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Meetings of the Friends of Archer Park are now normally on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the refreshment room. Next meeting

and AGM to be advised.

Coordinator's Report

Covid-19

We hope that everyone is taking care of themselves during this time. We in CQ are lucky, while we have had a few cases we have been spared the worst of the severe illness that patients have had to cope with.

Of course our businesses have suffered and the self-isolation and social distancing has been hard on many. We look forward to it all being over and seeing your happy faces in the Museum!!

AGM

At the April Management Meeting decided to postpone the AGM until we can have the members in the Station for the meeting. Our



accountant has indicated that the Government will allow AGMs to be deferred for up to six months.

Temporary Closure of APRM

We're closed to the public but we still have a skeleton crew - applying the legislated social distancing. Thanks to John Cole who is coming in to water plants, empty bins and a few general duties around the Station and Bob McQuire who continues with mowing and whipper-sniping.

We are working with doors propped open to avoid touching handles or doors. Janice is doing all general office duties/ paperwork, grant applications, training manuals, etc. The Management Committee, Janice, safety officer doing auditing and other safety officer/s will Facetime in. Despite the temporary closure with no help in the office - I am as busy as usual.

Jobs Queensland

Training groups were allowed to continue – applying the social distancing - so we were lucky to have them continue to come in for 2 more days after we closed our doors. They did a lot more of the painting on the Camp Wagon, it is much more protected from the weather, and did some sleeper replacement at Turnout 2 at the southern end of the facility. They have advised that when they open up again they will return to complete the painting for us!

Community Heritage Grant

I am currently working on an application for a grant to pay for a Significance Assessment. This is the first of a 3 part process that will benefit the Museum. Part A – Significance Assessment, Part B – Preservation Assessment and Part C – Funding for preservation of items in the Museum.

Did you know that we have some exhibits that are important to the history of Rockhampton? Just a couple are Rockhampton City Tram Tickets and Apprentice Indentures from William Nevin - a railway worker whose railway story

can be told in this and other documents that have been donated to the Museum.

Newsletters from other rail groups

I will continue to forward emails from the various Newsletters that other rail groups send to keep you up with what is happening with the other Heritage Operators.

Tram Driver Training Modules

John Kennedy and I are trying to spend one day per week working on creating new Tram Driver Training Modules.

This will be an upgrade of what we have now, as there is a new Australian Qualifications Frame-work for Locomotive Steam Fireman, to be approved by ONRSR and to apply to Heritage Steam Rollingstock.

Since we do not operate a Steam Locomotive we cannot use the Training Modules created by ATHRA and we must write out own, following the AQF, but specific to the Purrey Steam Tram.

There are a lot of hours of work, not too different to writing a manual for a car, with Ian McCully, our Rail Safety Officer who has previously owned a Training company helping. Huge thanks to both John and Ian for all their time and effort. We will get input from both ATHRA and ONRSR as well.

Treasurer

Paula is continuing to come into the office on Tuesdays, to complete all the usual financial duties and helping with the preparation for the end of year financial audit.

Camp Wagon Project

Kate Jones is coming in again – keen to



complete the preparation of the Camp Wagon Display information. I have gone through the 13 box/groups of paperwork catalogue items (around 500 items) and created a box of potential items for the CWM21 Display – around 150 items. Kate is going through them again to reduce them to around 50 items.

She will include some of the items in the "Significant items" box. This is in

preparation for providing information to get a quote to design the display, the quote being necessary for the required grant application.

We need measurements of the Camp Wagon, and all the items that "might" be put on display, to provide to companies doing the quote.

A Big Thanks!!

To Dennis Sheehan – we asked Dennis to assist us in keeping up with our members and volunteers. This is vital to making sure that everyone knows what is happening and feels connected.

Please know that without all you guys, this Museum would not be able to operate so well for the community. When we come back we need all of you to ensure that we can keep operating. Thanks also to Lynn Zelmer for continuing to do the very important job of getting the Newsletter out to our members and supporters.

Janice Seymour

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