



TRAM TRACKS

Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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Date Claimers

2015

- 1 March – Family Fun Day
- 17 April – School Holiday Program
- 26 April – Family Fun Day
- 29 April – Annual General Meeting
- 28 June – Family Fun Day
- 29 June – School Holiday Program
- 6 July – School Holiday Program
- 23 August – Family Fun Day
- 21 September – School Holiday Program
- 28 September – School Holiday Program
- 25 October – Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park

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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, 28 January 2015.**

President Phil's Notes

Here we are into the festive season again already. It has been a challenging and busy year for us all so it seems to have passed too quickly. Business wise we seem to be doing alright but administratively there is still a lot of documentation of and training in procedures to finalise. We had a recent exercise when the Council Safety Officer presented "Fire Warden Training" for the Coordinator and some of our key volunteers. This made us think more seriously about a coordinated plan in

emergencies to ensure safety of our visitors, staff and assets.

There will be a bit of a flurry during the next few weeks to finish odd jobs and prepare for the maintenance shut down of our rollingstock. During December the tram and Billard will both be inspected, serviced, repaired and hopefully certified as fit for operations in 2015.

Technical and fitting work will be done as usual by an engineering firm and Council fitters but there needs to be a lot of input by our volunteers for cleaning, servicing and testing. We also propose to do some rust and paint repair on the tram this year.

December and January tend to be quiet months and will give us an opportunity, if volunteers are available, to clean up exhibits, gardens, tracks, etc., and under the carriage shade. If we receive our grant to upgrade the sound system and carriages there will be a noticeable improvement in the presentation of the Museum.

Activities

The Family Fun Day at the end of October had a good roll up of attractions, the brass band and volunteer helpers. The number of visitors was pretty good, considering the competition we had across the region, so it was a fair result on the day.

We have had several venue hires for the Museum in recent times. These typically don't involve much input from our volunteers, just our Coordinator. Hirings bring more people in to see our facilities and are good for business.

One unusual request for the Museum was for classroom presentation at the Hall State School. Dennis Sheehan did the honours with a talk on the Museum and its history – he was impressed with the students' interest and questions on the subject.

Promotions

Coordinator Janice is still making her presence known with the various media. Lately she has organised presentations by 4RO, 4YOU and the ABC. Hopefully this will bring in a few more visitors during the down time period for the tram.

Personal Snippets

Sadly we have lost another of our life members – Alma Smith passed away recently. Several of the Friends attended Alma's funeral to pay our respects.

Bill Head, TV star and our leading guide, has been away for a couple of months due to illness of a family member. We sure miss him.

Coordinator Janice had an overseas jaunt recently. Fortunately she returned and is firing on all cylinders again.

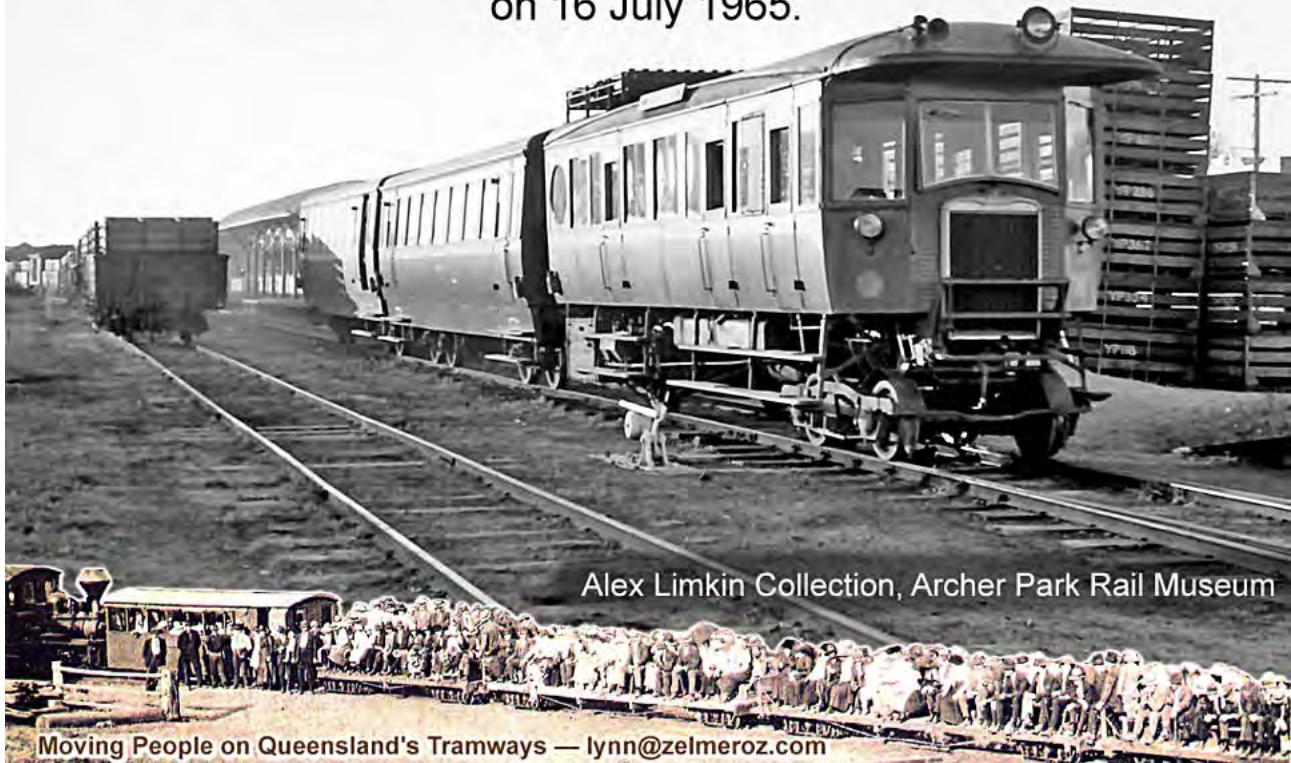
We have signed up another new volunteer, Robert Sharples. He has been a regular visitor at Family Fun Days with the Medieval Knights. I hope he doesn't bring his sword for normal volunteering.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes

In conclusion, a very interesting year has passed, so at this point the Executive team and Coordinator would like to commend you all for your commitment and enthusiasm and wish you and your families all the best for the festive season.

Phil

QR used rail motors on many of its branch lines as passenger numbers declined. Here RM71 with two trailers departs Yeppoon on 16 July 1965.



Images from the Museum's collection get used for a variety of purposes. This photo (photographer unknown) of RM71, Yeppoon 1965, was supplied by Alex Limkin and will be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the 2015 Australian Narrow Gauge Convention. The image is also one of the more than 1000 images being randomly displayed on the computer in the main exhibit room thanks to a donation from David Halsey of the Byte Centre. Incidentally the PowerPoint footer image, from the John Henley Collection and not Archer Park's collection, is of an excursion on the Mapleton Shire Tramway, with most passengers riding on long benches set on bogie flat wagons.

FAMILY FUN DAY!



Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE

Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50

2015 DATES: 1 March/26 April/28 June/23 August/25 October

(tram operates 10am to 1pm)

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram,

Climb into a variety of rail rolling stock,

See interesting rail memorabilia, and a variety of activities and exhibits including live band music. Special appearance by

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