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Col Williams Nev Steemson Geoff Cook Ron Stitt & Terry Kenzler



Once the bridge was installed the real hard work began. Lifting and repacking the track either side of the bridge.



Condition of the corbels which Ron & Nev had been keeping a close eye on over the years. Unfortunately several floods had gone over these bridge timbers causing damage.

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Senior Rail Engineer Ron Stitt inspects the finishing off work of replacing ties on both approaches to Bridge No.3. The ballast wagon was invaluable for this task.

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First train onto the bridge was VALDORA.
This work was a great success for all the hard working crew on the manufacture and installation of Bridge No.2.

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The track & bridge passed as fit for purpose.

Editorial:

I would like to thank Steve Heidrich & Col Williams for the photography of the bridge installation as I was unable to be there. They have provided a great historical overview and record of the installation of the Bridge No.2.

Without the photos there would be no record of the entire event and could pass into ASCR history with no mention of what occurred. The society possesses a myriad of photos of the history which tell the story from when the Railway first commenced way back in the eighties.

In coming News Letters we will be bringing some of those early photos out of ASCR archives just to remind all of us where we have come from over the decades.

There are staff changes at present such as:

- **President** Steve Heidrich
- **Vice President / Purchasing** Wendy Driver OAM
- **Workshop Contact/Secretary** Ross Driver
- **Treasurer** Di Dorfler
- **IT coordinator & Quality Assurance** Andy Rayer

If anyone would like to contribute to the future newsletters please email at

secretary@bundabergcanetrains.org.au

Looking forward to your contributions.

PLEASE NOTE: Steam operations can only commence once more when we get sufficient rain to dampen the leaf litter in between the trees. At present the fire danger is a problem for Steam Operations in the Park and we have been advised by the Gardens Staff to take extreme care.