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2019 Date Claimers

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, 25 June 2019.

Coordinator's Report

AGM: Congratulations to the new office bearers voted in at the AGM. These jobs require a lot of hard work and learning to understand the requirements of ONRSR. Your new Management Team is:

President: Ricky Weir

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Grants: We have now purchased our new A3 Printer/Scan/Copy, TV for the refreshment room, DVD player, and 2 computer tablets to play information videos in the Museum as well a Projector and pull up screen for training purposes with our Volunteer Grant.



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We are also happy to announce that we have been successful in receiving a Community Benefit Gambling Grant for nearly \$17,000 to complete the work on the Camp Wagon CWM21. Both ends will be refurbished and the trim around the outside. The Gracemere Men's Shed have the contract and it is very pleasing to have another community group participating in this work. We also have the Jobs Queensland Trainees assisting with the carriage refurbishment. The work commenced on 28/5/2019.

April Family Fun Day: We had 452 visitors for our April Family Fun Day and sold 352 Tram rides. The Gold Coin Buskers and International Dancers were fun entertainment, and the SES and jumping castle had lots of interest. A good fundraiser and lots of connection with community groups.

Jobs Qld Visit: Our Rollingstock Supervisor -John Kennedy supervised the Jobs Qld Trainees in the replacement of approximately 35 new sleepers in Section F - from Cambridge Street to Turnout 3 during the 4 days commencing 29 April 2019. This continues to improve our track with most sections now in a 1 in 2 ratio of good sleepers.

While they were here for the sleeper replacement we also had various jobs around the station completed by the group of 16 trainees. They sealed the roof of the Camp Wagon CWM21 with a tar-like sealant to stop leaks and also cleaned the walls of the Platform and front veranda. The work of these young trainees is invaluable to get the heavier work done that our members cannot do.

Harry Potter Trivia Night: We are making plans for a Harry Potter Trivia Night on Saturday 14 September 2019. We ask our members if they can bring some donations into the Museum to add to our Multi-Draw Raffle that we plan to have on the night. The funds that we raise are very important to the continued refurbishment work that we do around the Museum to the various exhibits. There is continued maintenance on many aspects of the Museum. Painting the benches and maintaining the section cars are just a couple of the ongoing maintenance of exhibits.

Facebook: Our Facebook page now has 854 Likes and 879 follows. We are managing to reach a lot of people with this page when we are advertising our events. All members and friends are encouraged to like our page and put up posts about your volunteer work at Archer Park Rail Museum. We are lucky to have Aliciah Cook as our FB manager and she is putting up posts about our Venue Hire, Merchandise, visitors and member/volunteers.

New Website: We are pleased that our new website is now up and running. Please go and have a look – it gives you access to all the photos and documents we had on the past website but a great new logo, modern look and ease of use.

https://www.archerparkrailmuseum.com/

Janice Seymour

