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**ARCHER PARK**  
RAIL MUSEUM

## 2020 Date Claimers

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, 26 February 2020.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. We hope you had a happy and safe time with family and friends. Our Christmas Party was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and all who went had a good time, with lots of raffle prizes!

Last October we were lucky to have the Feel Good Family visit Archer Park and did a feature

on the Museum. Here is the link on Youtube for you to have a look:

<https://youtube.be/ZD2au3b01WE>

We have used a some of this footage for our new TV commercial, and hope to go to air with it by mid February 2020.

It's important that we get out our message to all those people that live in Rockhampton who have not heard about Archer Park Rail Museum. It is disappointing when we have people say "I had no idea this was here!" and I ask are you local and they say "yes I have lived here for years".

We have also updated our Promotional materials, with a new Visitor Guide, Venue Hire Guidelines and generic banner to put up during the year to promote the Museum. Our new bright colour scheme will catch the eye.

A reminder to all that the "Friends" financial year ends on 30 March 2020. Membership fees of \$10 per member will be due to be paid by the end of March 2020. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in May 2020 as per usual.

We are very close to completing the refurbishment work on the Camp Wagon CWM21, with both ends of the carriage looking much better. The Men's Shed workers came in over the Christmas break and got a lot done, and continue most days. Our next plan is to repair the outside of the wagon, paint it and clean up the area for it to be a static display.

We will continue to seek a grant to pay for the design of the internal display. At this point we are discussing displaying the tools, paperwork and clothes for workers up to the 1950s and 1960s since we already have these items in our collection without room for their display.

During 2019 we commenced collating the "Paperwork Collection" and the interesting exhibits that we have will help make a very interesting exhibit in the Wagon.

We note that we are still around 300 down on visitors coming through the Museum as at the same time last year.

We plan for the Tram to go back into operations on Sunday 2 February 2020, with a booking for a child's birthday party already arranged for the day!

Paula Roberts the Treasurer worked for 4 days at Acting Coordinator just before Christmas while Janice flew away to Europe for a holiday – Thanks Paula.

Paula will also work for around 2 weeks at the start of February whilst Janice is away on planned sick leave.

RRC Fleet Services did their annual servicing and inspection of the Tram/Billard and TMC6 in December/January. They have also been working on improving the water tanks, as there were some issues with filling, and have uncovered corrosion of the pipes. We have recently purchased a water softener to help reduce corrosion in the boiler and help make the

chemicals perform better. The Water Softener will be set up in early 2020.

The Billard also had some major work done on its brakes.

*Janice Seymour*

### **Flickr Collection of Historical Railway Photos**

This Qld State Archive collection is mostly Brisbane-centric QR but there are also also some tramway images:

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/queenslandstatearchives/albums/72157654974926176?](https://www.flickr.com/photos/queenslandstatearchives/albums/72157654974926176?fbclid=IwAR21gcjt_2QkaCYTEGVyZZADpoTeKvm9Kd3M31HmUIT75VxsN4S9navZVuM)

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Apologies for the horrible url but Flickr is a very large site (copy/paste the url if reading this on your computer).



Recent exterior repair work on CWM21.