



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

18 April: *School Holiday Programme*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, short tram rides, karaoke, history questionnaires, food.

27 April: *Annual General Meeting*, 3:30 pm.

Membership Renewal

The annual membership fees of \$10 per person or \$20 per family are due by the end of March. Only those members who are financial are eligible to vote at the AGM.

Notes from the President

As this will be my last *Notes from the President*, I again thank members for their support and co-operation during my time as President. Regrettably, I feel that I have not been able to achieve as much as I intended in my term in office.

The one redeeming fact for 2010 was a turn around in the dwindling attendance numbers and, with a focused advertising campaign and positive promotion by volunteers, I can see this trend continuing into the future.

I will not be nominating for the position of President this year but look forward to contributing in some capacity. I encourage all members to renew their membership on or prior to the next Monthly Meeting on 30th March and attend the Annual General Meeting on 27th April. Anyone prepared to take on an executive role is encouraged to nominate for a position.

I will be presenting a comprehensive President's Report at the AGM in which I will expand somewhat on my thoughts for the future role of the 'Friends of Archer Park' in the promotion and support of the Archer Park Rail Museum. The Archer Park Rail Museum is a heritage treasure and we all have to commit to the promotion and preservation of this city icon.

Merv Edmonston

Volunteer Activities

Public liability insurance for \$10 million coverage has been obtained and approved through both RRC and The Friends.

The February meeting approved a proposal from the Treasurer for a Broadband account and Internet banking for The Friends.

Tram maintenance over the Christmas period cost over \$3000 but the tram is now fully functional. Test and tagging was also carried out over that period, with the vacuum cleaner being condemned, thus the need for replacement by The Friends.

QR DH to Walhalla Goldfields Railway



Ian J (ausnarrowgauge@yahoo.com) took this photo of an ex-QR DH being delivered to the Walhalla Goldfields Railway prior to the first train of the day on a Saturday morning late 2010.

Notes from the Coordinator

Good news at last on Steam loco C17 988: Council has signed off on the lease and are just waiting for new quotes to transport the loco and tender to Archer Park. We should have the loco at the museum within a month's time.

Fourteen pots along the platform will have new plants in them this week (mid-March) as we have replaced the ferns with green leafy plants.

Bruce Lentell from the Heritage Village has repainted a section of the tram that had lost its paint due to heat from the firebox. Other small sections were repainted as well.

The new chimney is working well on the tram, also the new s/s valves on the steam pump and the new wire rope on the ash pan door.

The Friends of Archer Park have just bought a new High Definition 32 inch TV and vacuum cleaner for the museum.

RRC electricians have installed RCD units to two switch boards in the museum. One board had been a problem with water from a rusted sump on the roof pouring water in through the ceiling and down into the switchboard. It wasn't until a plumber repaired the hole in the sump that work could begin on the switchboard.

The museum's first Bush Poets, Barbecue and Song Night was a success with eighty three people attending, this was comparable to the first night we held such a night three years ago.

With all the rain we are having at present the tram is plagued by dirt and gravel building up between the guard rails over the two level crossings. One level crossing was cleaned out by the local fire brigade with their high pressure hoses but requires doing again as the tram is too lightweight to carve its way through the gravel and dirt. If the dirt and gravel builds up too much the tram may run off the rails.

ARHS organised a rail tour to Biloela with a BB18 1/14 at the head of the train this month (March). Rail traffic on the Biloela branch line has been practically nil except for tutor trains.

We will not be having bottled water on the platform from now on and other arrangements will be made to supply drinking water to the volunteers besides selling bottled water to the public.

Volunteers must always return tools and other implements used in restoration, or other jobs around the museum, to their proper place. It upsets other volunteers when they can't find the tool they want to do a job. Please remember, we are a museum first and need to keep areas clean and tidy. So that means put it back where you got it from after use. It doesn't matter if you are going to come back to that job the next day, still put the tools back that day and keep your fellow volunteers happy.

I have checked with RRC on what is "appropriate footwear". Archer Park Volunteers, along with paid staff, must wear closed shoes at all times, whether visiting, working roster or passing through. If working outside the station, ie gardening, rail line work or any other type of manual work, closed leather shoes or steel capped shoes must be worn. Tram crew must wear closed shoes or steel capped shoes if working on or around the tram or any other rail vehicle. This regulation forms part of our Accreditation and QT expect us to abide by this. Sneakers or joggers may only be worn if working on the top platform and tour guiding.

A new volunteer, Colin Heath, has picked up a full time job. He will still volunteer and help us out on our special days, congratulations Colin.

Dennis Sheehan

Procedural Changes for Archer Park Railway Museum (Effective 1 March 2011)

While Council appreciates the time you commit to the Archer Park Railway Museum, in an effort to ensure a productive and enjoyable experience for all volunteers we would remind you of Council's expectations of you while on site.

Volunteers comply with direction, codes of dress and codes of conduct, with special emphasis on compliance with all safety requirements to protect themselves, staff, fellow volunteers and the general public.

Volunteers attend prepared to carry out the roles for which they volunteer with a genuine commitment, and to the best of their capabilities.

Meal Breaks

Morning tea – 10 – 10.30 am

Lunch – 12.30 – 1 pm

Afternoon Tea – 2.30 – 3 pm

These times may need to be adjusted, depending on visitors and tour groups.

Meals are to be taken in the Refreshment Room, unless a tour group is present. If so, tables and chairs can be placed on the platform and must be removed ASAP.

Refreshment Room is to be kept clean and tidy. Please refrain from using TV/video unless requested by visitors or tour groups.

Centerlink Forms

For these forms to be signed, you must be taking an active role at the museum.

Work hours will be 9 am to 4 pm to meet Centrelink requirements

Activities – Work Assignments

Check with Coordinator for activities or work assignments throughout the day.

If you are unable to undertake the task, please discuss your concern with the Coordinator and a new task will be assigned.



Maryborough 2011: QR BB18 1/4 1089 heading the Sunshine Express Rail Tours trip to Biloela, arriving at Maryborough West 17 March 2011 as ARHS Qld Division celebrates 54 years. Peter Andrews photographer.



Rockhampton 1963: QR's Beyer-Garratt 1108 approaching Port Curtis junction on its way west. Peter Bruce photographer.