



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

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# TRAM TRACKS

## Date Claimers

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: Alex Limkin

Vice President: Bob Rallings

Treasurer: Ross Carter 0407 038 065

Secretary: Phil Augustine 0429 094377

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, 26 June 2013.**

## President's Report 2012-2013

Firstly I'd like to thank all those who helped operate the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms over the year. There are the ladies, particularly Wilma Coghlan, plus June, Helen, Jenny, Lyn and others who helped run our events and functions... and thanks also to the men who helped out in the food area. I must mention and thank Dennis for his help and support through the year, Ross for his organising supplies, equipment and finances, plus the stalwarts Bill, Blair and all the others who looked after visitors through the week and kept everything shipshape.

Overall the Museum's visitor numbers were down from the previous year as was the case for many other venues. But this makes little difference to the preparation and clean up jobs for each of our events such as tram running

Sundays, school activities, Family Fun Days, Legacy meetings, etc.

Operating the Refreshment Rooms is one of the key objectives of our Friends' Association so I think we did OK.

The Museum had no major new exhibits for the year but Friends have contributed their time, skill and funds to maintenance and enhancement of what we do have. As well the Friends continue to guide and help Museum customers to ensure they have a memorable visit.

At this stage we must thank members of the Executive for their time and dedication, particularly Treasurer Ross Carter, for major contributions to Friends' merchandising, finances and administration, and let's not forget our Tram Tracks Editor, Lynn Zelmer.

Lately some deterioration of health has made me realise that I must slow down and draw back from active participation... although I'll try to help in the future when I can. The years serving as a Friend with all the other members at Archer Park have been a wonderful life experience for me and I thank you all.

During the coming year I hope the new Executive will be able to press on with improvements to attract more visitors again -- hopefully unaffected by de-amalgamation. If the tremendous support we had from the public at School Activities and Family Fun Day in April is anything to go by, this should be a very good year.

Thank you all

*Dot Marshall*

## Treasurer's Report 2012-2013 (Summary)

The economic climate continued to have a bearing on how we have performed during the financial year 2012/2013.

Visitor numbers down had an effect on our fundraising, but we thank our hard working kitchen staff for still doing a great job. Soft drink sales are slightly up on last year. While merchandise sales are on par with last year, they are still less than previous years.

Our general income was \$14559.26 with expenses of \$13,475.98 giving us a net profit of \$1083.28. Other income from investment interest (\$522 37) gave us an actual profit of \$1605.65.

Notable items of expenditure include \$1375.00 for installation of power points on the platform, \$502.06 for six (6) timber crossing sleepers, continuing restoration of steam engine C17 988 \$588.34, and coach GM434 \$322.64. Major equipment purchased during the year was the Birko double chip fryer and a new microwave oven totalling \$1027.00.

All other expenditure is as detailed in the profit and loss statement which was attached with the Trading Account report in the full financial report. The trading account for 2012/2013 is summarised below with the comparison in turnover for the previous periods.

Gross Profits	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Fundraising	\$5580.92	\$5409.93	\$3729.36
Soft drinks	\$709.66	\$811.45	\$947.65
Merchandise	\$1343.38	\$1212.24	\$1258.59
<b>TOTAL TRADING</b>	<b>\$7633.96</b>	<b>\$7433.62</b>	<b>\$5935.60</b>

Our book balances as at 31 March 2013 were:

General Account \$5146.29,

On Line Saver Account \$14,635.33,

Petty Cash Account \$191.00, and

Stock to the value of \$3829.30.

If anyone requires further explanation please contact the undersigned,

*Ross Carter*

## Friends' Matters

The most important meeting in our calendar – the Annual General Meeting – was duly held on 1 May. The Agenda included the election of a new committee for 2013/14. Elected were:

President: Alex Limkin

Vice President: Bob Rallings

Treasurer: Ross Carter

Secretary: Phil Augustine

Congratulations are in order for Alex and Bob – the new faces. Many thanks go to Dot Marshall for helping out again as our President for the past year – her report is included elsewhere in this issue.

Another requirement for the meeting was to receive the Auditor's report – a full audit was received for this year. In the Auditor's opinion our financial accounting satisfactorily met required standards and the Association is in a sound financial state. For this much praise must be heaped on Ross Carter who has been managing our accounts on his own for over 10 years now.

Also on the Agenda was the awarding of Life Memberships – this year three were approved: Dave Schulz, Keith Cartwright and David Neish.

It was generally considered that the main challenges for the coming year for the Friends were to attract more visitors and to sign up more volunteer helpers. We can only guess at this stage how de-amalgamation will affect us but we have sent in a petition of 200 signatures in the hope that the Museum will continue in community service.

## Activities

Since our last newsletter the School Activity Day on 8 April and our Family Fun Day on 28 April were very well supported by the public.

Over 500 visitors came to the Family Fun Sunday and all our Friends and Volunteers were pretty busy – particularly in the kitchen where we'll need more helpers next time.

Our next Family Fun Sunday is on 30 June so we'll shortly be scouting for helpers for the day. Certainly Dennis and others are already chasing up stall holders and attractions and we'll be spreading advertising pamphlets around the town.

During the coming year the Museum already has bookings for a bus tour group and several school group tours. The main event booking is for the Aurizon first aid competitions held in August – that will be for two days and will require some catering.

## Around the Museum

The Purrey Tram has had a few problems with leaking glands and ineffective oilers in the pistons underneath. A fitter spent a couple of days fixing the troubles – we'll test run it to make sure.

Restoration of the Tamper Section Car is now nearing completion, so hopefully it will be operating next Family Fun Day.

New sleepers and crossing timbers ordered some time ago have been delivered and John Kennedy and others have been busy putting some in the track over the past weeks. Believe me – this is hard labour doing it manually.

With all the wet weather in past months the deterioration of guttering and down pipes has been a real problem. Some repairs are now under way.

## Mt Morgan gold mine options

The Morning Bulletin (2 April 2013) indicated that Norton Goldfields, owner of 30 mining leases totalling 667 hectares at Mt Morgan, was

considering producing gold from the Mt Morgan mine and/or processing gold at Mt Morgan from their Boyne Valley properties.

Other options being considered for the Mt Morgan properties include selling them.

## Queensland's Rail Heritage Photos

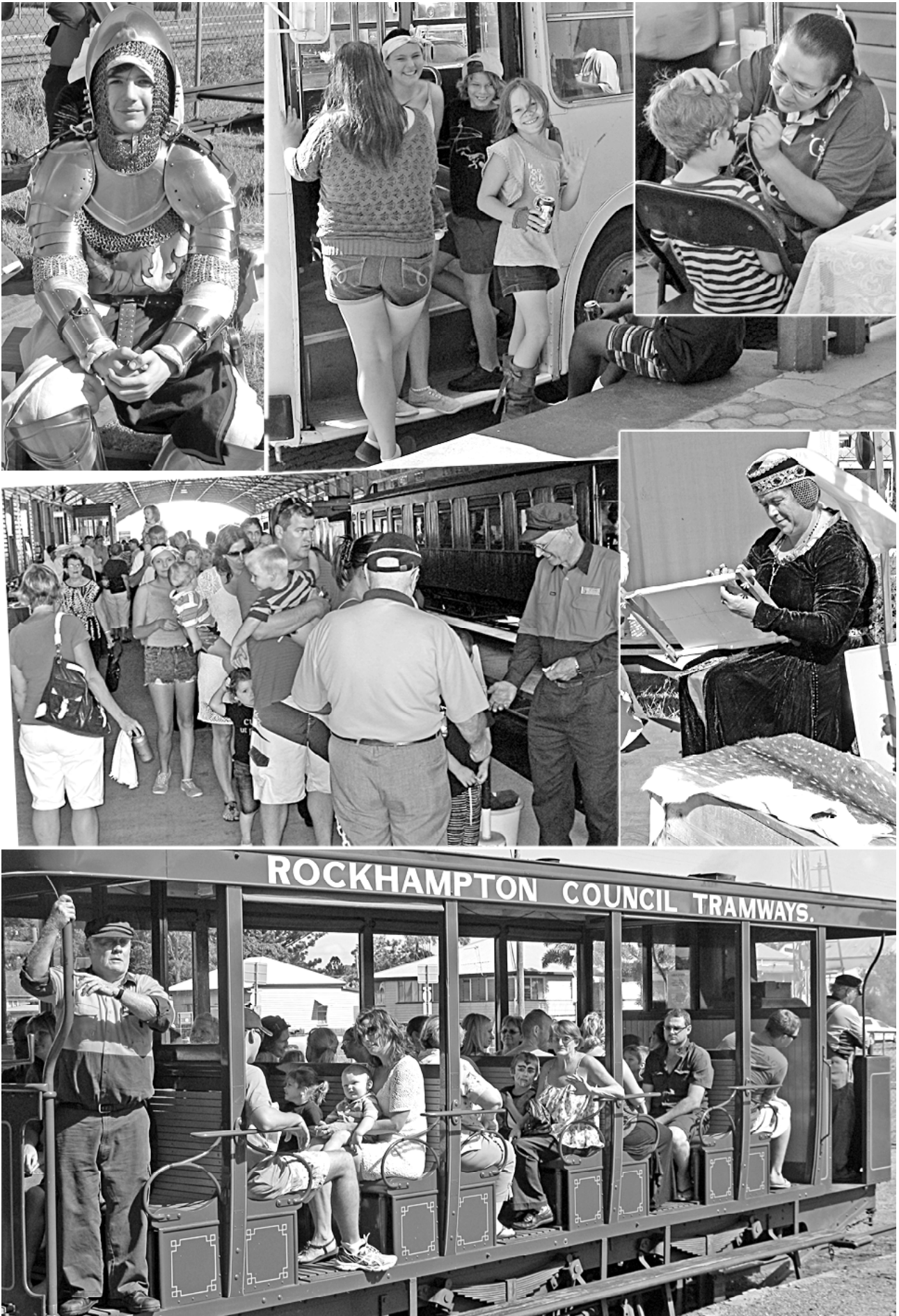
The photo collection on the Queensland rail heritage web site now has over 11,500 images as a result of adding 215 photos of Queensland Rail activities in the early 1950s.

The photos were taken when Garth Fraser, now a resident of Caloundra, rode his motor scooter around the Brisbane district "feeding his railway addiction". The photos, a few of which have previously been published in AMRA's *Railways of Queensland* booklets, will also be available through AMRA but the web site makes them more widely accessible.

Click on *Image Collection* and use *Garth Fraser* as a search term at <http://QldRailHeritage.com>.

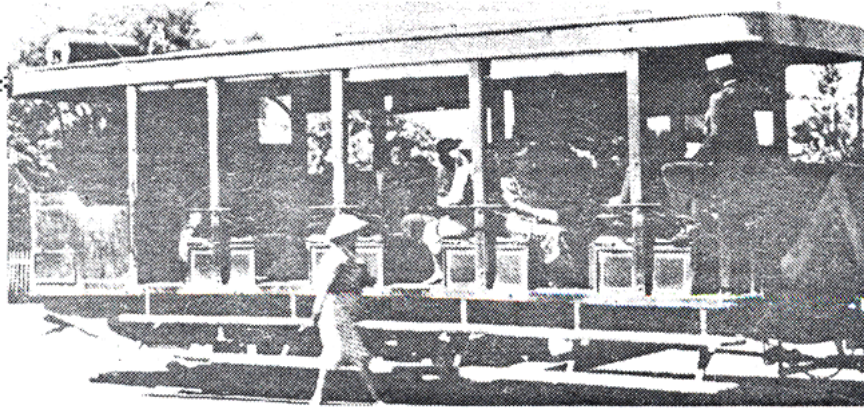


Rockhampton wasn't the only place where railway tracks ran along city streets — Crossing Stanley Street in Woolloongabba, June 1950. Garth Fraser photographer.



Selected images from Family Fun Day, 28 April 2013. Lynn Zelmer photographer.





## Mayor seeks support to restore steam tram

"We've got the chassis, we've got one seat and part of the engine — now we need community and business support for Rockhampton's Bicentennial steam tram restoration project."

That is the message from Rockhampton's Mayor, Ald Webber, who yesterday inspected the parts of what will be, by 1988, the only working Purrey steam tram in the world.

The coal-fired trams (pictured above) were unique to Rockhampton in Australia

and were the principal form of public transport in the city from 1909 to 1939.

Project co-ordinator and council bus depot manager Mr Doug Press said it was hoped the passenger trailer superstructure would be ready in a year.

"But if the project is to be a success, we have to get support," he said yesterday.

"We are asking individuals and business houses who wish to help the project in any way at all, to register their names at the city council office.

"One organisation may offer to make a fitting for the tram, another may offer to supply materials — we want to get the community involved as much as possible."

Any privately-owned parts of a tram were also welcomed.

"We want anything that has got something to do with the old trams.

"We feel that there must be a few of the old seats sitting under people's houses."

Ald Webber said the tram would be incorporated in the city's public transport system.



● Rockhampton Mayor Ald Webber sits on part of an old Purrey steam tram. The restoration of the tram to working order and its return to the city's public transport system are a bicentennial project

The Morning Bulletin, Tuesday, September 25, 1984, p3, from the Museum's archives and on the Friends' web site: [QldRailHeritage.com/ArcherPark](http://QldRailHeritage.com/ArcherPark)