



### 2019 Date Claimers

Sunday 24 February	Family Fun Day
Wednesday 10 April	School Holiday Activities
Wednesday 17 April	School Holiday Activities
Sunday 28 April	Family Fun Day
Sunday 23 June	Family Fun Day
Wednesday 3 July	School Holiday Activities
Wednesday 10 July	School Holiday Activities
Sunday 25 August	Family Fun Day
Wed 25 September	School Holiday Activities
Wed 2 October	School Holiday Activities
Sunday 27 October	Family Fun Day

### Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir  
 Vice President: John Kennedy  
 Secretary: Elaine Alexander  
 Treasurer: Merrill Fossey  
 Safety Officer: Ian McCully  
 Rollingstock Supervisor: John Kennedy  
 Track Supervisor: John Kennedy  
 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, the next meeting is 12:30 pm, 26 February 2019.

### Coordinator's Report

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Wow! 2019 will be a big one for Archer Park Rail Museum.

We look forward to our next Family Fun Day on Sunday 24 February 2019. Members please make sure you put your name down on the roster.

We will be having a Murder Mystery Night on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 March 2019. We will need some volunteers on the night to do the supper. Anyone that is interested in playing a

character in the play - please contact Merrill - your Treasurer. We are already taking bookings and it is generating a lot of interest on Facebook.

APRM has purchased a second hand ute to assist with the workload that many of our kind members have done with their own vehicles over the years. This will make things a lot easier to get rid of the piles of excess dirt, etc., we have near the track.

We have engaged *Conway Creative* to build our new website, after the news that Lynn Zelmer will be retiring on 30/6/19 after many years of doing a wonderful job of managing our current website. We will keep you updated with how it is going.

We are also working on creating our training manuals so that our trainee tram drivers will be able to do their boiler ticket assessments. ATHRA has now created a new Locomotive Steam Fireman course with the approval of the AQF. This information must be trained as well as our own internal procedures and John Kennedy and I will work on this to create the necessary training modules.

Our Historian - Dennis Sheehan - has found some interesting information that QR built 2 of its own Steam Trams and operated them in the local area. We are planning to do up a large poster with information on it to put on display in the Museum in 2019.

We continue to work with our *Max Solutions* Work for the Dole team and they are providing an important benefit with workers that can assist in work that our members are unable to do. We hope that when they leave us it is with extra skills and into an employment position.

We have 2 grants in waiting to hear back - a *Volunteer's Grant* for electrical items for the station and a *Community Gambling Fund Grant* for the completion of the Camp Wagon refurbishment. We are hoping 2019 will be a successful year for grants!

The Tram went back to service on Sunday 20/1/19 and we had 43 visitors through the door! A good day!

*Janice Seymour*

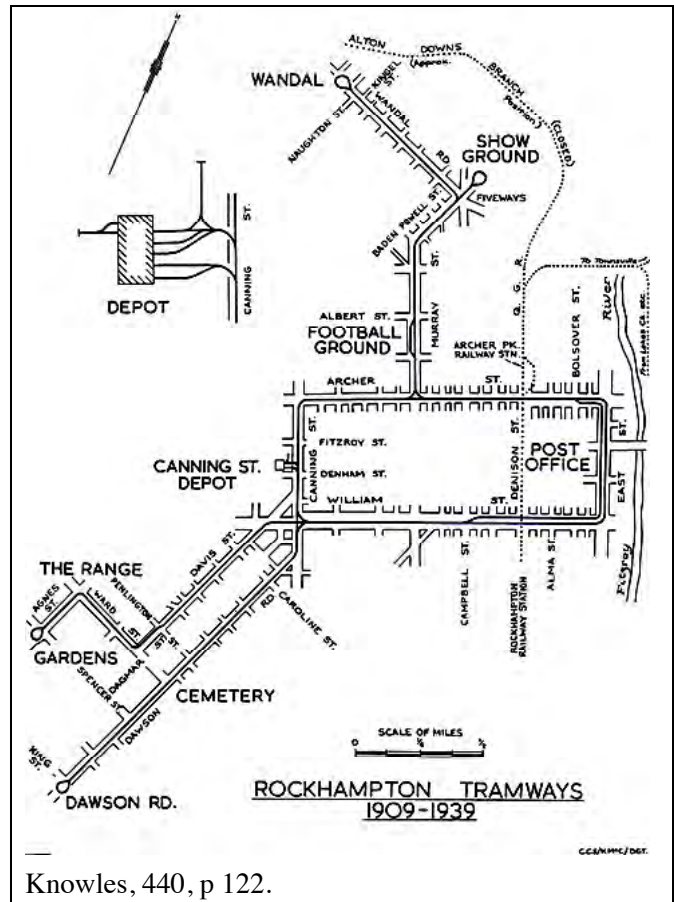
### Rockhampton's Tram System

[Extract from Archer Park Rail Museum *Historical Note* on the APRM web site.]

French-built Purrey steam trams provided municipal transport in Rockhampton from 1909 until they were replaced by buses in 1939.

Queensland Railways used two Purrey cars for suburban trains to Lakes Creek and Parkhurst from 1922 to 1930, when buses took over.

The restored Rockhampton Purrey tram is unique, as none of the other 190 trams built by the Purrey works in Bourdeau, France, appear to have survived. The restored tram was recommissioned on 5 June 1988 and was later (1999) moved to Archer Park, where it operates most Sundays (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) for visitors to the Archer Park Rail Museum.



Knowles, 440, p 122.



Yeppoon Station Yard looking towards the station and carriage shade, 18 April 1965. John Armstrong photographer.