



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS



Courtesy Mark Collins

2018 Date Claimers

Sunday 25 February: Family Fun Day

Friday 16 March: Trivia Night, 6:30 for 7pm start.

Wednesday 4 April: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 11 April: School Holiday Activities

Sunday 22 April: Family Fun Day

Sunday 24 June: Family Fun Day

Wednesday 4 July: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 11 July: School Holiday Activities

Sunday 26 August: Family Fun Day

Wednesday 26 September: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 3 October: School Holiday Activities

Sunday 28 October: Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park

President: Dennis Sheehan, 0409 287 786

Vice President: Ricky Weir

Secretary/Treasurer (Acting): Merrill Fossey

Safety Officer: Ian McCully

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

Meetings of the **Friends of Archer Park** are now normally on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month in the refreshment room, so the **next meeting is 12:30 pm, 27 February 2018.**

Vale Blair Jamieson

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Blair on New Years Eve. Blair joined the volunteers at Archer Park on 30/5/2001 and was a Life Member.

Blair became an excellent tour guide and was good at fixing anything electrical: he was instrumental in renovating the two heritage rail telephones, setting up the Morse code table, getting the Electric Staves working and looking after the Master Impulse Clock.

You will be sadly missed by all Blair.

President's Report

We would like to thank Ron G Truss for his work during his time as Treasurer and thank Merrill Fossey for taking on the position until the AGM.

APRM Facebook Page – using new technology can be a bit daunting, but we have found that getting a Facebook Page up and going for the museum has increased our Museum visitors. Our Month/Year to Date Comparison has shown that in the month of December we had 133 visitors in 2015, 39 visitors in 2016 and then 214 visitors in 2017!!

Very pleasing to see the increase. Part of this is also due to an increase in visitor numbers to the region but we have received a lot of feedback that people heard about us on Facebook!

Our Facebook Page is called "Archer Park Rail Museum Approved".

TRIVIA NIGHT is on Friday 16 March 2018, 6.30pm for 7pm start. We are approaching business houses in Rockhampton for donations, and also members to bring in items for the prizes.

We are very pleased that we are working collaboratively with QR to get track work done, and look forward to our visit from QR to complete our Interface Coordination Plan process.

The **Tampa 6** has been rewired, a new higher capacity fuse box was also fitted and a couple of issues with it sorted. This has allowed us to operate during the school holiday weeks in January for rides, helping to bring more visitors into the Museum.

Once again Occupational Skills Centre Australia has one of their Certificate II & III Track Work training groups at the Station and it is a pleasure to continue to have rail related groups using our Venue Hire facility.

NEW VOLUNTEERS - We would like to thank Max Solutions for their placement of four

of their workers to assist us and our volunteers. As well Reg, Shane and Colin have joined us not long ago, and we welcome all to the Museum.

Colin will take over refurbishing CWM 21, he was a volunteer many years ago and has just re-joined again. Kevin Berry, who was working on the coach, will not return to Archer Park until May.

We are pleased that we have been able to send the Heritage Village some exhibits that we have not been able to use at Archer Park, this ensures that the community gets to see them.

We will also check with Mt. Morgan Rail Museum to see if they are able to take our extra exhibits, especially where we have more than one item in reserve.

The **Purrey Steam Tram** has had its annual maintenance completed, followed by the boiler inspection. One problem has been found, the main steam pipe under the floor coming from the regulator going to the steam chest has rotted out and has to be replaced.

Because steam pipe cannot be found in Rockhampton it has to be sourced from Brisbane or interstate. When it does arrive will need to be turned and welded into shape. We hope to have it done in time to operate on Sunday 28 January 2018.

FAMILY FUN DAY - Our first Family Fun Day is set down for 25 February. We will do up a roster and put it in the kitchen as usual. Please put down if you are available or not and Dennis will do his usual ring around just before. New stalls are always welcome so spread the word to your friends and family.

We all wish Laurie Conaghan a speedy recovery from his illness.

Dennis Sheehan

FAMILY FUN DAY!



SUNDAY 25th February 2018

9am to 1pm

**Adults \$2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE
Purrey Steam Tram Rides \$2.50**

Ride on the world's only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm) heritage railway carriages, steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/Ford/classic cars, lots more.

Food on sale!

Archer Park Rail Museum
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(between Archer and Cambridge Streets)

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