



# TRAM TRACKS

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

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## Date Claimers

2017

Sunday, 26 February 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 12 April 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 23 April 2017 – Family Fun Day

Friday 12 May – Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday, 25 June 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 5 July 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 27 August 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 27 September 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 22 October 2017 – Family Fun Day

### Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan

Vice President:

Treasurer: Ross Carter 0407 038 065

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, 22 February 2017.**

### Coordinator's Report

We were pleased to have the Premier and her Cabinet visit Archer Park Rail Museum on 30 January 2017 with around 200 of their guests. It was a great opportunity to showcase the Museum and all the hard work that the members have done over the last few years.

We farewelled 2016 in a sigh of relief as much of the foundation of improvements to our Safety Management System has been put into place, with a lot of hard work by the Management Committee and various volunteers and of course myself. Whilst there is still a workload each year for our SMS, the hardest part is done. Thank you to those that were able to help. 2017 will be productive but hopefully not so busy with paperwork!! We will keep in mind that the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) is scheduled to come on line on 1/7/17 and that may bring some changes. We are already receiving various emails with information on a regular basis.

The end of the year also brought the volunteers Christmas Party, held at the Bluebirds Sports Club. The party was well attended with sixty five volunteers enjoying a wonderful lunch.

It is with much sadness before Christmas we saw the passing of our Vice President and WPH&S Officer, Darryl Hawker. Darryl gave a lot of his time and effort to the Friends, assisting us in achieving many important milestones. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go to Leslie and the family.

Archer Park was closed over the Christmas break for ten days and reopened on 3 January 2017. We all had a well earned break and hope you all return "bright eyed and bushy tailed" as they say!

The pigeon problem seems to have improved. There is one or two still around but we plan to keep working on it.

Dennis donated a new clock for the platform above the foyer – thank you Dennis! It looks good.

We are making our plans for our big 2017 fundraiser! It will be "The Spirits of Archer Park Dinner" to be held on Friday 12th May 2017. We will need lots of help on the Thursday before in setting up and also on Friday and again to clean up and pack up on the Saturday. We hope to raise over \$5,000 so please put your name on the roster in the kitchen at APRM. We are approaching various organisations for sponsorship and have been very successful but

there is still some sponsorships to sort out. On the night we will have guest speakers doing both "Ghost Stories" around the station and during the main course.

The Drifter Paranormal Group who did a night time investigation for ghosts and unusual spirit activity have advised Dennis that they did find a lot of paranormal activity and will send him a report as soon as they get time. They have also produced a featurette on their findings which can be seen on their Facebook page. Dennis had also sent them an e mail asking if they would like to have a display at the "The Spirits of Archer Park" dinner. There are quite a few Paranormal Groups in Rockhampton and we have found that they are all both interested and enthusiastic in the support of our fundraiser and we will be very appreciative of the support.

Everyone should have a look at our website as Lynn Zelmer has been busy doing some minor updates in relation to our venue hire and the award we received. All good promotion. We had Channel 7 come and do an interview about operating the section car on Sunday's and it made it to the news in January also.

So, it is onwards into 2017!! We hope you all have a great year and look forward to all the events that will be held by the "Friends" at Archer Park Rail Museum!!

### **Rollingstock Supervisor's Report**

CJ Legh still have some work to do on the tram before a fire can be put in it to see if it tests out ok. We had hoped to have our first operational day on the 5/2/017, but this may be delayed due to waiting on a part. RRC fitter Phil Neven still has some work to do on the Tram and it will continue in between normal operations.

In coming months Archer Park will have to source out coal for the tram as the reserve pile is nearly exhausted.

### **Apologies**

Murphy's law applies to newsletters as well as many other things. Maybe in a perfect world we would always remember tasks and the power surges wouldn't wipe out the hardware, but we aren't perfect so this issue comes with our apologies for being late and without being optimised for e-mail/web delivery.



Queensland Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk MP and local member Brittany Lauga MP at Archer Park Rail Museum, 30 January 2017.