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**ARCHER PARK**  
RAIL MUSEUM

### 2019 Date Claimers

Sat 14 December APRM Christmas Party  
Fri 20 December Christmas Closure  
[Fri 20 Dec-Sun 5 Jan Christmas Closure]

### 2020 Date Claimers

Sun 5 January Museum Reopens  
Sun 26-27 January Closed Australia Day  
Sun 23 February Family Fun Day  
Wed 8 April School Holiday Activities  
Wed 15 April School Holiday Activities  
Sun 26 April Family Fun Day  
Sun 28 June Family Fun Day  
Wed 1 July School Holiday Activities  
Wed 8 July School Holiday Activities  
Sun 23 August Family Fun Day  
Wed 23 September School Holiday Activities  
Wed 30 September School Holiday Activities  
Sun 25 October Family Fun Day

### Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir  
Vice President: John Kennedy  
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 The next meeting is 12:30 pm, 22 January 2020.

### Coordinator's Report

I am sure that everyone sends Dennis Sheehan their best wishes as he recovers from illness after a stay in hospital. Thinking of you Dennis!!

This will also be the first year that we have not had Laurie Conaghan with us in Rockhampton as he has moved to Toowoomba to live near his family – so we send out Christmas wishes to him and other members that have moved away over the past couple of years.

Our “Friends” member Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 14 December 2019 at the Frenchville Club. Start time is 12 noon. \$7 subsidised meal for members and full price of \$17.90 for partners or friends that you bring. Please let the office know and bring your money in at least 10 days before as we must give the club our numbers. Don't forget to bring something in for the raffle to be held on the day!

The Ghost Tour on 2 November 2019 sold 21 tickets. It was a successful night. Kerrie Holmes our official photographer from Intricate Detail Photography is now a member and she facilitated the event for APRM, opening, closing and doing the safety talk. Rapid Paranormal ran the tour and we thank them for their kind donation of all ticket money to Archer Park.

Family Fun Day on Sunday 27 October 2019 had 291 through the door – a quiet one. We did not operate the section car as we were down a driver. SES had a display as did the Gold Coin Buskers, face painter, Sabaya Belly Dancers and International Dancers and a few other stall holders. The next Family Fun Day will be on Sunday 23 February 2020.

The Capricorn Enterprise Networking Meeting jointly hosted by ourselves and Artisan Gluten Free Bakery was held at the Station on Thursday 17 October 2019. It was a very good evening of networking – around 30 guests, with quite a few attendees that had never been to the Museum before. Elaine Alexander, Ian McCully

and Michelle Pownall joined me in hosting duties.

We had a member's Familiarisation tour to Mt Morgan Rail Museum on Friday 18 October. I am told the members found it very interesting with around 15 members attending. This will help them to talk to tourists who are considering visiting Mt Morgan Rail Museum.

Our Max Solutions Work for the Dole activity has renewed its contract for the next 6 months. We continue to have 5 yardies and 2 office workers from Max and 2 yardie and 1 office worker from Community Solutions WFD. They are all doing a great job!!

I attended Significance Training at the Art Gallery on 18 October 2019. I found this very interesting and we appreciate the RRC including us so that we can continue to grow knowledge to keep improving the Museum for the community.

On 2 December we will do our end of year volunteer preparation of Tram for Servicing and then on 4 December we have booked J & C

Legh to commence their end of year service on Tram/Billard/Section Car/Compressor.

2020 will be the year of promotion, to raise our profile in the local community and tourists. We are planning to have a local advertising agency create a TV commercial and some new generic advertising banners and we are also having a new Visitor Guide and Venue Hire Guidelines created.

We are now really focusing on learning how to promote APRM better.

In the last month on behalf of APRM I have also attended a Leadership Training session at the RRC Smart Hub, a Chamber of Commerce meeting – with Network training. I am also the recipient of a Tourism & Events Queensland Digital Technology Mentoring program and receive 2 one-on-one video conference training sessions in Nov/Dec and 3 workshops that will be held in Yeppoon in early 2020..

*Janice Seymour*

**Apologies:** We goofed in our proofreading last issue and missed the incorrect dating. Hopefully we've done better this issue.