



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2016

Saturday, 3 December – Member's Christmas Party

2017

Sunday, 26 February 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 12 April 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 23 April 2017 – Family Fun Day

Sunday, 25 June 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 5 July 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 27 August 2017 – Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Wednesday, 27 September 2017 – School Holiday Activities

Sunday, 22 October 2017 – Family Fun Day

President's Report

The Coordinator, Janice Seymour, and our Secretary, Peter Allen, attended the Queensland Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards on 22 November 2016 at the Redland Performing Arts Centre. Archer Park Rail Museum received the award for Organisations – Volunteer Run – in the Sustainability Category. I'm sure all the members and staff will be pleased to receive this recognition for all their hard work over the past 2 1/2 years.

The 'Friends' Christmas party is to be held at the Bluebirds Sports Club, Richardson Road, on Saturday 3 December with a 1pm sit down. Don't forget the multi-draw raffle.

NEATO has been very busy over the last couple of months. Under the supervision of John Kennedy, Track Supervisor, they have laid around 60 sleepers on the main track, as well as a new section of concrete at the Cambridge Street end of the platform and laying the new track for CWM21. The maintenance of the gardens is a big job as well as general yard work.

CWM21 was lifted from its position so two new sections of rail line could be chemset to the concrete, then returned back onto the new rail line. Work will now continue with the restoration of the carriage.

Ricky and Rob have been painting section cars and are nearly finished and they look great – well done guys!

A note to all the members that our volunteer hours statistics show us that we have now had over 900 volunteer hours over the last couple of months

RRC is working on the refurbishment of the Board Walk - this is part of our heritage listing, and originally went across the rods that changed the track. It goes across the concrete apron out

Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan

Vice President:

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, 22 February 2017.**

towards the tracks. The work is still ongoing — hopefully the concreting and new planks will be laid before Christmas.

The Purrey Steam Tram will have its last operational day on 27 November. The coverings over the tubes and boiler will be removed and some preparation work done in readiness for the tram's yearly boiler maintenance and inspection. Hopefully if all maintenance work is completed the tram will be ready to operate again late January 2017.

Special thanks to our ladies who do all the catering for our Morning Teas, including that for Rockhampton Legacy. Their last function for the year was the Legacy Christmas lunch 23 November. We get amazing feedback from everyone who has been lucky enough to have their morning tea!!

Our thoughts are with Darryl Hawker who has some serious health issues. Due to this Darryl has resigned his Vice President and WPH&S Officer Position. We wish you all the best in this difficult time.

We have had a couple of other members unwell lately, Ross who had an operation and Greg who is on the road to recovery from a medical condition. We wish them all the best.

Three new volunteers have become members, we welcome Martin Fitzgerald, Bill Halloran and Ron Truss. We wish them well and hope they enjoy working together with us.

Dave Schulz has made a backing panel for the lathe. Looks good Dave.

Michael Feldman has now qualified as a Tram Conductor, congratulations Michael!

With the loss of our Vice-President we are now looking for someone to fill that position on the executive.

Visitor numbers have declined since the end of October but this always happens when the hot weather sets in and the lead up to Christmas. It gives us a good chance to do maintenance, etc.

As President I would like to wish the workforce of NEATO, the Archer Park Coordinator and all volunteers and members a Very Merry Christmas and big thanks for the many hours you have put in at the museum, We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for your valuable input and look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Dennis Sheehan

Rollingstock Supervisor's Report

The repacking of the tram boiler indicator lever has been successful with no water or steam leaks visible. A raft of other maintenance items has been compiled for the tram and the Billard Loco tractor to be done over the shutdown period.

The warning horns on the tram failed to operate on a Sunday. When inspected we found that the wiring to the horns and the revolving lights was faulty, the RRC fitter has replaced all wiring with a heavier duty cable and all are now working ok.

Below: The old Stanley Street railway station, Rockhampton. Michael Cunningham photo, year unknown, courtesy Arthur Hayes, Brisbane.





Operating Day and Volunteer Open House: 9 October 2016