



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

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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, 23 August 2017.**

President's Report

Promotions/Events

We raised around \$1000 with our Trivia night held at Archer Park on the night of 21 July. These funds will go towards our refurbishment of our Mannequins. We have one quote of \$2,200 for the repairs and hope to continue to raise funds for the work.

The Family Fun Day held on 25 June was a huge success with 485 people through the doors on the day.

Our School Holiday Activities started the next day and we had 2 huge weeks with around another 400 visitors to the station during the holiday break. We chose to change the set up for the program and reduced the entry price to \$5.50 per person and we operated the Section

Car each Monday/Tuesday and Thursday and the Tram on both Wednesday's.

The next Family Fun Day is to be held on 27 August 2017. We will have the Emmaus College Ensemble performing for the first time at Archer Park! Around twenty students will make up the band.

Archer Park has now its own official Facebook Page, it is called *Archer Park Rail Museum Approved*. There was already a self-generated page up but we couldn't gain access to its management – so we added the word "Approve". We are trying to put up one post on exhibits and one post on events and hopefully one post on membership each week.

Project Work

Jobs Queensland are making their presence felt at the Museum with around 30 workers doing a lot of jobs last week under the guidance of John Kennedy, and Ricky Weir spent a week putting in 150 sleepers along the Denison Street tram track. An excavator was also used to remove ballast and sleepers, it was a big week for everyone and a lot of hard work was done.

The Jobs Qld group has done everything from painting bollards, trimming hedges, re-mulching all the garden beds, removal of all the old sleepers from the track. Also garden beds at the front of the station, assisting in the CWM21 Camp Wagon refurbishment and so much more. The group will return in mid-August to do general work around the station and to create cement garden borders around the protruding gardens in the car park. This will continue to get rid of old sleepers from the facility grounds as they attract white ants and need to be removed.

The Station is looking much better for all the extra care it has received from the visits of the Jobs Queensland Group and we wish to say thank you to them for all their hard work.

Work on CWM21 coach is progressing well with Kevin Berry now taking on a lot of the restoration, inside sheeting, flooring and sanding of the exterior being done, scaffolding has arrived from the Heritage Village so work can commence on the roof of the coach where a lot of rotten timber will have to be removed. A new door has been made and installed on the side of the coach and a ramp made to go from the aluminium stairs into the coach. Inside ceiling batons are currently also being profiled by the Gracemere Men's Shed – thanks guys!!

Rollingstock Report

The Tampa (TMC-6) section car Number 016 is having a few problems with electrical issues at the moment. Section car 406 has had its engine removed, a new head gasket fitted and a new carbi kit is to be fitted.

The Purrey Steam Tram is working well with only a few oil leaks detected around the con rods and steam pump, these will have to be repacked with gland packing eventually. The roof of the tram still has still to have the rust treated and some rust cut out on the side of the roof.

Wednesdays of each week in the month of August are to be training days on the tram for the prospective Conductors and Drivers to assist in moving this training forward.

Venue Hire

The Eat Street markets held in the car park at the Museum for the first time was in June, was another successful venue hire - with the museum open so that patrons to the event could come in – many of whom said they had not heard of Archer Park Rail Museum – so it was great opportunity to reach new people.

We are really happy to have Occupational Skills Centre Australia using our Refreshment Room for Certificate II & III for Track Work. We are pleased to give back to the railway community and it is great to see the class out on our track.

Several groups are booked to visit Archer Park over the next few month including The Black Dog Ball which is held every year. They will again use Archer Park for the Pre-Dinner Drinks venue and marshalling for the coaches to go to

Paradise Lagoons where the ball is being held. Generally around 400 people attend.

Membership

We have had a few months where our volunteer hours are up around 1000 hours!! Well done all our members and volunteers for putting so much time and effort into taking care of the museum and our visitors.

The Management are planning a morning tea for all the members as a pat on the back for the hard work we have all done this year with our events. The morning tea will be held at 11am on Wednesday 9 August 2017. We will announce this at the July member's meeting and send out an email to members asking for numbers for catering purposes.

Ron Truss, Archer Park's new treasurer, is settling in to his new job and doing well and also learning a lot of the Coordinator role as Janice's backup person.

Martin Fitzgerald and Ryan Edmonds are now being trained to be conductors and Matthew Conrad and Peter Allen are training to be drivers.

Kerry Griffin is our most recent new volunteer to join us at Archer Park, hope you enjoy your stay with us! Kerry has a background with QR.

Dennis Sheehan



Preparations for Eats Street (24 June) included fairy light decorations at the Museum entrance. Museum exhibits and toilet facilities were open to Eats Street patrons.



Above and below: Setting up for Eats Street just before sunset, 24 June 2017.

