

## *from the FOOTPLATE*

# ***GONE but never FORGOTTEN***

There would not be one person in the club that has not heard about the tragedy suffered by Rolley, Jake and Cath and that is the suspicious fire that completely destroyed their sawmill. Not only did the mill stop on Sunday the 6th May, but so did their livelihood and their life. The mill was not only a way of earning an income but a way of life for them all.

As Rolley said, it was like losing one of his children, that is just how much a part of their lives it had become.

As this club has always done when one of their members has personal troubles, we will be giving them as much help as we can. No matter what shape or form it comes in, I am sure that this club will stand by them no matter what their decision in the final outcome will be.

It is bad enough to lose your livelihood by accident but to lose it under suspicious circumstances makes the blow much harder to take and I hope that anyone who has heard even the smallest of whispers as to who the perpetrator may be, then we urge them to go to the Police with that information.

Also any knowledge of machinery and equipment that may get the boiler and engine back up and running again would be a blessing for the Gillams, no matter if the boiler is only a monument, at least it will look the part and people can see what it used to look like in its' heyday.

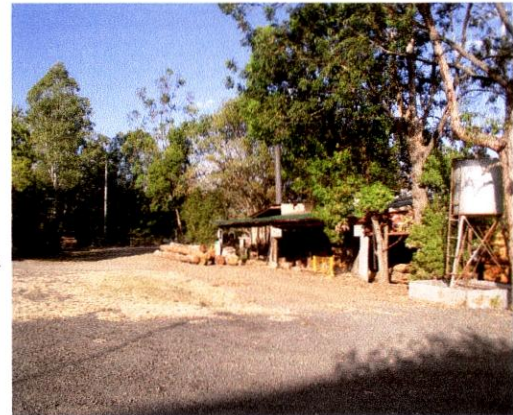
Jake and Cath have been good to this club. Most of the timber work needed for bridges and the track and other areas of the club has been supplied by them free of charge. Also all the advertising for our running days and special events has been paid by them and they would never dream of asking for recompense.

Jake has mowed the grass for years in his

own time after work and on week ends and most of the time on his own. This was on top of the work he had at the mill and keeping his own yard and the mill yard cut and neat and tidy.

People like this never ask for pats on the back and recognition of their achievements, just an occasional thank you was good enough for all of them.

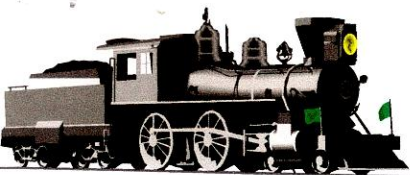
So I am hoping that all you club members will get behind them in whatever they decide to do with their lives and the mill site from now on.



BEFORE AND AFTER.....



What is there to say, A Picture paints a thousand words. !!



# G.M.L.S.A (Inc) May 2007

## Jokes...Reports...Club Notes/Editorial.....

### Editorial .....

Here is a bit of fun for a change of pace.....

After many man hours re-modelling the portable track, it had to be tested, so after all the hard work a bit of fun was called for as the below pictures will show.

I think, though, that John Alcorn has played Santa Claus for too long as he has reverted to his childhood and looks cute pulling his toy wagon along the track!



One other way of testing the track after its' modifications.

The Ipswich Festival was good as usual and Steve took the opportunity to remind older residents just what the steam trains used to smell like with a good stoking of coal in his loco and those spectators who like to get close to the floats, probably wish they hadn't !!!

### NEW LIFTING FRAME A SUCCESS.....

Bob Thorne made a lifting frame to make the job of loading the locos onto the truck so much easier, especially seeing as we had a different truck this year, with a crane on it. And what better loco to get the first ride than the Presidents !!



All went well though and even the ill-fated loco of Bruce Willis' went on without a hitch although everyone was holding their breath while it was being hoisted aloft. As seen by the look on Jakes face below

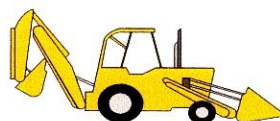


### FUNNY FACTS....

(Submitted by CliveHarnwell)

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.



A pigs orgasm lasts 30 minutes !!

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet.

### Presidents Report.....

Time to put pen to paper for another report. First thanks to all who turned out for the Ipswich Festival. It turned out to be a smoking good day, with Steves' loco providing the smoke.

Thanks to Bob for the lifting frame, it worked out o.k. and a big thank you goes to the truck owner and it's driver/operator.

Also I would like to thank you all for putting in the time to make our running day a good one, even though we did not have Cath and Jake with us due to some mongrel who set fire to their sawmill. But our thoughts and feelings went to them and the club will be there if they need us.

The Boonah Show is on this weekend so I'll take this opportunity to thank those who came to help.

We have two more outside venues coming up, the Toowoomba train show and Ipswich Council fun day, so if you can help, let us know as we need to get the track up to Toowoomba on Friday 15th June.

James is still on sick leave but hope he is getting better and will be back on track soon.

It was good to see "Dad and Dave" on the station last running day, but take your time mates to get fit and well again.

Once again thanks to the ladies in the canteen. Thanks to Shirley and Ann for helping out at short notice.

Thank you all.

Roy Clark(President)

### Pannells' Ponderings....

"If you think no one is listening to you, just FART."

### Secretaries Report....

Two people have filled out membership forms. Peter Bodetti from Mogill owns a part built 5"A10 and Darryl Green from Laidley owns a part built Blowfly.

Welcome to the club boys.

Darryl could add some interest to the club. He is another bloke who calls a spade an "End loader"

Dudley Pannell(Secretary)