



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

8 Dec 2012: Christmas break-up luncheon

17 Feb 2013: Tram resumes operation

8 Apr 2013: School Holiday Activity

28 Apr 2013: Family Fun Day

1 May 2013: Annual General Meeting

24 Jun 2013: School Holiday Activity

30 Jun 2013: Family Fun Day

1 Jul 2013: School Holiday Activity

25 Aug 2013: Family Fun Day

23 Sep 2013: School Holiday Activity

30 Sep 2013: School Holiday Activity

27 Oct 2013: Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park Executive

President: Dot Marshall

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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, 27 February 2013.**

Friends' Activities

Alas, our September meeting was informal due to lack of attendees again.

However, our General Meeting for October had a really good roll up – due to Dennis doing a phone around since Jan Wallace was coming to introduce herself. Matters covered included...

- Jan Wallace spoke of her background in tourism and volunteering – the challenge she sees for the future in promoting the Community's great asset we have here at Archer Park – and the Council's requirement to restrict spending.

- The power outlet on the face of the platform for charging the Tram and Billard batteries will be paid for by Friends.
- The Friends would purchase 6 crossing timbers for track maintenance at a notional cost of \$600 – Phil Augustine is to nominate sizes and chase up suppliers and costs.
- For the Christmas break-up on 8 December, the luncheon costs would be subsidised for members of Friends Association – for others the estimated cost is \$20.50 each.
- Meeting times will change in 2013. Meetings will be scheduled for 12.30 pm on the fourth Wednesday each month starting with 27 February 2013. There will be no general meetings in December and January.
- Another important issue is identifying people who are willing to take on key roles in catering and on the executive committee for the future.



School Holiday program, September 2012. [lz 0427]

Functions

For our final Family Fun Day for the year on 25 October we were well prepared with plenty of helpers. The City Band was in for variety in entertainment. Unfortunately, it rained all day and therefore the roll up of only 160 visitors

was disappointing. However, those who came seemed to enjoy the day – but we feel sorry for the Tram Crew who got pretty wet.

The challenge for us is to better advertise and vary the attractions on these days to bring patronage up again.

You will note from the 2013 list of events that the Poets' Nights are not included because of declining numbers - these nights may no longer be an attraction. Let's dream up some other activities to draw numbers through the door."



School Holiday program, September 2012. [lz_0432]

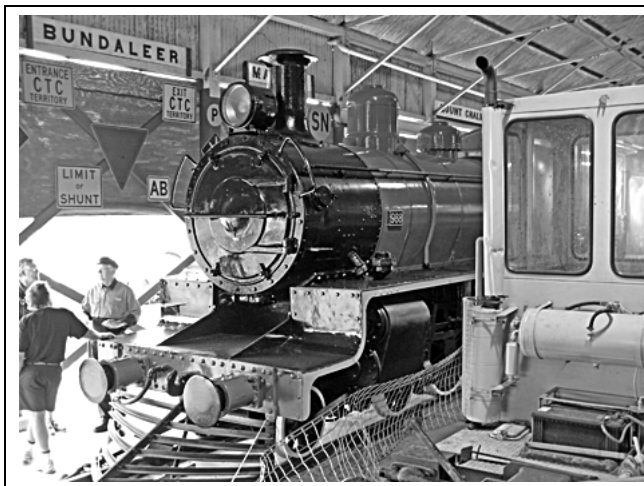
The Museum

Note that the Museum will be open through the Christmas period except on Public Holidays.

Open Sunday, 23/12; Monday 24/12; Thursday 27/12; Friday 28/12; Sunday 30/12 and Wednesday 2 January onwards.

The Tram will cease running after Sunday, 25 November and will have its annual inspection and service, as will the Billard. If all goes well, the Tram will start operating again from 17 February 2013.

The old C17 Steam Locomotive is looking good now that Darkie and the CEA lads have repainted it in the original Brown Bomber colours. Jim Abrahams is continuing his work on the controls so the loco is becoming an exhibit to be proud of.



The C17 in its new 'Brown Bomber' paint job sits beside the Billard, 28 October 2012. [lz_0498]

Fortunately Archer Park has welcomed a few new volunteers in recent months – the latest is young Danielle Stevens who is keen to learn. Others like Bob Rallings, Ian Tyrrel, and Russel Sanderson have fitted in well with maintenance and guiding.

To finish on a positive note – it is always rewarding when someone gives you a good rap after they have visited, and this happened twice recently on the www.tripadvisor.com.au web site. Both reviewers were full of praise for the Museum and for one of our volunteers. It lifts morale when you get feedback like this.

On a lighter note... a certain politician, who shall be nameless, was approached by the publicity man for a major car company.

"We'd very much like to give you one of our latest model luxury cars," said the publicity man.

"Oh, I couldn't possibly accept a gift like that," said the politician who shall remain nameless, "people might think it was a bribe."

"Tell you what," said the publicity man, "we'll sell it to you for \$20. Then you can honestly say you bought it."

"That's a great idea," said the politician who shall remain nameless. "Here's \$40, I'll take two."

Submitted by collaborators Dennis and Phil

Rail Safety & Safe Operating

A number of Australian rail heritage operations have closed recently, temporarily we hope, after accidents or rail safety audits.

While each has generated considerable local publicity (and angst), and we wish them all the best for a speedy return to full operation, the bottom line is all railways must meet national standards for rail safety and safe operating.

Archer Park's continued accreditation depends on every volunteer being vigilant, following proper procedures and reporting errors, faulty infrastructure, accidents, etc.

Observe, report, document and ensure that the problem gets fixed!

RRC Personal Threat Policy

The number of hold-ups, etc., in recent weeks suggests that Museum staff and volunteers should be aware of the RRC policy on Personal Threat – Armed Intrusion/Hold Up:

Personal threat may take the form of armed or unarmed confrontation. Unarmed confrontation may arise where there is a threat to others by a person confronting them in a violent/threatening manner.

Basic principles

- Remove as many people away from the situation as possible and prevent others from getting into danger.
- Always carry out the demands of the offender exactly, nothing more, nothing less.
- If company property is demanded, it should be supplied. Do not attempt heroics.
- Observe any characteristics of the intruder, which may assist in their detainment. This could include weapons involved, speech, mannerisms, clothing, scars/tattoos, names or nationality.
- When able to, contact the Police by dialling '000'. Ensure that by doing so, you do not endanger yourself or anyone else.

For those not directly involved in a threat by an intruder:

1. Notify the Chief Warden and Management.
2. Contact the Police by dialling '000' and asking for Police.
3. Follow the directions of the Chief Warden or the authorised person in charge.

Mt Morgan Rail Museum

Mount Morgan Rail Museum's final open day of the year wasn't as damp as at Archer Park the previous week, but the visitor results were also disappointing.

Your editor attended with a small display of model supporting rail heritage preservation and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with their museum volunteers.



Guiding visitors around the Mt Morgan station precinct, 4 November 2012 [lz_0547]



Perhaps because there were so few visitors, the kid's activities table had consistent use with the help of parents or volunteers. [lz_0518]

Mt Morgan Mining Railway

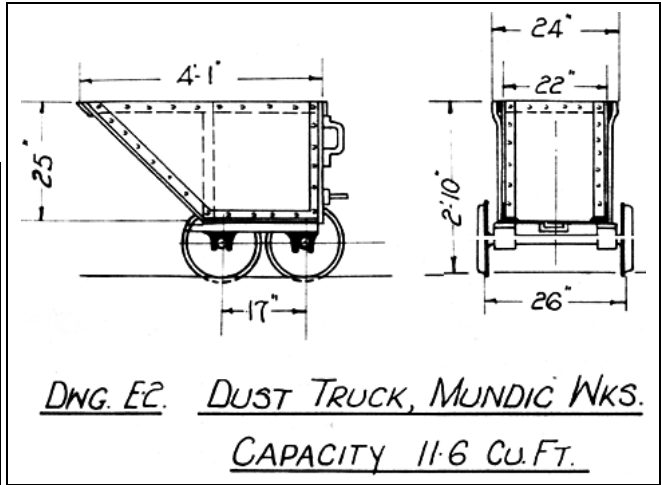
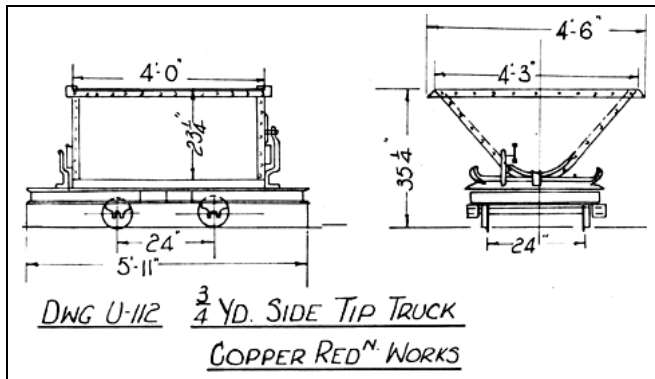
Gold Mining began at Mount Morgan in 1882, becoming the premier gold mine of the world about 1890, and from 1906 Mount Morgan became a major copper producer.

In 1927 the Company went into voluntary liquidation but was re-established in 1929 using open cut methods. It remained Queensland's major copper producer until the early 1950s.

The Mount Morgan Mining Company's various operations were serviced by Queensland Railways (initially QGR), with its 3' 6" gauge. However, the mine itself also had a network of 26" gauge track, as well as 24" gauge within the Copper Reduction Works.

It's fairly obvious that the 26" gauge was chosen because the narrower gauge required less space for operating within the mine and other works. While the gauge isn't as common as some others it may have been chosen by an engineer who had been familiar with it at another mine.

Choosing a different gauge for the Copper Reduction Works may have been the result of purchasing a complete set of special purpose equipment just for use in the works.



These Mt Morgan Mines narrow gauge wagons (not to the same scale) are from Drawing M-199 in the Capricornia Collection, CQUniversity.



Contractor's locomotive and 3' 6" gauge 'H' wagons during construction of the Linda Gully Bridge tunnel for the No 2 Branch. Mount Morgan Rail Museum ppt Collection, Jens Hansen Lundager photographer.



Rockhampton City Band performing for the 28 October 2012 Carriage Shade Capers. [lz_0504]



Off to view the C17, etc., under the carriage shade, School Holiday program, September 2012. [lz_0433]



Archer Park Down Goods with C17 965. Weston Langford photographer [31 October 1966 108152]