



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

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# TRAM TRACKS

## Date Claimers

**2016**

Wednesday, 6 April – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 24 April – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 27 April – Annual General Mtg

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

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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, 27 April 2016.**

## 2016 Membership

Membership dues for 2016 are now due.

## Coordinator's Report

The School Holiday Activities will be held on Wednesdays now and will kick off on 30 March and 6 April.

Archer Park Rail Museum had a visit from the new Director General of QT, Rail Regulator on 23 February. It was a pleasure to meet Christina

Heffner and see Amit again and we look forward to continuing working with their Team.



The Rail Regulator's Amit Trivedi and Christina Heffner with AP's Janice Seymour, during their visit 23 February 2016.

Secretary, Helen Hansson will not be re-nominating for her position at the coming AGM. We thank Helen for all her hard work and dedication on the executive while in that position.

We will miss several of our very dedicated volunteers, who have moved away. Wilma Coughlan has moved to Camden N.S.W. We wish her well and thank her for her hard work and dedication for over 10 years at Archer Park. Also, David Symes has moved to Buderim. We thank him for his hard work in creating the new catalogue system for all our Exhibits and Library. All the best for the future David.

We will be having a Fundraiser Trivia Night on Friday 22 July to raise funds for the restoration of CWM 21 our new camp wagon. Volunteers will be needed on the night. We hope that everyone will spread the word to friends and family.

Dave Schulz has been working on CWM21 and has all the windows out, repairing them plus pulling up rotten floor boards and building a new door. NEATO Work for the Dole group are also working in the wagon under Dave's instructions to assist in the process.

A thank you barbecue, with Appreciation Certificates was held on the 23 February for our NEATO Work for the Dole project workers who have worked at Archer Park over the past six months. This was a great opportunity to thank them for all their hard work, you can really see the difference they are making.

The Purrey Steam Tram is operating again after its major overhaul and twenty nine new tubes installed. Our Billard had a major overhaul also at this time.

Janice and John Kennedy are working to create our own Track Standard, this could take some months to complete, but will be worth the effort once finished.

The "Friends" application to be the Rail Infrastructure Manager was submitted to the Rail Regulator last December. We hope to have our Accreditation in the next month or two.



Dennis Sheehan received a copy of *Recollections of the Rockhampton Roundhouse* from Aurizon's Jacqueline Murray on behalf of Archer Park.

The launch of the book *Recollections of the Rockhampton Roundhouse* was held by Aurizon at Archer Park Rail Museum on 25 February. The book featured stories about the history of the Roundhouse and the staff who worked there. Archer Park Rail Museum also presented with a copy in appreciation for providing assistance with information and photos.

We had a visit over three days from the Year 9 students from the Rockhampton High School. The theme of their visit was how steam played its part in opening up Central Queensland.

The Family Fun Day on Sunday the 28th February and was a fantastic day with 400 attended. Thank you to all the volunteers and stall holders that make this possible.

*Janice Seymour*

### **Roundhouse Anniversary**

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rockhampton Roundhouse, Aurizon has prepared the commemorative book *Recollections of the Rockhampton Roundhouse* to capture the stories of employees that have worked in this iconic structure.

The book was recently launched at the Archer Park Rail Museum in Rockhampton where current and former Aurizon employees gathered to hear stories of the people that have worked in and around this State heritage listed building.

Today, the Roundhouse stands as a reminder of our heritage and the employees who have shaped, and continue to shape, the direction of our company.

*Aurizon internal press release*



Aurizon's Murray Sharpe, Jacqueline Murray and Steve Cox at the book launch, 25 February 2016.



Images from the Thank You BBQ for NEATO Work for the Dole project workers, 23 February 2016.



C17 #999 on Dennison Street, 16 September 1967, apparently hauling a ballast train. Note bell ringer hanging out of cab to warn off traffic. Photographer unknown, Arthur Hayes Collection.



A selection of images from the Family Fun Day at Archer Park, 28 February 2016