



2018 Date Claimers

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: Ricky Weir

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Safety Officer: Ian McCully

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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, 28 August 2018.

Coordinator's Report

Can everyone put out the word that we need more members that are interested in becoming Tram Conductors. This is often followed by them becoming a Driver if they are interested. Without staff for the Tram we cannot operate as we found for the second week of the School Holidays when so many were away or had other commitments. Spread the word to your family and friends!

Whist we still had a good day, our June Family Fun Day was down on numbers this year. We have had some good attendance to the station during the School Holiday Activities, despite the tram not operating on the 2nd Wednesday. We were able to operate the section car and all the visitors had a fun day.

The Management Team have been very busy in the last month or two completing various audits on the Safety Management System. This work is always ongoing, as well as reviewing the APRM

documents that are used by all the volunteers and rail safety workers.

Thank you to Jobs Queensland for their assistance in putting new sleepers into our main line the last week of July 2018. This is hard work and of course must be done for us to stay safe and compliant. Our members who worked on this put in some big days and thanks to them also!!

We have started putting our new signage up around Rockhampton. We have 3 new signs and 1 old one; they are a bit bigger than poster size and will go up on the way into Rockhampton from the south, on Lakes Creek Road, Glenmore Road and near Bunnings to the North.

The Occupational Skills Centre Australia - Training Group continues to be part of the station, coming 2 weeks on and 2 off. It's great to have a railway group in the station learning to do track work. This venue hire also continues to bring in revenue which helps us with costs of operating the Museum.

Thank you Fitzroy Nursery for your donation of plants which will help us improve the look of the lower platform. Bill Pandi arranged the donation and also very kindly donated even more plants, as well as recently donating gardening equipment. Thanks Bill!!

We are replacing the many printed and laminated safety signs around the Museum with good quality signs that will last for years. This will improve the look and also save lots of time for the office and safety staff.

The President and Life Member Board has now been undated by Sargent Signs. Thank you to Sargent Signs for kindly donating the work to the "Friends"!

Dennis Sheehan has kindly agreed for us to direct all enquiries from the public in regard to local rail history to him. This is an important role as we get a lot of enquiries and it is a community service. Thank you Dennis!

Janice Seymour

Safety Officer's Report

I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe. Due to an urgent family matter I have had to return home to North Eastern Thailand at short notice. However with today's technology I am still able to do live video feeds of any meetings, review Safety Management Systems documentation, etc., while I am away. I am also just an email away if you wish to contact me.

I would like to remind tram crew to keep an eye out for any passengers that may decide to stand while the tram is in motion, exit the tram when points are being changed or exit while stationary (Fitzroy or Albert Street ends) preparing for the return run along Denison.

Passengers are to remain seated and on the tram at all times unless specifically instructed otherwise by tram crew.

It is important to notify the Coordinator when we are leaving the museum, including at the end of the day. This is important so that in an emergency we know exactly who is at the museum for evacuation purposes.

Activities from the past... 2002



A meeting of the *CQ Combined Rail Groups Network* in Archer Park Station's Refreshment Room following a Sunday "Capers", 7 April 2002. Lynn Zelmer, photographer (composite image).

Please, I want to stress the importance of wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). My wife is a Senior Medical Nursing Practitioner and this past week I have watched her attending to up to 6 serious foot injuries per day, plus injuries such as deep lacerations to the arm for workers not wearing appropriate PPE.

I want to thank everyone at the museum for their diligent effort they give in this matter but let's not let complacency set in.

If you notice any faulty or damaged equipment please report it immediately to the Coordinator, President or Vice President/Rolling Stock Supervisor to have it repaired or replaced.

Ian McCully

Membership Fees

A reminder to all members that your membership is due at the end of March each year. We have just sent out reminders to those members who have been a little tardy with their payment. If you could make your payment at the office as soon as possible please.