



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

9 October: *Social Function with Friends of the Gardens*, 12:00 noon for lunch, tram ride, and museum tour. Reciprocal visit to Botanic Gardens for tour and afternoon tea. \$5 for Friends of Archer Park (lunch).

30 October: *Family Fun Day Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Gold Coin entry, Tram Rides \$2.50, Stalls, Classic cars, Sausage sizzle, and more. [CQ Regional rail group meeting also.]

1 November: *Melbourne Cup Luncheon* (Friends function), 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

2012 Archer Park

7 March: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm to 9:00

2 April: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

29 April: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

13 June: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm to 9:00

24 June: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

25 June: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

2 July: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

26 August: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

5 September: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm to 9:00

24 September: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

1 October: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

28 October: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

2012 Mount Morgan

25 February: *Trolley Rides*

25 March: *Trash and Treasure*

3 May: *Meet and Greet Evening*

6 May: *Trolley Rides*

29 June: *School Holiday*

29 July: *Markets*

28 September: *School Holiday*

4 November: *Trolley Rides*

Notes from the President Phil...

The "Family Fun Day" on 28 August went well in spite of the problems – wet weather which kept many of the exhibitors and some volunteers away – the big function at the showgrounds –

and the Purrey Tram failed before its first run.

We still had over 300 through the door which compares well with this time last year. Many thanks must go to all the Friends and Volunteers who came to help – including Bruce Lentell as cook and Andrew Simpson who gave complementary rides on the double decker bus to compensate for no tram. I think the public and the workers all seemed happy enough with the day.

On 31 August we did not have the numbers for our monthly meeting but we managed an Executive Meeting on 6 September and dealt with the following matters:

Contribution to RRC of up to \$2500 approved for contract painting the roof of the coach – because this part of the restoration cannot be done by Volunteers for safety reasons. Volunteers can safely do the rest.

Nomination of Marge Bignell for life membership was accepted – to be approved by a general meeting. This was missed in 2010.

Approved application for Associate Membership of Hughie Hartwig and Full Membership for Dave and Irene Archer.

Raising again with QR the donation of the box wagon, the Trolley Shed from Gracemere, purchase of switch rail for our track maintenance.

Joint social function on 9 October with Friends of the Gardens – Merv will prepare notices for our members.

The last Bush Poets' Night for the year was held on Tuesday, 6 September. With an appreciative audience of 70, the entertainers became pretty enthusiastic and were late finishing. Thanks again to the Friends and Volunteers who helped out. It was a successful night.

Lastly, I think the message is getting out to the community on what we have to offer at Archer

Park – due to recent media publicity and the sterling efforts of Secretary Merv in spreading banners, brochures, and flyers in all directions. If public support continues to grow we will have a bright future for our venue.

Phil Augustine

Volunteer Activities

E-mail Addresses: Please send an e-mail message to the Friends with your name and current e-mail address to help us keep in touch with members: archerpark@bigpond.com.au.

Archer Park welcomes two new volunteers: Irene and Dave Archer are not new to the volunteer scene and are already volunteers at the Heritage Village. A volunteer at Archer Park, Heritage Village or Mt. Morgan can also volunteer at any of these places if they wish. There is a section on the RRC membership form that you can tick if you just want to volunteer at one place or be placed at another venue if required.

New volunteer Alex Limkin has passed his medical and is now a conductor on the tram. Alex has just retired from QR and it is hoped in the future he will learn how to drive the tram as well. Great work Alex.

There will be new sign-on forms in the kitchen from Thursday 15 September to be used by all volunteers. This new form includes a privacy statement which RRC wishes to be known by the volunteers.



The end wall covered with signs was one of the first exhibits finished at the ex-Gladstone rail museum's new quarters at the Calliope River Historical Village, and provides a backdrop to some of the other exhibits. Lynn Zelmer photographer.

Notes from the Coordinator

The Purrey Steam tram has missed running on two Sundays so far this month (September) with a problem in the boiler. It seems the boiler overfills and sinks the float after the tram has shut down for the day. The float has been removed and a new breather tube fitted, we will see if it works ok this Sunday.

Carriage Shade Capers day was a bit of a let down last month with it being a rainy day, tram not operating and a lot of the exhibitors ringing up to say they weren't coming. However three hundred and nine visitors turned up for the day.

Bush Poets night was attended by seventy-two people and it was non stop poetry and singing right up until 9 pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our poets and songsters for a great year of entertaining, and also thank Bruce Lentell for cooking the steaks plus all our volunteers for working that night and. This was the final Bush Poets and Song night for 2011. Next year the first night will fall on Wednesday 7 March.

Archer Park still has a problem with pigeons: it has become a daily ritual to clean up all their droppings from tables, chairs and walls. Council is looking at ways of controlling the birds.

It was a great day at the Calliope Village in August with the CQ Combined Rail Groups Network coming together with the Calliope River Railway, MELSA and the Gladstone District Model Railway people.



1200 class hauling a 'Sunlander' train on MELSA's line at the Calliope River Village. Lynn Zelmer photographer.

The Calliope River Railway, formerly part of QR Heritage, relocated to Calliope from Auckland Point. With a massive new shed at

Calliope they've set up rail displays and share the shed with the model railways' 'you beaut' layouts with many working trains.

I have suggested the next meeting and get together be at Archer Park in combination with our Family Fun Day on 30 October.



Part of the HO model railroad at the Calliope River Historical Village. The group also has an N scale railroad in their end of the Village's rail heritage shed. Lynn Zelmer photographer.

Volunteers have clocked up 805 hours of service for the month of August. This number of hours does not reflect the amount of hours undertaken by the executive and the Newsletter editor, etc., after hours. My thanks to everyone for their time spent volunteering either within or outside normal work hours.

I would like to ask that all volunteers refrain from doing crosswords or reading papers during working hours. These recreational activities can be undertaken during morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch time; I am sure Centrelink doesn't pay people to sit around and play games.

Archer Park will operate the tram on both Mondays of the school holidays: 19 and 26 September from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Lions Club will hold a convention at Archer Park in October, it is expected around three hundred Lions will be in attendance.

As soon as we can procure some scaffolding work will proceed on painting coach 434. The roof of Car 434 will be painted by outside professional painters. I hope all volunteers will then take an active roll in bringing this coach up to standard comparable to coach 1007.

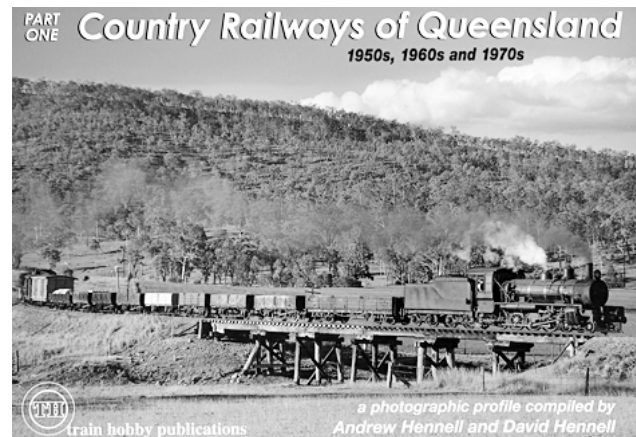
Because of a problem with how high volunteers are allowed to work, the availability of

scaffolding, and Work Place Health and Safety it was decided to go outside for painting the roof and the Friends of Archer Park will be footing the bill for this one (many thanks guys).

Our cleaner Wednesday morning cleaner will shortly give up her job. Jeanette has been a great person to work with, done a great job and has taken an interest in what we are all doing. It will be sad to see her leave.

Dennis Sheehan

Rail Heritage Resources



This new photographic profile from Train Hobby Publications covers Queensland from the immediate post war period to the end of dieselisation. With a C17 on the front cover, it also includes Beyer Garretts at the Rocky Roundhouse, etc. Hennell & Hennell: **Country Railways of Queensland - 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.**

Cairns Tilt Train

Graham Hibberd of the Bundaberg Rail Museum (North Bundaberg) recently spotted the newly painted Cairns Tilt Train with its subdued aboriginal style designs. Colour versions of these and other photographs of the new paint scheme can be found in the Rail Heritage Image Collection accessible from the web site.



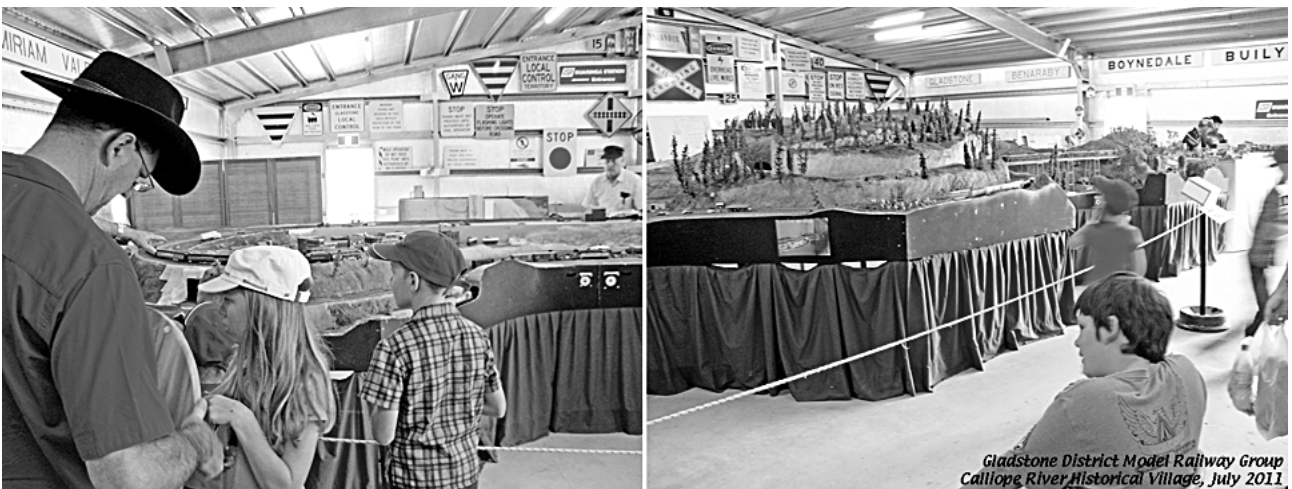
Cairns Tilt Train, Bundaberg, September 2011, Graham Hibberd photographer.



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The almost completed history wall at the Calliope River Historical Village's rail museum. The CQ regional rail heritage group visited here late August and saw the newly developed exhibits following the museum's move from Gladstone. Lynn Zelmer photographer.



The opposite end of the Calliope River Historical Village shed with the model railroads (HO left, N scale right) operated by the Gladstone and District Model Railway Group. As is typical of most Australian club layouts, they are primarily American oriented, although the occasional Queensland model can be spotted. Lynn Zelmer photographer.