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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2021 Date Claimers

Sunday 27 June: Family Fun Day

Wednesday 30 June: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 7 July: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 22 September: School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 29 September: School Holiday
Activities

Monday 4 October: Closed/Queen's Birthday

Monday 27 December: Closed/Christmas Day

Tuesday 28 December: Closed/Boxing Day

Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir

Vice President: John Kennedy

Secretary: Elaine Alexander

Treasurer: Paula Roberts

Safety Officer: Shaun Hudson

Rollingstock Supervisor: John Kennedy

Track Supervisor: John Kennedy

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

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Meetings of the Friends of Archer Park are now normally 12:30pm on the fourth **Wednesday** of the month in the refreshment room.

Coordinator's Report

AGM: the AGM was held on Wednesday 26 May 2021. All positions were filled and I congratulate the office bearers - Ricky Weir, John Kennedy, Elaine Alexander and Paula Roberts. The AGM also voted a new position of Historian, to be filled by Dennis Sheehan.

The AGM noted that the government grant system for Job Keeper and Tax relief helped APRM get through the Covid year after our 10 week closure.

School Holiday Activities: coming soon on Wednesday 30 June and 7 July 2021. We do not need a large group of volunteers for this but a couple of extra hands is good. If a couple of people can swap their day to the Wednesday that should sort out the rostering for the day.

Family Fun Day: Sunday 27 June 2021. We are returning to our old format for the next Family Fun Day, and hope to continue with the 4th Sunday in August & October.

The Management Committee are aware of the large amount of work it took to do the Car Park Markets, and we will see if the old format of stalls on the Lower Platform will work. We will possibly borrow some tents to also have the dancers and music on the lower platform.

Keep your eye out for reminder emails to roster staff for the day please.

Multi-Draw Raffle: we are doing a multi-draw raffle - with lots of prizes. If our members can either buy or try to sell some tickets it would be helpful.

Very good prizes and lots of them, to be drawn at the Family Fun Day 27 June 2021.

April Car Park Markets - Family Fun Day: this ended up being a financially good day for APRM. We made around \$2,200 due to the fact that we received \$429 in the donation buckets. We only had 374 people register as coming into the Car Park Markets, and 249 through the door into the Museum. We sold 236 Tram Tickets and

could have sold a lot more if we could have all the seats in the Tram open. At times there was an hour's wait for a ride.

Tram Rides: we now have all seats on the tram open for riding. We will still seat people as a family, but can use each seat for a group. This will make it a lot easier for our Family Fun Day in June.

Track Work: John Kennedy and a group of Jobs Qld Trainees replaced 5 sleepers in Turnout 1 and in Turnout 3. It was a big day and they are to be congratulated for their hard work.

Jobs Qld: while Jobs Qld were here on May 10 they cleaned down the walls on the front veranda and platform, mowed and whipper-snipped the track and museum areas and did general cleaning which was a big help.

Mother's Day Morning Tea: this event was much smaller than we had hoped, but we did make around \$500 from it. Thanks to Lana, Helen, Kate, Merrill, Kerrie and John for helping on the day.

The winner of the Lucky Door Prize of the Queensland Rail 2 return Business Class tickets to Brisbane was the wife of one of our members, Alana Read!

RRC Contract: our contract is due to be renewed as of 1 July 2021. Janice & the Management Committee will work with the council to complete this process.

Volunteering: please note that our volunteer hours are still down a lot compared to pre-Covid. We had around 1000 volunteer hours monthly before Covid and now only 600-700 hours.

This is showing in the yard work and cleaning. If anyone has any spare time and they can come and help we would appreciate it.

We still had the Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions helping with mowing, and Jobs Qld, but with Covid we lost our Work for the Dole program and this is also having a big effect.

Congratulations: Our Treasurer, Paula Roberts, has been studying and has recently been able to get a placement Wednesday/Thursday/Friday to complete her studies - but she is still with us Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for your dedication, and good luck with the placement!

Janice Seymour



John Kennedy working with the tamper, 23 May 2021.