



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2017

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

Neish passed away suddenly Monday 6 March. David had been a volunteer at Archer Park for many years and was heavily involved with building the Purrey Steam Tram.

Jennifer Schulz is now in Bethany Home and is not well. I know everyone will join with me in wishing her well and wish Dave good health at this present time.

Recently Helen Hansson, another volunteer, had an accident and broke her arm.

The President, Dennis Sheehan, visited Jennifer Schulz when she was in the Mater Hospital and called into Bethany to see Blair Jamieson.

Donation:

We would like to thank Lynn Zelmer for his donation of a framed black and white linoprint, created by local printmaker Phillipa Sturgess (Capricornia Printmakers).



The title "Steampunk" refers to the science fiction/fantasy sub-genre based on the idea of a high tech or magical world that has maintained the aesthetics and steam engine technologies of Victorian England. The print was "inspired by the local steampunk cosplay community", who sometimes perform on Archer Park open days, "and the Archer Park steam rail".

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, 27 April 2017.**

Note: 2017/2018 Membership fees (\$10) are now due!

President's Report

Member News: Unfortunately the Museum lost one of its earliest supporters recently. David

Work for the Dole Project: Unfortunately NEATO have been unable to renew their contract with us due to some system problems. Whilst we are hopeful that they will be able to return later in the year there are a lot of jobs around the museum that have been commenced and we now need to complete these with our own volunteers. If you have some spare time please come down to the Museum to give us a hand.

Visit by QFES: We had an important visit from QFES (Queensland Fire and Emergency Services) on Sunday 5 March. Since the local QFES operate over four shifts we will have three more familiarisation visits coming up on Sundays in March and April.

These visits are to understand our Rollingstock Emergency Management Plan and deal with the Tram in an emergency situation.

Internal Auditing: With the Rail Regulator following up on all kinds of compliance we are now concentrating on ensuring that we adhere to our Safety Management System and have our 3 yearly reassessment of Tram Drivers and Conductors up to date.

A couple of Drivers have already completed their reassessments but there are a few Drivers yet to go. As all Tram Drivers are already Conductors and our new Conductors are still inside their 3 year timeframe there should be no Conductors that need to be reassessed.

Section Cars: We are keen to have the Section Cars being used more often. Not only using them on Family Fun Days, but also during the week if we have Trained drivers. Training has commenced for volunteers who wish to drive section cars. Section Car Drivers will require a Category 2 medical.

ONRSR: On 1 July 2017 Qld Transport's responsibilities will change over to the new body, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator, and the 2010 interim system will be repealed.

Membership: Archer Park has around five new volunteers and we hope they enjoy working at the museum and making new friends. Ron Truss, Debbie Bryant, Martin Fitzgerald, Bill Halloran, Graham Dillon and Ian McCulley are all finding out what they like most to do around the museum.

Rollingstock/Track Report: RRC fitters have installed new LED lights on either end of the tram and these are working well. We hope that there is no excuse for motor vehicle not to see us any more.

On 27 March planned works on the track in Denison Street will commence with the help of an excavator. We have around sixty sleepers to lay and have sufficient crossing timbers to do the job.

The Purrey Steam tram is operating well now all the problems with the boiler float and connecting shaft have been repaired. A rod has been installed between the rear brake pads to stop the pads which surround the tyre flange from rattling from side to side and wearing the tyre flanges.

Spirits of Archer Park Dinner – fundraiser: Our coordinator has been working non stop on the "Spirits of Archer Park Dinner" fundraising dinner which is being held on May 12.

The ghostly name "The Spirits of Archer Park" was thought up after several paranormal groups undertook a night investigation of the museum late last year. And yes, they were amazed how much paranormal activity they found. A featurette was made of the night's investigations for showing during the dinner, with several guest speakers speaking about their paranormal activities.

Museum News: Work is still ongoing making A frames for the LSR, these frames will hold tools used in various jobs in the railway over many years. Jim and Matthew are still working on the control panel and it looks as though Jim has found a transformer to power the panel.

The Family Fun Day held in February saw around two hundred and sixty visitors come and enjoy a morning at Archer Park. This was not a good day for visitor numbers but we think the terrible hot weather we are experiencing might have some bearing on numbers.

St Peters Primary School and Rockhampton Grammar School recently visited the museum and we received very positive feedback that they enjoyed their visit learning all about how the museum works and looking over all the rollingstock.

Dave Schulz has completed the new glass fronted cabinet to house our wedding and event photos and it looks great!!



Rails being laid in Kershaw Gardens c1989 when it was proposed that the tram would operate in the park on special occasions. Lynn Zelmer photographer [20FE8108FA5611D8.jpg]



End of rail: Kershaw Gardens' rail line being removed as part of cyclone Marcia restorations, 12 March 2017. The two photos were taken from roughly the same location; the windmill, visible in the photo above, survived the cyclone and is hidden by the trees. The Gardens' relocated (but never restored) North Rockhampton station has also been demolished. Lynn Zelmer photographer [lz_3882-KershawRailway.jpg]