



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

2018 Date Claimers

- Wednesday 4 April: School Holiday Activities
- Wednesday 11 April: School Holiday Activities
- Sunday 22 April: Family Fun Day
- Sunday 24 June: Family Fun Day
- Wednesday 4 July: School Holiday Activities
- Wednesday 11 July: School Holiday Activities
- Sunday 26 August: Family Fun Day
- Wednesday 26 September: School Holiday Activities
- Wednesday 3 October: School Holiday Activities
- Sunday 28 October: Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park

- President: Ricky Weir
- Vice President (Acting): John Kennedy
- Secretary/Treasurer (Acting): 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 April 2018**.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Sheehan has resigned from the position of President and Rollingstock Supervisor; we wish him all the best in his future endeavours and hope that after he has a bit of a break we will see him in the Museum again!

Ricky Weir has stepped up from Vice President to President, with John Kennedy now as Acting Vice President. Both are doing a terrific jobs. I have taken on the role of Acting Treasurer – and I am still Acting Secretary until the AGM. John Kennedy has been appointed the Rollingstock Supervisor as well as the Track Supervisor.

The 2018 AGM will be held on Tuesday 22 May at 12:30pm. Nomination Forms for the positions on the Management Committee are available from the Secretary in the office. Please note that all nominations need to be submitted by 8 May 2018.

Our February Family Fun Day was a good one with 349 visitors to the Museum. Unfortunately we were very low on Stall Holders this time. We will put out a call on Facebook for more Stall Holders and hope that our regulars will return next time. By the time you get this newsletter we will be heading towards the April Family Fun Day so if any members can suggest someone as Entertainment, or stall holder, or encourage someone to come, please let us know.

School Holiday Activities are on their way to commence on Tuesday 3 April 2018. We will be offering the special price of \$5.50 per person entry and will have the Tram operating on the Wednesday and Sunday, and the Section Car to give rides on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The tram is now running well and all the visitors are enjoying their rides. John and the gang are working with the Tampa towing an extra trailer as a ride for the public. It will be a while before it is complete and certified but it is a new exciting ride that will be able to be done at School Holiday Activities and Family Fun Days.

We were lucky enough to have some help when we went to purchase new tables for the Refreshment Room - Office Works Rockhampton assisted us in the cost of these and we now have 6 new tables and we want to say a Big Thank You!!

We have had a fire evacuation exercise and Ian and Janice had training on the Fire Panel, and now we have a better understanding of how the fire panel works and what to do in case of a fire.

Our first trivia night for 2018 was on Friday 16 March and, although our numbers were a bit low, we made around \$550 which is a nice addition to the funding for the refurbishment of the Mannequins. This work will commence on Thursday 12 April and likely take a couple of weeks.

Merrill Fossey

QR434 at Double Exposure III



"The artists present nine small vignettes conjuring up some of the finer details of luxurious train travel in the early 1900's."

Double Exposure is an annual exhibition showcasing collaborative work between local photographers and printmakers. Here printmakers Michelle Black and Peta Lloyd have worked with photographer Sean Biddulph to showcase our QR434 carriage.

QR Workshops, Rockhampton at Origins

"Origins" was the 2018 theme for the annual Walter Reid Members' exhibition. Archer Park member, Lynn Zelmer, created the interpretive poster on the next page using archival and modern imagery of QR's heritage listed railway workshops in Rockhampton.

This is the most recent of the large interpretive posters Lynn has created for the museum. He has donated several A3 sized digital prints of the poster on 300gsm acid free paper for Archer Park fundraising, and a larger version will be available for mounting in the museum once its current exhibition is completed.



Rockhampton Railway Workshops

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History | Description | Gallery

The original workshops at Rockhampton were established in the late 1870s at the railway reserve area bounded by Denison, South, Campbell and Stanley Street. With a change of location in the early years of the 20th century, further development took place in the mid to late 1910s as part of a redevelopment of the entire railway infrastructure in Rockhampton. With many modifications and adaptations over time, the railway workshops continue to function as an operational railway workshop maintaining and repairing railway rolling stock.

... The roundhouse was a purpose-built building, designed for the storage, servicing, and running maintenance of steam locomotives allocated to the Central Division based on Rockhampton. The building is significant as the only full circle roundhouse ever constructed in Queensland for the use of steam locomotives, and as one of the last surviving examples of such a building in Australia.

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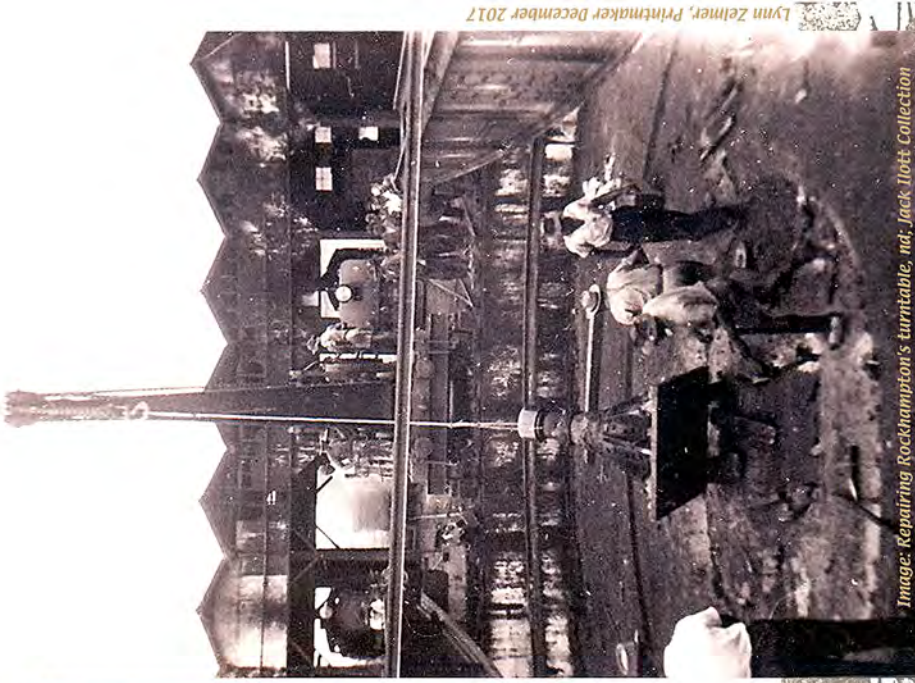


Image: Repairing Rockhampton's turntable, nd: Jack Iloft Collection

Lynn Zeimer, Printmaker December 2017



Image: Rocky's 860, Roundhouse/Railways of Australia Network, April-May/June 1995, p46-7

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