



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2015

- 13 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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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, 29 April 2015.**

Easter Closure

Please note that we will be **CLOSED** for the Easter weekend.

Around the Museum

Hi Everyone! With Phil away I get the lucky job of providing the info for the newsletter.

It has been a huge year creating documents and business systems, applying for grants and holding the fundraiser. Throw in Christmas and a cyclone and not a minute to spare!

We are coming up to the AGM for the Friends, so please note the information about membership fees, meeting date and nomination

forms. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their fantastic support over the last year, and say I have had a good year and I am sure next year will be even better.

We are planning a “refresh” of the Museum. We are emptying every box and corner collecting all items that are not on display and also liaising with the Development Officer of the Queensland Museum Network to make plans to make the Museum even better than it already is. We have a very high rating on Trip Advisor and many excellent comments in the Visitor Book saying how good the Museum is and we plan to continue to improve and grow.

Part of this process is the cataloguing of the books and exhibits. This is a big job but we have several people working on it and hope to have it completed by the end of the year.

School Holiday Activities are on Monday 13 April 10am-1pm. New prices are \$8.50 per child, 1 adult per family free.

Family Fun Day — the next one is on 26 April 2015, all hands on deck for this as it is a good fundraiser for the museum!

Membership is now due and the AGM is at 12.30pm Wednesday 29 April 2015. **AGM** -

positions can be nominated for the executive committee. Forms are available for this from the APRM office and must be submitted by 15 April 2015.

Get Well Soon — to Jenny Schulz who has a broken leg. We hope you feel better soon.

Cyclone Marcia — We were very lucky with only minor building damage, some fence damage, big trees down at both ends of the car park and a big mess in the car park. Thanks to those volunteers that came in and cleaned up afterwards. It was disappointing that we had to cancel our Family Fun Day on 1 March due to the aftermath.

As we were closed for a week, we also missed one of the Legacy meetings and a tour group. We were also very disappointed to miss the opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers from the Steam Train for their support in our fundraising Twilight Picnic Steam Train Ride to The Caves. We were to host the Mayor's Thank You Morning Tea planned for the Monday after the cyclone, and of course it couldn't go ahead. We sent a thank you email to Kristine Clarke and Greg Fill asking them to pass on our appreciation to the staff and volunteers, and advised them that we made nearly \$9,000 from the event.

These funds will go towards the refurbishment of the Heritage Rail Carriages.

Heritage Grant — this is for the upgrade of the Soundscape and we have received our Deed of Grant to sign and this should go ahead soon.

RRC Community Assistance Program Grant — we have submitted an application for a 50% grant for restoring the floor and floor coverings and refurbishing the upholstery in the heritage rail carriages for a total value of over \$17,000.

We shall use the funds raised by the Twilight Picnic Steam Train Ride to pay for our share.

Volunteers Needed — While we have been very lucky to have several new volunteers come to Archer Park, like most other volunteer groups we still need more.

Archer Park Rail Museum is lucky to have such a good group of volunteers. If you have any

friends or family that are interested in doing some volunteer work please encourage them to come along and meet the team.

There are lots of different kinds of work that can be done, depending on your interests and skill levels.

Training — Our Tram Crew are about to do their second trip to Mackay for their boiler ticket upgrade course.

Projects — we have a few projects that have made progress.

The QR sign is now together and sitting in a prominent position for visitors to see at the southern end of the Platform.

The orange safety fencing has been replaced by semi-permanent fencing donated by ARC that will make things safer for the School Holiday Activities.

Gardens and planters have also been painted and re-potted and are all looking good.

The Steam Generator has been sandblasted and before long before it will be in its correct position on the C17 ready to be painted.

We are also getting quotes for stairs up into the Diesel instead of using the ladder.

There has also been discussion about a display of Fettle's tools to be on the LSR.

Janice Seymour



1079 heading up QR150 at Landsborough, 26 February 2015. Photographer Arthur Hayes via John Lebsanft.