



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

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# TRAM TRACKS

## Date Claimers

**2016**

Sunday, 28 August – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 21 September – School Holiday Activities

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Sunday, 23 October – Family Fun Day

**Note that in 2016 School Holiday Activities are on Wednesdays.**

### Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan

Vice President: Darryl Hawker

Treasurer: Ross Carter 0407 038 065

Secretary: Peter Allen

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

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, 24 August 2016.**

## Coordinator's Report

The June Family Fun Day was a huge success with four hundred and fifty seven visitors on the day. Our June School Holiday Activities were a also huge success with around ninety Mums, Dads and children visiting on both days.

The NEATO workforce have been hard at it helping to lay around sixty sleepers in our main line, another of their projects was the laying of rock blocks around the coal heap and the commencement of another rock block wall around the coke heap. They are also re-mulching the gardens in front of the station.

Work on CWM21 is progressing slowly at present but is looking good with most windows on the western side now installed.

An 1865 dated lathe donated by Aurizon has arrived at the museum. We are getting together a story about it and will put it in the next newsletter with a photo. We were very lucky that our Aurizon contact was able to have CQ Cranes do them and us a favour and bring the Lathe here for no charge. We wish to thank them for their continued support of Archer Park Rail Museum!

On the point of thanks for support, we wish to thank Advertising, Planning and Promotions for creating the artwork for our new signs at the Rockhampton and Yeppoon Information Centres. We feel these lovely bright signs will catch the eye of visiting tourists and guide them to our doors!!



The Station has been very busy lately with an engagement party and wedding reception over the past month, both of which went well, and the Station looked amazing with overhead fairy lights lighting up the platform. We have also had at least one school visiting the museum each month with a school from Mackay visiting last week.

A private training company has hired a part of the refreshment room for 12 weeks to train a Track Work Course, to prepare workers to apply for jobs in Rail. The course attendees will get to see the workings of an active station, with hands on track work. We welcome them to the station and wish them well when they finish the course.

As the Coordinator of APRM, I joined the members of the ATRQ at their June meeting in Maryborough. It was a learning experience for me and I enjoyed meeting the members of the other heritage rail groups from around Queensland.

The meeting was hosted by the Whistle Stop and the boys put me at the controls of their Mary-Anne locomotive for a short drive which was very exciting. Thanks to Don and his friends for making me feel very welcome.



Janice at the throttle...

Archer Park's first Trivia night was held on 22 July with over seventy people attending. This event was held on the platform starting at seven and finishing around ten thirty, this again was a successful night with many people remarking they had a wonderful night. The volunteers did a remarkable job in getting tables and chairs organised, looking after the food in the kitchen and checking names at the front door [and thanks to the Coordinator for thinking up a great event and working hard on the night].

Three volunteers are progressing well with training to work the register and admission counter, Maree, Greg and Graeme are now feeling a lot more confident at handling this job. Maree and Belinda have also been helping with our Refreshment Room service and have come along to our recent Family Fun Days and School

Holiday Activities to help giving our regular helpers a bit of a break. They are doing well as part of the team that takes care of this work.

Kevin and Cheryl Berry have returned from Charters Towers after looking after a property there while the owner was on holidays. Cheryl will be getting back into the last stages of finishing the Exhibit Catalogue.

**A Reminder from the Coordinator** – Please remember to work within your physical capabilities!

It is always very disappointing to hear that someone has a sore back from being a dedicated helper. Being part of the team is very rewarding and we hate to see that pleasure spoiled, so if you have a chronic problem that needs some care, remember to ask someone to help when you need it, or remember to stay away from those jobs that cause problems.

### **Rollingstock Supervisor's Report**

The Purrey Steam Tram has not been behaving itself lately with buckets in the steam pump being replaced twice within a month. The neoprene buckets have caused a few problems but with leather buckets this should now improve the pump operations.

A new check valve was installed on the water feed line to the boiler and various pipes under the front floor have been checked with one pipe being blocked and having to be cleaned out.

The steam pump oiler has had a problem leaking oil and requires a new viton washer to be installed.

The boiler float was another problem to be solved, as it was filling up with water and not allowing the steam pump to pump water to the boiler. This was taken out, drained of water and put under pressure to see if it had a leak or crack in it. The problem was a drain plug on the float was letting in water and has now been repaired with a new washer and sealing tape.

The only item which has to be done is replacing the steam gauge with a new one.

We have had two Sundays this month when the tram did not operate, the first being the problem with the float in the boiler and the second bad weather with a lot of rain. Risk Assessments will now be discussed at Tram Toolbox meetings.



A white board has been installed in the garage where the Tram crew use getting the Tram ready for a days operation; this white board will be used to write up any instructions for the Tram crew.

### President's Report

Volunteers are the backbone of any museum or organisation and we could not operate without

them — in saying this I also include the rest of my executive and the Coordinator.


When there is a job or event to be held everyone puts out 100% of effort and their time to bring about a successful outcome. Together and working as a team I can see Archer Park going ahead in leaps and bounds.

Thank you everyone!



Stock train in Denison Street, with a KKB van with drovers guard compartments, Rockhampton, 17 August 1975, Bob Wilson photographer

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Sunday Capers, 26 June 2016





Wednesday, 7 July – School Holiday Activities with over 80 participants on the day.