



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

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# TRAM TRACKS

## Date Claimers

2017

**Monday 2 October — Museum closes for refurbishment**

Tuesday 17 October — Volunteer Sausage Sizzle, 11am at MELSA Complex. RSVP

Sunday 22 October 2017 – **Family Fun Day – Cancelled** due to refurbishment

**Sunday 5 November — Museum Reopens**

### Friends of Archer Park

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Vice President: Ricky Weir

Treasurer: Ron Truss

Secretary: Merrill Fossey

Safety Officer: Ian McCully

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

Meetings of the **Friends of Archer Park** are now normally on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month in the refreshment room, so the **next meeting is 12:30 pm, 24 November 2017.**

## Major refurbishment of Archer Park Rail Museum

We have commenced a major refurbishment which includes the painting of the building, replacement of any rotted timber and replacement of the carriage shade over the rollingstock.

Works for Queensland funding from the State Government has provided \$500,000 for this work and the station will look like new when it is done.

Unfortunately due to safety issues when the carriage shade roof is being replaced RRC, the owners of the station have asked that we temporarily close the museum.

## APRM Temporary Closure

The museum will be closed from Monday 2 October to Thursday 2 November 2017. This means that we have had to cancel our October Family Fun Day. The Museum will reopen on Sunday 5 November.

### Volunteer Sausage Sizzle, 11am Tuesday 17 October

During the shutdown the coordinator and management team will host a sausage sizzle for all APRM volunteers on Tuesday 17 October at 11am at the MELSA complex on the corner of Campbell and Cambridge Streets, Rockhampton. We thank MELSA for the use of their complex.

It will be an opportunity for volunteers to get together during the break away from the museum. The MELSA complex is just down the street from the station, so we can all wander back to look over the work that has been done.

Please let us know if you can attend.

## Museum Activities

**ONRSR:** We have received our certificate of accreditation from office of the National Rail Safety Regulator as a Rail Infrastructure Manger and a Rolling Stock Operator.

**Drug and alcohol testing:** We have purchased a breathalyser and our safety officer will undertake random testing during the year. We are still waiting for further legislative outcomes in regard to drug testing.

**Tram crew training:** A new log book has been created for people training as tram conductors, tram drivers and section car drivers, this book is known as *APRM 95*.

**Track report:** It has been a big year for the track supervisor and his helpers. All the work done in July has been completed with the tamping on section A and B. The track supervisor and the boys have continued

replacing sleepers in platform road and turnout 3 with the help of a few Jobs Queensland workers. Thanks to John, Mathew, Michael, Ian and Graeme for their hard work.

The track supervisor and safety officer have been carrying out the annual track inspection and the sleeper replacement plan is being updated from this information.

**Projects:** THE CQU media studies project is now complete with all sensors working around the museum, each one telling a story of an exhibit found in the museum.

The inside of CWM 21 coach is now nearly finished, the next challenge will be the roof of the coach but as our supervisor of this work - Kevin Berry is on holidays for six weeks it is on hold until he returns in December.

**Donations:** thank you to Hopkin's Brothers of Rockhampton for their donation of five ton of sand & gravel was used in the construction of new garden borders.

**Promotions:** The school holiday programme on Wednesday 20 September was well attended, hosting around ninety children and adults. The school holiday programme was held on the Wednesday of each week because of the refurbishment.

The Facebook page is proving very popular and is helping to bring more visitors to the museum, and has over 172 likes. It is also a great opportunity for us to introduce various exhibits, volunteers and activities!

**Volunteers/members/staff:** The August member's meeting voted to change the day of the meeting to Tuesday so the general meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm. Management meetings will now be held on Tuesdays from 10am on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Library:** the rearrangement of the library is now complete with dividers inserted, this will make it easier to find a rail publication from a particular country.

**Member's Christmas Party:** Three quotes with costs for lunch have so far been received (Heritage Hotel, Rocky Bowls Club and the Frenchville Club). We are still waiting for a quote from the Berserker Tavern before deciding the venue, date and time.

## Rollingstock Supervisor's Report

Because of a blow out on costs the wiring of the Tampa 6 will be put on hold till next year. The Tram and Billard are all performing well.

Only three or four jobs have to be undertaken on the tram but they are not a priority. The repacking of the conrods and valve slides have been completed and all oil leaks have taken up. The refractory cement in the firebox will have to be inspected at the end of the year as some has fallen out.

## Presidents report

All I would like to say is "WOW"!

I am very happy with the refurbishment of Archer Park and especially the new colour. I have been pushing for this colour over some years and now it's happened.

My thanks to the painters from Swadlings, the Rockhampton Regional Council and the roofing contractors. You have all done, or are about to do, a magnificent job in preserving the historical Archer Park Rail Station.

The refurbishment is well underway with the platform wall and foyer looking great and more like a railway station of the late 18th century. The new colour scheme is classic cream with Indian red trim, making the station a lot brighter than the freight shed brown it was painted in 1990.

The front of the building and the carriage shade over the platform tracks will be the next major tasks to be undertaken. New roofing will be installed on the carriage shade and some woodwork around the station will also be replaced.

Everyone at the Archer Park Rail Museum couldn't be more happier with the new colour scheme of the station. Archer Park is reborn!

## Breaking News

The Friends' meeting of 26 September decided on the Frenchville Club for their Christmas Party.

12:00noon on Saturday 25 November

Regular Club menu, check with APRM for details.





Above/Below: Archer Park painting, 25 September 2017. Lynn Zelmer photographer.

