



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2015

5 December – Member's Christmas Party

2016

Sunday, 28 February – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 30 March – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 6 April – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 24 April – Family Fun Day

Sunday, 26 June – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 29 June – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 6 July – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 28 August – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 21 September – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 28 September – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 23 October – Family Fun Day

Note that in 2016 School Holiday Activities are on Wednesdays.

Friends of Archer Park

Acting President: Dennis Sheehan

Vice President:

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, 22 January 2016.**

Coordinator's Report

Well the end of the year is arriving fast and Archer Park Rail Museum has had a very full and busy year. The Executive Committee and Coordinator would like to thank all of the members for their hard work and strong support of Archer Park during the year.

As we started the year with the big fundraiser of the Twilight Picnic Steam Train Ride to The Caves we have reached the end of the year with the arrival of CWM 21 – a 1904 built carriage that has an interesting history. The members will over the next year or so refurbish the carriage that was converted to a camp wagon in 1965 to be an exhibit as well as hold exhibits on display. This will be an exciting project for the members to be part of.

The Friends Christmas party is now booked and will be held at the CQ Bid Leagues Club (Brothers) on 5 December, in the Gilbert Room at midday, the cost for members is \$15.00 and \$27.00 for non-members. Dennis has done a ring around to get RSVPs within our timeframe to give the club numbers for catering.

John Kennedy and the *Neato Work For The Dole* team have been working hard and have put in 53 new sleepers along the tram track in Denison Street with the help of a digger. Well done boys! and thanks to QR for cooperating with the process of having machinery and workers in the vicinity of their track. All went well and we hope to do another lot around March/April next year.

Congratulations to Mathew Conrad who is now a qualified conductor and enjoying his new role on the tram. A new member, or should we say an old member who has re-joined the Friends, Peter Allen, is enjoying the challenge after a five year break and is training to be a conductor also. Any members or friends out there who are interested in this kind of volunteer work please don't be a stranger. We need to keep our Tram Crew numbers up to share the workload!

The members meeting on 28 October included a special meeting first to discuss and vote to pass the new Constitution of FAPRM. The Executive asks that all members take time to read the document. Any members that would

like a copy please do not hesitate to ask and we can either email or post you a copy.

TMC6 has had a bit of running lately with us using it on our October Family Fun Day as well as our workhorse for all the materials and tools for the track work. It still needs a bit of maintenance on it and we are sorting that out.

Everyone remember that the tram does not operate in December and most of January, whilst it has its compulsory boiler check and annual maintenance undertaken.

Open hours over the Christmas/New Year period: We will be closed on December 25, 26, 27 and 28. We will be open on 29, 30 and 31 December - normal hours. Closing again on 1, 2 and 3 January 2016, and re-opening after the New Year on Monday 4 January 2016.

At the last Executive meeting it was decided to form a Kitchen sub-committee next year to look at ways of improving the way it operates, this will be open for both men and women to join. Please let the Executive know if you wish to be part of this group.

We are nearly finished doing up our new cataloguing system, merging the old with the new donations list. Thanks to David Symes

who has worked tirelessly on this and the Library General and Technical book lists.

The cupboard donated by Norb Brewster is finished being painted and restored by Mathew & Dave and is now sitting behind the bar to hold all the crockery. This has cleaned up that area. We still need someone to go through all the VHS and DVDs to sort them out if anyone wants to volunteer to do this.

The re-lettering of JCS1007 carriage is now complete and it looks great! Mike Bushell, owner of JCS1007, visited Archer Park on Sunday 22 November with his mum, and he was very pleased to see how good the carriage looks now.

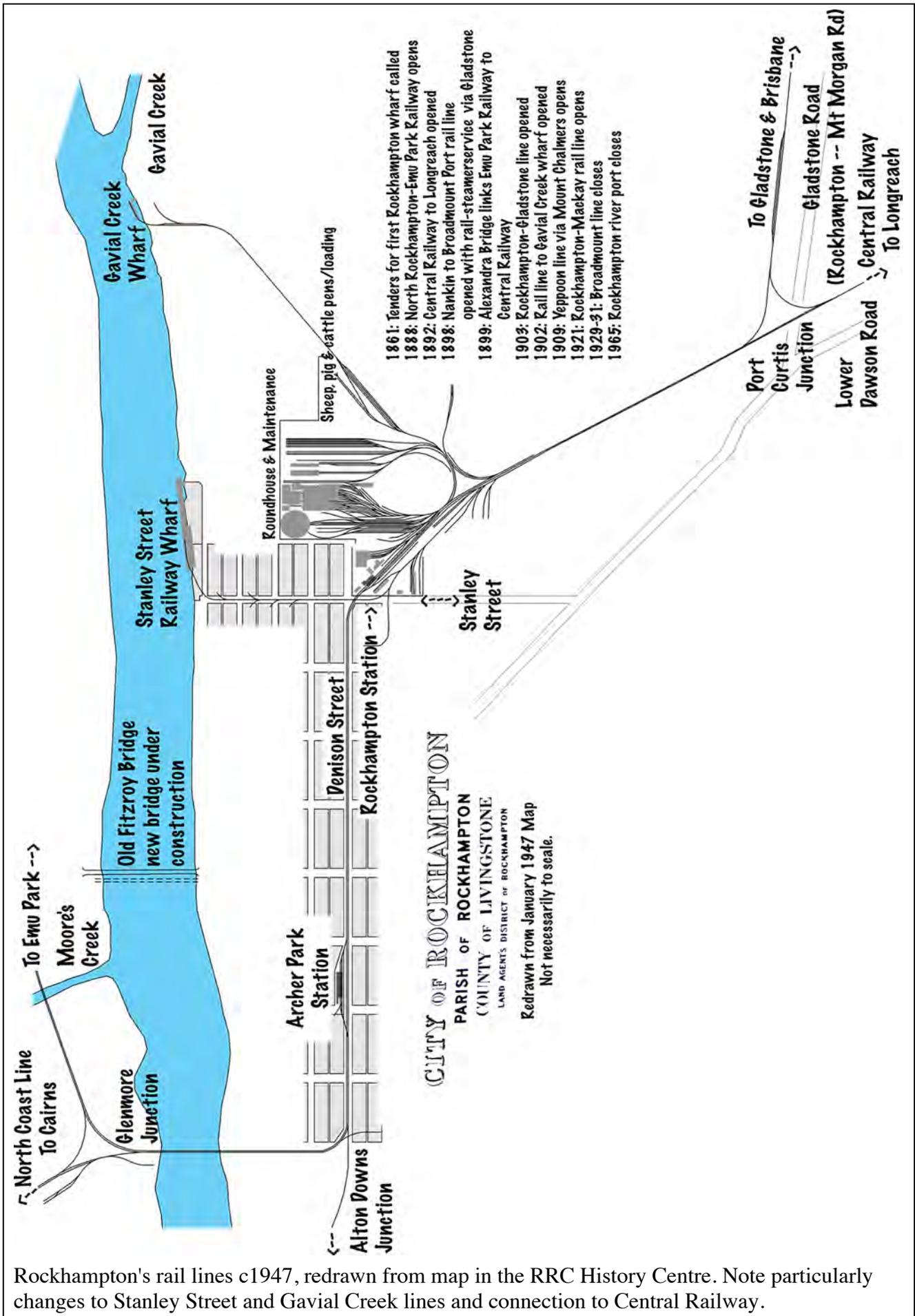
We are very busy getting our application ready for the Rail Regulator for FAPRM to become the Rail Infrastructure Manager. Hopefully this process will be completed by the end of the year.

We have had many donations over this last year including a large collection of items from Christina Leishman – past wife of Viv Leishman who donated many items at the start of the Museum – our thanks go to all those who donated to help improve the Museum.

Janice Seymour



Newly arrived, QR CWM21 (Camp Wagon Mechanical Department) awaits cosmetic restoration and installation of additional museum displays, 10 November 2015. Lynn Zelmer photographer.



Rockhampton's rail lines c1947, redrawn from map in the RRC History Centre. Note particularly changes to Stanley Street and Gavial Creek lines and connection to Central Railway.