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**ARCHER PARK**  
RAIL MUSEUM

**2019 Date Claimers**

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, 27 August 2019.

**Coordinator's Report**

We had a good Family Fun Day in June with 362 visitors. Our numbers for our stall holders was low and we will continue to try to get more.

We have had a lot of donations of books to our library lately. Most of which we have had to pass onto Mt Morgan as they were double ups, but we did get a few good ones to add to our own library. We will not be accepting any more library books in the near future unless they are "Special" books.

The Men's Shed have started work on our CWM21 Camp Wagon. They have acro-props under the southern end and have removed the ceiling and end timber to cut and shape its replacement. This is a long project going over nearly 12 months. We were appreciative of the Jobs Qld trainees who came and helped do some of the work.

We had a visit from Melanie Piddock – Museum Development Officer – Central Queensland. Melanie is a great help in understanding and improving our Museum systems. Melanie has been kind enough to visit the Museum usually once a year, giving suggestions and advice in many areas of the Museum and we appreciate her support.

Kate from the Mary Valley Rattler dropped in for a visit to the station this month. Great to see members of other railway groups visiting us.

We are preparing for our Trivia Night – 14th September 2019. Doors open at 6.30pm Trivia starts at 7pm. We need volunteers for this event to help in the kitchen, setting up/break down, selling raffle tickets and at the door. If you can help please let the Coordinator know. We are also seeking donations for our Multi-Draw Raffle – so if members could please bring some items in to help. Items such as 6 pack of beer, bottle of wine, chocolates and there are lots of other things the imagination could think of. We will be selling these tickets at the August Family Fun Day.

Don't forget the new Website is up and running. If all members can have a look and spread the word – we are very pleased with it.

<https://www.archerparkrailmuseum.com/>

We will be doing some track work on the main line in September. We will be replacing Turnout Sleepers and Switch Blade in Turnout 1 with the help of Jobs Queensland Training Group.

We send our warmest wishes to Elaine Alexander who had a bad fall when out doing our banking for us. After a night in hospital she is recuperating at home, and to have some continued dental and medical treatment as a result of hitting her face on the bitumen footpath during the fall.

We carried out 2 sessions of Risk Management Training for members and volunteers during the month of June. The training, done by our Facility Safety Officer was received well by

around 15 members. If any members have suggestions on other training subjects please let the Management Committee or Coordinator know your thoughts.

It was good to see some of the members wearing their new APRM polo shirts, in the royal blue with gold writing, that we received just recently, they look good. Any members that would like to buy one please let the office know.

Some members have suggested a member outing. The plan is to do a trip to Mt Morgan Rail Museum, and take a picnic lunch to have up at the Dam before or after. The Management Committee needs to know if the members are

interested in doing this – so please let them, or the office know.

We are in discussions with Rapid Paranormal to run some ghost tours of the station – possibly 3-4 times per year. They intend to give all proceeds of these nights to Archer Park, and there will be a limit of 20 people per tour.

We are creating a “I Rode the Purrey Steam Tram” poster to be on sale for visitors.

Elaine is to start getting quotes for the member Christmas party at the end of the year. Once we have quotes and dates she will bring it to the next Member Meeting.

*Janice Seymour*



Helen Kennedy (left) and Michelle Pownall modelling the old and new Archer Park Polo Shirts.