



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2017

Sunday, 25 June 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 5 July 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Friday, 21 July 2017 – **Trivia Night**

Sunday, 27 August 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 – School Holiday Activities

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Sunday, 22 October 2017 – Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan, 0409 287 786

Vice President: Ricky Weir

Treasurer: Ron Truss

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, 28 June 2017.**

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

President's Report

Fundraising: Our Spirits of Archer Park Dinner was a great success! We had 88 people attend and raised just over \$3,500. These funds will assist in refurbishing CWM21 Camp Wagon.

We had lots of good media coverage, continuing to raise the profile of the Museum in the hope to increase attendance rates. In the build up to this event we had several nights of paranormal

investigations at the station, which they tell us found more evidence of paranormal activity. (The video of their results should be available from the web site by the time you read this.)

We would like to thank all the paranormal groups for their support in making a great success of our special night. Our volunteers spent a lot of time before the event getting the station ready and also on the night. A big pat on the back is deserved by all and we can be very proud of the job that was done, it all went very smoothly and we received very positive feedback from our guests.

Our next fundraiser is a **Trivia Night** which will be held on **Friday 21 July**. The trivia night held last year was a huge success and because the public are asking for us to hold another night it was decided to run with it again. Would all members please put it on your calendar and look for donations for the prizes.

Special Events: Don't forget our regular special events – we have our Family Fun Day on Sunday 25 June and our June School Holidays are coming.

We will have a special for the School Holidays with a \$5.50 entry price for everyone from Monday 26 June through to Sunday 9 July. Another special will be the operation of the Section Car for rides on the Monday/Tuesday and Thursday each week as well as the usual Tram operation on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Museum News: The refurbishment of the Board Walk is now complete with RRC concreting and installing new planks across the rear apron of the station which used to hold all the signal control rods and wires. This work has taken around 5 years from planning stage to completion. It makes quite a difference in the appearance of the area and is also safer.

Our thanks go to Glencore Australia for their donation of coal from the Clermont mine.

Clermont Haulage has been given the green light to transport around fifteen tons of coal to Rockhampton Heritage Village compound at Parkhurst, where it is stored. It should be delivered in the next few weeks. This will keep us in coal for around 3 years.

With the loss of the Work for the Dole Scheme (Neato) - we are exploring other ways to get assistance with the restoration of CWM21. We have approached the Gracemere Men's Shed who are hoping to help us with some of the wood work. This is a big project and we continue to look for assistance to complete the work.

The work replacing sleepers has also been effected by the loss of Neato and we are looking at approaching another organisation for assistance. Neato were providing an excavator and around 10 workers for 2 sessions per year and over the last 18 months had replaced around 200 sleepers in our track. John Kennedy the Track Supervisor, Matthew and Michael have been hard at work putting in more sleepers over the last few week to keep up the program.

Our own volunteers will continue to work on the other projects that were in the process of being done when Neato pulled out. The second A frame for the LSR wagon is now being built. Once it is complete the Catalogue Officers will sort out the layout for placement of the Fettlers tools on them. The A Frames will sit up on the LSR and will have tools on both sides – one side facing the Platform and one side facing the visitors as they stroll down to see the section cars.

The Purrey Steam Tram is operating very well at present but some maintenance has still to be carried out on it. The Billard Loco Tractor is also working well and has just had its three monthly service.

Perspex slides have been made for across the middle part of the doorways of the tram on one side, this replaces the rope that was previously there, and is a safety measure preventing children from falling out of the tram.

Donations of rail items continue and we often find we receive a lot of the same items. With space getting hard to find to store them, we will be donating some of the items we do not require to Mt Morgan Rail Museum and then other rail

groups in the area if they are of benefit to their displays.

We continue to be a popular school excursion destination with a visit from a local school early in the month as well as a Bus Tour Group from Bundaberg. The first Kitchen meeting was held since late last year, five ladies and the President had a very productive meeting.

Members/Volunteers: Ross Carter will not be standing for treasurer at the coming AGM. The incoming treasurer will have big shoes to fill as Ross has done a magnificent job over many years to keep the "Friends" finances in good shape. His presence in the Station two days a week will be missed and we hope that he will continue to be around and support us with his knowledge and experience.

We've had quite a few new volunteers join us in recent times, Debbie Bryant, Graham Dillon, Ian McCully, Merrill Fossey and Ron Truss have all settled into various jobs at Archer Park. We hope they make new friends and enjoy their time with us.

Dennis Sheehan

For the Modeller by the Modeller: The Modelling the Railways of Queensland Convention organisers and AMRA(Qld) will be presenting a one day workshop in Brisbane (Zillmere), Sunday 15 October 2017.

The day will include presentations, hands-on and displays: Thinking about a layout, building and scenic a layout and operating a layout. Program and Registration available late June. Inquire late June at qldrailheritage.com/mrhc or mrhc2016@gmail.com.



O scale QR camp wagon photorealistic card model, door and window textures inspired by one of the Mt Morgan Museum camp wagons. Lynn Zelmer modeller, see qldrailheritage.com/mrhc for downloadable model files.



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