



**Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc**

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# TRAM TRACKS

## Date Claimers

29 June – Family Fun Day

30 June – School Holiday Program

7 July – School Holiday Program

24 August – Family Fun Day

26 October – Family Fun Day

## Friends of Archer Park

President: Phil Augustine 0429 094 377

Vice President: Lyn Pegler

Treasurer: Ross Carter 0407 038 065

Secretary: Helen Hansson

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

Meetings of the **Friends of Archer Park** are normally on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the refreshment room, so the **next meeting is 12:30 pm, 25 June 2014.**

## Archer Park News

The transition from Rockhampton Regional Council to Friends of Archer Park Station and Steam Tram Museum is progressing well. The Friends are now trading as Archer Park Rail Museum (APRM).

At present the Tram is still running under the Control of RRC but APRM is progressing with its accreditation which is going well with just some minor questions to be answered.

The coordinator, Janice Seymour, is settling well into her position and I am sure over time you will all meet her.

Some good promotion news, we have been given a space for a stall at the Rockhampton Show from Thursday 6 June to Saturday 8 June. The stall will be staffed by any member volunteers that can come along. Please contact Janice at the office to let her know your availability times. This will be a very good

opportunity to raise our profile in the community!

The March Family Fun Day had 201 visitors and the next Family Fun Day is on Sunday 29 June. Volunteers needed for this as well as our School Holiday program which will run on the following Mondays, 30 June and 7 July. Please contact Janice or one of the executive committee to let us know if you can help.

## Tram Maintenance:

We had to close the Tram down on Sunday 18 May due to a problem with the boiler feed water pump not pumping water to the boiler. This has now been fixed by the fitters from RRC and we are up and running again as normal.

*Ross Carter*

## From the President

As scheduled, on 1 April the Friends took over the management and operation of the Museum for the Council. There are further notes on the arrangement elsewhere in this issue.

In the last two months we - and particularly the management committee - have been on a steep learning curve but we are getting there. We have appointed a new Coordinator so that is a big step forward - further introduction to Janice Seymour is also in this issue.

On the operations' side we have conducted a Family Fun Day and two School Holidays activity days each of which has given reasonable results. We've also had several tour groups and Legacy ladies functions and a few tourists, so I don't think the reduced operating hours have had much affect yet.

To me, the most positive outcome from the past two months has been the interest and enthusiasm shown by our volunteers to make a success of this enterprise.

*Phil Augustine*

## Introducing Our New Coordinator

Janice Seymour commenced her position as Coordinator of the Friends of the Archer Park Rail Museum on 22 April. Janice has a work history of managing facilities, working in tourism and television.



She worked as the Manager of the Rockhampton Royal Flying Doctors Base, Office Manager for a Training Facility, Real Estate Property Manager, as well as 3 years working at Channel 7.

Janice has been living in Rockhampton for around 30 years with her husband, and has 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

She is looking forward to meeting and working with all the members of the Friends of the Archer Park Station and Steam Tram Museum.

## Vale Weston Langford

Weston Langford, noted photographer and contributor of historical photos of Rockhampton and area to Tram Tracks died recently. Our condolences to his family and colleagues and hopefully we'll continue to enjoy his photos for many years to come.

## Quick Response Codes

Our younger readers will be familiar with QR, or Quick Response, codes to quickly access web pages using a tablet or smartphone app.

The QR code at right links to the Friends' home page and is hopefully the first of several to appear around the Museum linking visitors with information on our exhibits and artefacts.



Rockhampton Down 'Sunlander' 1496 at the old Stanley Street Station, 31 October 1966. © Weston Langford photographer, image 108134