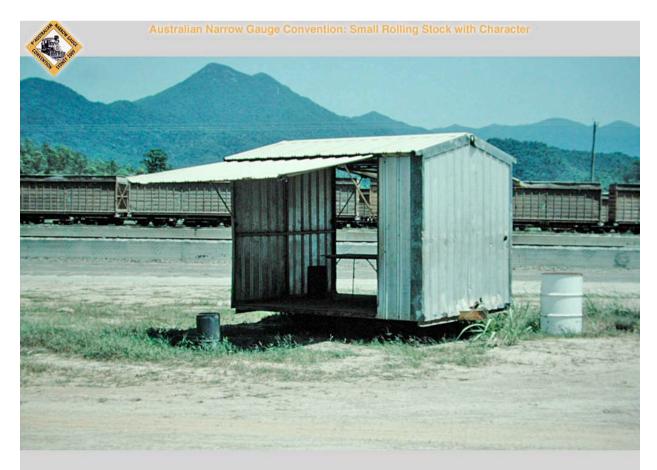


Fiji meat van: RJ Models On30 Moreton Mill wholestick truck underframe and scale lumber



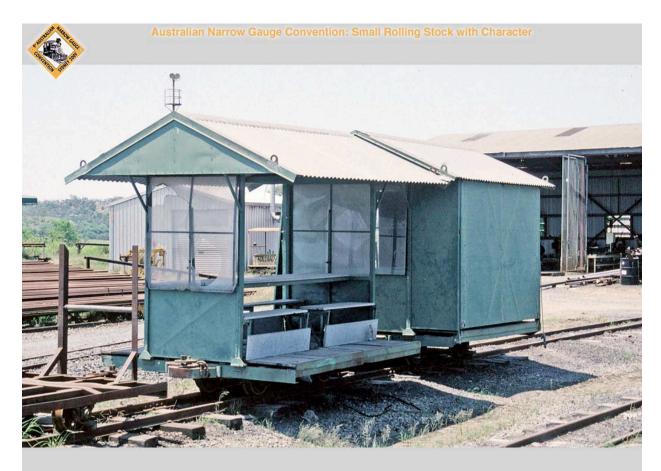
Marian Mill, 1986

Greg Stephenson, photographer



Mossman Mill, Mowbray area, 1994

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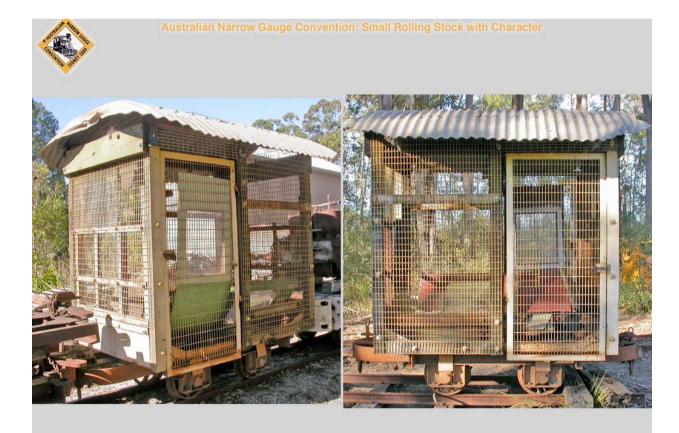
Farleigh Mill, navvy transport, 1997

Greg Stephenson, photographer





Ex-Moreton MIII, Atlas Copco compressor on wholestick frame, 2007



Ex-Moreton Mill, gas car, 2007 at Durundur Railway (Woodford)



Proserpine Mill, 1997: weed sprayer, ballast hopper, bottom dump mill wagons

Rob Nesbitt, photographer

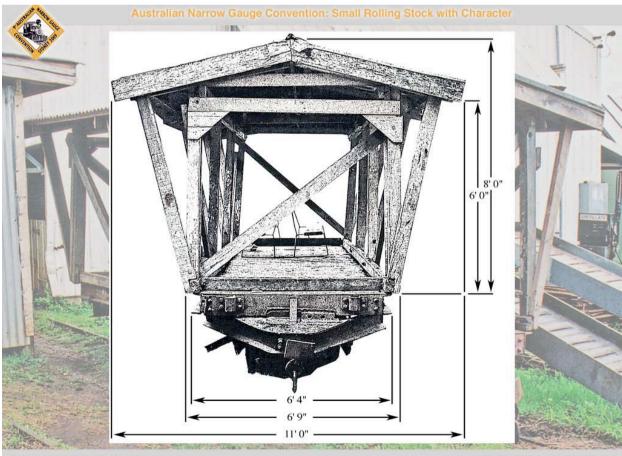


Bundaberg Sugar, Ballast plow, at ASCR 2007



Navvy transport, Navo Fiji

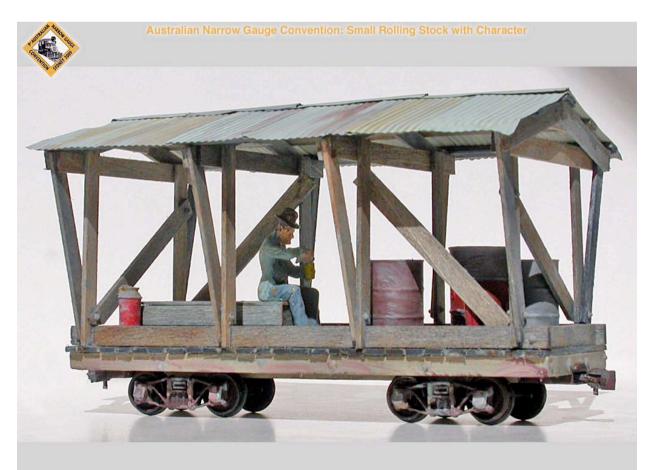
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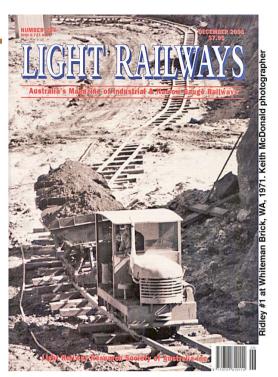




Scratchbuilt superstructure on Mountain Blue 18' 3" x 6' 4" On30 white metal underframe



- Mining, firewood, etc
- Brickworks, smelters
- Sewage works
- Construction (dams, tunnels, rail, etc.)
- Wharves, munitions
- Weed sprayers and burners, navvy, etc.





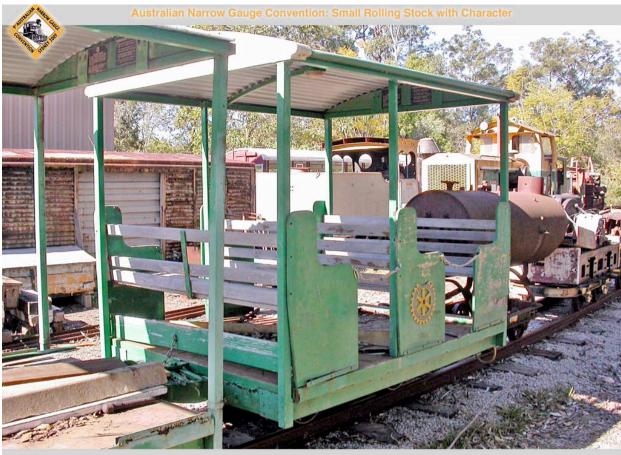
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Passenger Stock

- Tourist, museum or working line?
- Rail motors were used everywhere with potential mechs in all scales/gauges
- Even quite modern lines would still use older carriages, etc.



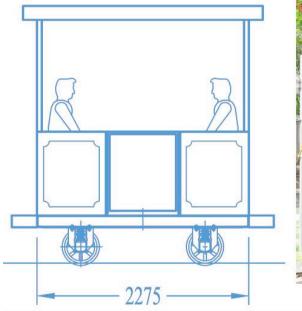
Ida Bay Railway, Tasmania 1999



Tourist cars from St Helens Island, now relocated to the Durundur Railway (Woodford)



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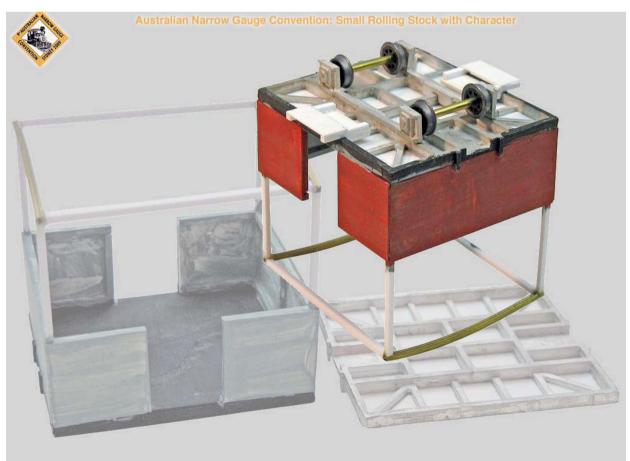


Australian Sugar Cane Railway, Bundaberg

Ross Driver, draughtsman



Styrene and brass superstructure on a RJ Models Moreton Mill cane bin underframe



Styrene and brass superstructure on a RJ Models Moreton Mill cane bin underframe



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Models in Quantity

- Jigs, masters and casting for 2-10
- Quality masters or digital drawings for suppliers: cast, etched brass, injection moulded styrene, etc.
- Costly in time & \$\$\$



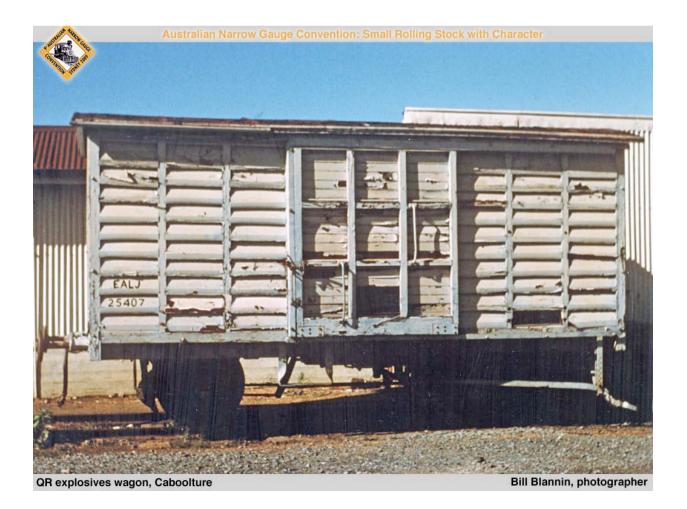
Phil Badger's etched brass cane bins

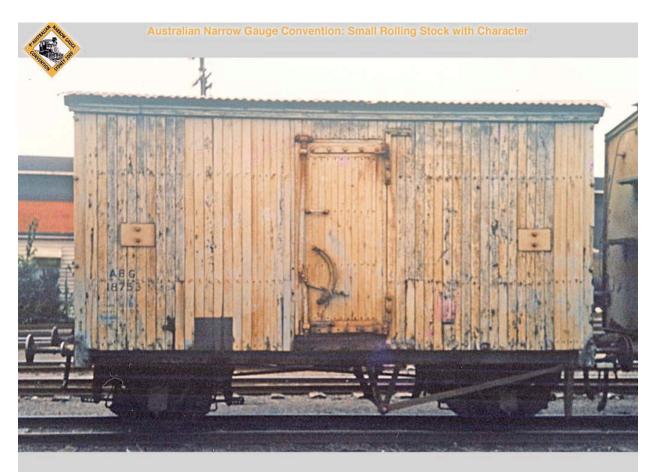


Narrow Gauge Inspiration

- Thematic modelling lets me cross eras and regauge stock (think regauged & rebuilt DH locos for the cane railways)
- What's realistic for my semi-bankrupt railway/tramway?

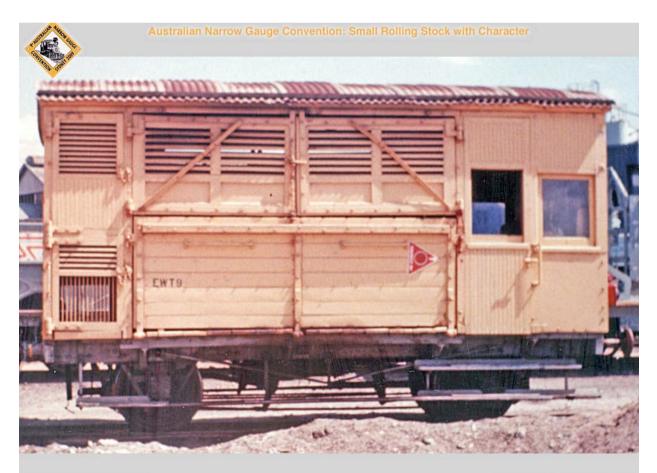






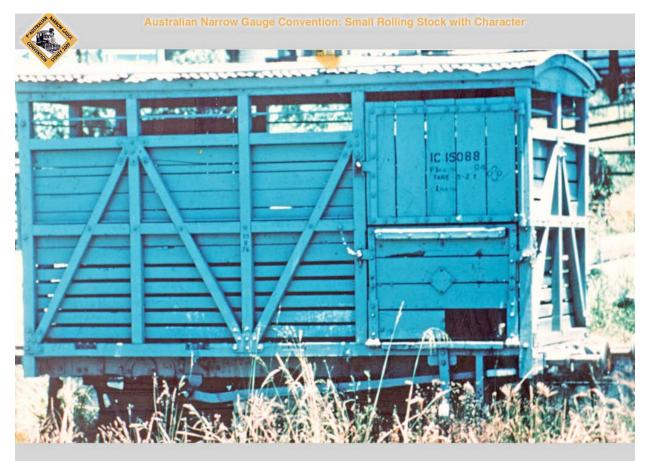
QR Grover's bogie butter wagon

Bill Blannin, photographer



QR horse wagon, Mayne

Bill Blannin, photographer



QR standard cattle wagon, Normanby, 1977.

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Happy Modelling!

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