



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

26 June: *Carriage Shade Capers.*

Volunteer Activities

Volunteer Glen Taylor has left us for a job training scheme. It's hard not having Glen around to do all the gardening jobs and we hope he will get one day a fortnight to come in see us.

Volunteer Colin Lahey has also left us and is now volunteering across the road with the military museum.

We have gained three new volunteers over the last two weeks, one an ex-railwayman who has just retired and two other people who just love railways and dancing.

It was great to have two of our volunteers from Brisbane call in see us last Sunday, Keith and Pam Cartwright are still volunteers and love to get our newsletters from up here, they spent four days with old Rocky friends, both doing well.

Volunteers Charles and Greta Thompson send their greetings from Mapleton, where they are making preparations for a move to Brisbane to be closer to family.

From the AGM: President Phil Augustine, Secretary Merv Edmonston.

Notes from the Coordinator

A great day was celebrated when C17 988 arrived in Rockhampton from Ipswich on Wednesday, 25 May. The engine and tender arrived on the backs of two low loaders and was craned off from 9 am. They were then moved into Archer Park and take pride of place facing south in front of the two coaches, with diesel 1614 in front of the steamy.

What a day when the cranes started lifting the steamy and tender off the trucks: media everywhere and onlookers, train enthusiasts, council staff, QR people, and volunteers were all there.

Rockhampton Regional Council and the Friends of Archer Park have each gone half money wise to get the loco and tender to Rocky.

The volunteers have been busy cleaning up all the oil spills on the concrete which 1614 left behind and has taken quite a bit of special oil remover chemical to do the job plus a high pressure Karcher.

Now the two coaches are placed together the electrical contractor who did the job on car 1007 will do the same on car 434. The Friends financed wiring up both coaches with a transformer in one coach for powering up the original lights in both coaches.

The Rocky Rockers will be giving a dance demonstration at the next Carriage Shade Caper Day on the 26th June.

Henry, one of our caravanning volunteers, has provided GPS coordinates to land you right at the museum's front door: S 2337583 E15050689.

Rockhampton Regional Council has asked that I inform the volunteer that there are new Council Volunteer forms to fill in that apply to all new and old volunteers. Also, Blue Card forms now have to be sighted by Kerri Dorman at Tom Upton's office in the School Of Arts building.

Dennis Sheehan

C17 Arrival (Photos next page)

Two views of C17 988 as it was being unloaded and then towed into Archer Park Station on Wednesday, 25 May 2011. While the loco came direct from Ipswich, it had been on display at MovieWorld for several years and is still painted in their livery. Hopefully it can be brought back to something like its original appearance while at Archer Park.

Additional photos are available on the Friends' web site.

