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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2020 Date Claimers

Wed 22 July Annual General Meeting

Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir

1st Vice President: John Kennedy

2nd Vice President: Dennis Sheehan

Secretary: Elaine Alexander

Treasurer: Paula Roberts

Facility Safety Officer: Shaun Hudson

Rail 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 **Wednesday** of the month in the refreshment room.

Coordinator's Report

AGM: The Management Committee plan to hold the AGM on Wednesday 22 July 2020. This is only 2 months late. We are still doing Financial Audit to generate our Financial Statement for the 2019-2020 period, but it should all come together by the end of June and with the planned lifting of restrictions we should be able to hold the AGM at the Museum without too much difficulty. We will contact members closer to the time to ensure we have a quorum. As we have had various emails and calls to support the current committee staying in their positions, unless there are any late nominations, the AGM should be very simple, and then run into the usual monthly Members' meeting.

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM WILL

REOPEN: Phase 2 of the Easing of Restrictions along with approval from the RRC, will allow us to reopen the Museum on Sunday 14 June 2020!! One important part of the reopening of the Museum will be to have enough volunteers to come in and clean, mow, whippersnip and

general track maintenance of weeding, ballast control, etc.

We need to start cleaning up from Monday 1 June 2020. If you have been contacted already and can help - thank you. If you have not had a call yet, and are able to come in to assist, please give the office a call, to arrange coming in. We must still abide by the Covid-19 social distancing and restrictions, so please contact me so that I can make up a roster.

I am currently working on our Covid-19 Safety Plan - which is a government requirement - before we are allowed to open, so this and making sure the facility is clean and tidy must be done before we can open our doors to the public. It is sometimes difficult to remember that although we are a non-profit group, we must operate the Museum as a business, and there will be a large financial loss due to the closure, so getting ready and opening as soon as we are able is very important.

MEMBER CARE: We thank Dennis Sheehan for continuing to contact our members by phone, checking that everyone is going along ok. So far we have feedback that all our members have been coping with the Covid-19 lockdown and Dennis has been reporting back to the Coordinator and Management Committee. We have unfortunately been advised that our President, Ricky Weir, is in hospital in Brisbane where he had major surgery on 18 May 2020. As we hear how he is going we will let you all know.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: With Ricky's sick leave in mind the May Management Committee Meeting was brought forward to Thursday 14 May 2020 so that we could discuss any effects of Ricky's absence. It is essential that the Management Committee has enough available members to make decisions on behalf of the "Friends" and continue to provide direction and support to the Coordinator.

Vice President John Kennedy is travelling for work on the usual meeting date and is not always available. The Management Committee has invited Dennis Sheehan to be a 2nd Vice-President, so that when John Kennedy is away, there are still the required 3 members, with Paula and Elaine, that can discuss and solve any issues that are raised, making the required quorum for a Management Meeting.

Whilst we hope that Ricky will return to us quickly, we envisage that it could be 2-3 months before he is well enough to take on the stresses of his President duties again. We look forward to his healthy return, and have passed onto his wife Joanne, the member's best wishes.

REPAIRS TO MEN'S

TOILET BUILDING: The repairs are coming along for the Men's Toilet block. A side door has been placed into the building's narrow area that opens onto the fenced-in small garden area. In the future this will be used for storage and will allow the pest control people access so that we can prevent this happening again in the future. The Crane was here today, lifting the roof to make a template for replacement of the termite damaged trusses. With any luck we might have the work finished before we open again.

TRACKWORK: We had some help replacing 7 turnout sleepers at Turnout 2, in March 2020. John Kennedy and Michael Feldman-Budarick have been down there doing the tamping and fastenings on it. This work is very important to keep us compliant and will need to be

completed before we can operate the Tram again, hopefully on Sunday 14 June 2020.

COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT: Archer Park is now open for artists with a Creative Solitude Day Pass. Are you a painter, poet, photographer or another form of artist? This

pass allows individual artists to utilise the facility for the day to sit, absorb and create in a unique atmosphere undisturbed by the usual crowds.

Our advertising agent came up with the idea as a way to keep the local community connected with the Museum. We've run with it on radio, TV, our Facebook page and Website. This promotion will run while we are closed and during the next few months as we navigate the problems of access due to Covid-19.



We will provide access to local artists and they will promote the Museum on their own Facebook page and artist's pages.

The screen print of the Facebook post (above left) shows that it has generated a lot of interest, and we already have 2 bookings, one of which will probably spin off to a night time fundraising project.

Creative Day Pass Application: <https://www.archerparkrailmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Creative-Day-Pass-Application_distributed.pdf> .

Janice Seymour

Photos next page show work on the Men's Toilet block reconstruction. Apologies for the sideways image, but at least this way we get to see both photos. :-)

