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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2021 Date Claimers

Saturday 20 November: Christmas Function

Friday 24 December through Tuesday 4

January: Christmas Closure

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

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

Christmas Party: The Member's Christmas Party is to be held at Archer Park Rail Museum on Saturday 20 November 2021 starting at midday. There will be no charge for the party, but you are asked to bring a plate, and the "Friends" will also supply food.

Halloween Event: Lana and Kerrie organised the Halloween event on Sunday 31 October 2021. The kids had pin the tail on the Werewolf, throw the ring over the witches hat, scavenger hunt and costume parade. Kerrie had a photo booth and lots of photos were taken. The kids had a great day and we had 89 visitors attend on Sunday 31 October 2021. We will put this on our calendar as an annual event. Thanks to Lana and Kerrie and Merrill for a very successful day.

End of Year Maintenance on Tram: The end of year boiler inspection and non-destructive testing (ultrasound) is scheduled to commence on Wednesday 1 December 2021. We will need our usual volunteers to disassemble the tram in preparation (take off all the covers, etc.) for the

work. At this time we will see the wear and tear on the boiler as it gets close to needing a replacement.

After the inspection, the RRC will come in and do their usual end of year maintenance on all our operational rollingstock.

Visitor Numbers: Our numbers through the door in August were very low compared to the previous 2 years, despite the August Family Fun Day. September did improve to be more than 2019 but lower than 2020. We are still being affected by Covid events in other parts of the state and country.

October Family Fun Day: Unfortunately our October Family Fun Day was unsuccessful with only 89 visitors, including 13 stall holders. There were several reasons for this but the main one being that our banners at Colts and PCYC were deliberately covered up by the operators of Family Fun Fair that was held at Stapleton park. There were several other big events including the Rocky River Festival.

In the future, we will appoint some members to keep an eye on our banners and let us know if there are any impediments to our information getting to the community.

Qld Gallery and Museum Standards Review Program: The program is still on hold, but we hope to get going again either in November or early 2022. This program is providing support to the museum to improve its collection management policy and procedures and help train staff on how to manage the collection. The next part of the program is to have a site visit from 2 mentors and the Qld Gallery and Museum officer.

Volunteers: We are close to starting the Work for the Dole program again with both Max Solutions and Community Solutions. This program will provide extra help to maintain the facility and yards, which will be a huge help. Over the last year, we have generally only had Richard Parker and John Kennedy doing

mowing and whipper-snipping, with the Fitzroy River Lions coming in a couple of times to assist when they were able.

Please remember to share our need for more volunteers with your friends, family and work colleagues as you need to keep the membership growing for the future.

Planning Session: The Planning Session held at the October Member's meeting went very well with around 15 members attending.

The group suggested some interesting events to raise funds in 2022 to add to our usual fundraising events. Below is the list of proposed events for 2022:

27 February – Family Fun Day

25 March – Trivia Night

6 & 13 April – School Holiday Activities

24 April – Family Fun Day, Anzac Theme?

8 May – Mother's day, free entry for mums

26 & 29 June – Family Fun Day/School Holiday Activities

6 July – School Holiday Activities

28 August – Costume Theme Day as it is the day after Capricorn

2 September – Father's Day Trivia Night

21 & 28 September – School Holiday Activities

23 October – Family Fun Day

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30 October – Halloween event (after our success this year)

28 November – Santa photos and Christmas theme

Other suggestions were: movie night, bingo night, cent sale, school displays, first aid group display, ghost train. If you have any suggestions about possible events/fundraisers please contact the management team or Coordinator.

Newsletter: From now on the newsletter will come out 4 times a year at the start of February, May, August and November. If you have anything that you want people to know or ideas please send them in so we can put them in the newsletter.

Merchandise: Don't forget that we have lots of different merchandise that you could buy for your family for Christmas or birthdays!

30 Years of the "Friends": It's been noted that we have 3 members who will achieve their 30 years membership with our organisation in 2022. The "Friends" have operated under several names over those 30 years and many members are still with us. We will be looking at having a celebration to acknowledge this achievement in 2022.

Janice Seymour