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ARCHER PARK
RAIL MUSEUM

2019 Date Claimers

Wed 2 October School Holiday Activities
Sun 27 October Family Fun Day
Sat 14 December APRM Christmas Party
Fri 21 Dec - Sun 5 Jan Christmas Closure

Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir
Vice President: John Kennedy
Secretary: Elaine Alexander
Treasurer: Paula Roberts
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, 22 October 2019.

Coordinator's Report

We would like to farewell Merrill Fossey – our past Treasurer. Due to her family commitments Merrill has resigned her Management position. We wish her well with her future endeavours.

We welcome our new Treasurer – Paula Roberts to the Management Committee and her new role.

Christmas Party – The APRM Christmas Party will be at the Frenchville Sports Club, 105 Clifton St, North Rockhampton (in the same area as last year), Saturday 14 December 2019 at 12.00 noon. Buffet with three courses.

Cost: \$6.00 Member (subsidized by APRM), \$17.90 Full Price for Non-member Spouse/Friend. Dress is Smart Casual.

RSVP: By Friday 29 November by email to secretaryaprm@bigpond.com or call the Station on 07 4922 2774.

End of year Tram operations – our last operational day for the Tram will be Sunday 1 December 2019. End of year servicing will commence the next day, Monday 2 December. We envisage the Tram returning to operations on Sunday 2 February 2020.

Christmas Closure dates – please note that the Museum will be closed from Friday 21 December 2019 and reopen on Sunday 5 January 2020.

Bill's 90th Birthday – One of our longest serving members of over 18 years – Bill Head, celebrated his 90th Birthday on 4 September 2019. We were very pleased to see so many members come to his get together on the day and Bill said he had a lovely time and really appreciated being made feel special.



Bill was presented with a card and voucher, and his main present will be a group photo specially mounted by Intricate Details Photography.

1614 DEL – It will not be long before we will farewell the 1614 Diesel Locomotive from Archer Park, which is to return to ARHS at Rosewood Railway at Kunkala/Cabanda. It has had a good period of time here and had many interested visitors enjoy having a look at it. It will be a “watch this space” to see what ideas the Friends choose to fill its position.

Trivia Night – everyone had a good night and thanks to all the volunteers that were able to assist on the night. Lana & Robert ran the night with the support of Ricky and Elaine as Janice could not attend. Everything ran smoothly and we raised around \$500.

Track Work – on 16/17 September went very well with crossing timbers and a replacement blade installed. Jobs Queensland Trainees came and assisted in this work, plus re-mulching all the gardens from Archer Street to Cambridge Street as well as the rest of the facility. They cleaned the walls of the building and the Steam Train. Their assistance with this heavy work is very important to the Friends.

Facebook – is doing well with 1039 followers!! We also now have Instagram – so have a look, share some photos and Hashtag other groups in to share to as many others as you can!! Raising the profile of the Museum is a major way to get more visitors and increase our patronage and income.

CWM21 – We are making progress with the Camp Wagon Project with both ends taken off and nearly done at the Men’s Shed. This Project should be complete by the end of the year.

After that we will start working on getting floor coverings down and decide what displays would be in there so we can work out the kind of cases or shelving required for this. We are likely to

need to apply for a grant to get assistance with the planning of the display.

Recycling projects: if you want to give your plastic bottles/cans to Archer Park Rail Museum as part of the Containers for change – please bring them in – or ask us for our Code and you can take them to the Recycle Depot and tell them our code so the money will go to the Museum.

We also have 2 recycling options in the kitchen at the station – we have a box for any spectacles (glasses) that people do not need any more – to pass onto Lions, to go to the needy and we have a container for plastic bottle tops to be given to Lions – to be recycled for a program that makes prosthetics for children. If you save them up and bring them in that would be great.

Information on plastic bottle cap recycling is at: <https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>.

Driver Training Modules – John Kennedy, Janice and Ian McCully are continuing to work on the Locomotive Steam Fireman (Boiler ticket) training modules and assessments. It is a long slow process but we hope to have it complete in early 2020.

Highway Signage – We have been working with RRC to have some new highway signage erected. It won’t be long and they will be up.

Here is the sample of what will go up:



Lions Christmas Cakes – This year we will be selling Christmas cakes for Lions, so if anyone wants one they can come to Archer Park Rail Museum for them. The cakes should be here by October.

Janice Seymour