



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2016

Sunday, 9 October – Tram Crew/Volunteer

Open Day: 12:30 – 2:00pm

Sunday, 23 October – Family Fun Day

Saturday, 3 December – Member's Christmas Party

Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan

Vice President: Darryl Hawker

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Secretary: Peter Allen

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, 26 October 2016.**

Coordinator's Report

Archer Park Rail Museum was pleased to host a visit from the Michael Klug, Queensland Rail Chairman, the COO and Board members. It was wonderful to receive positive feedback from the members of the board and know that they enjoyed their short visit to the Museum.

A Tram Crew and Volunteer Open Day will be held on Sunday, 9 October 2016, 12:30 to 2:00pm. We are seeking people to become tram crew and museum volunteers. This is open for both men and women; tea/coffee and bickies will be provided.

The Bluebirds United Sports Club on Richardson Road has been booked for our Christmas party which will be held on Saturday 3 December, sitting down at 1:00pm. They have quoted \$17.00 per head for the lunch time meal but the cost will be partly subsidised by the Friends. RSVP: Members are asked to please

give us your names and any dietary constraints before 26 November if attending.

We are pleased to advise that NEATO has renewed its contract with Archer Park. For the next 6 months we will have the group here for 4 days a week.

They have now completed the rock block retainer wall around the coke and coal piles, a major improvement. They are again working on CWM21 coach; with all windows and catches installed they are now working on the roof as well as general maintenance and gardens.

This work is a major contribution to the operational needs of the station and we express our appreciation to NEATO and their workers.

We have had a busy 2 months with several school and seniors groups visiting for tours as well as a venue hire. Our venue hire is becoming quite popular for weddings, parties and even training groups. Please spread the word with family and friends about the availability and what a unique venue it is for events.

The Family Fun Day on 28 August saw three hundred and seventy-six people visit the station, a little down on previous Family Fun Days but this always happens when there are other events in Rockhampton at the same time.

The Tampa Six a was popular on the day and saw around thirty people ride on it.

We are now getting ready for the next Family Fun Day on Sunday 23 October.

Members: we have had a new volunteer join us – Leoni Brooks – great to have you on board. Leonie is Ian McLean's sister-in-law. One member with some health issues is Greg Charles – we hope you get better soon.

An annual track inspection was carried out last month by the Coordinator and the Track Supervisor, this was undertaken to see what

maintenance work needs to be prioritized for the October/November track work.

Rollingstock Supervisor's Report

The Purrey Steam Tram has been operating well but still has to have the new steam pressure gauge installed. The tram crew are keeping a watchful eye on the refractory cement in the fire box as some of the cement has broken away. This will be replaced during the end of year shut down.

The Billard Loco tractor has had some problems with air leaks and the foot brake not working. RRC fitters have adjusted the brakes and disconnected the hose bag where a leak was found. The hose bag is not required on the loco as it is never used. A couple of more air leaks have still to be repaired but at the moment do not stop the loco from working. We are also still having some issues with the float and the fitters continue to try to get to the bottom of the problem.



Loco 1602 in Denison St, Rockhampton 17 August 1975, Bob Wilson photographer.





**Archer Park Rail Museum
Family Fun Day
28 August 2016**

