

## Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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# ARCHER PARK

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### 2021 Date Claimers

Wednesday 29 June: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 6 July: School Holiday Activities

Monday 2 May 2022: Closed/Labour Day

Thursday 9 June: Closed/Rocky Show Day

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: Ricky Weir

Rollingstock Supervisor: John Kennedy

Track Supervisor: John Kennedy

Historian: Dennis Sheehan

Museum Coordinator: Janice Bobart

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

Newsletter schedule: Feb/May/Aug/Nov

### Coordinator's Report

**AGM:** The "Friends" AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 12:30pm. Please note there will be nomination forms available at the office if anyone wishes to nominate for a position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Management Committee.

**Membership:** It is that time again – please pay your membership fee of \$15 per annum. You

can call the office to pay with card, or pop in and pay with either cash or card.

**Independent Inspection of Tram:** We have had Ross Driver, an engineer from Australian Sugar Cane Railway, come and do an independent inspection of the whole tram in response to a request from RRC for a report. Ross' report was very good, with just some rust in the roof of the tram to be addressed.

### Qld Gallery & Museum Standards Review

**Program:** We had a Site Visit by 2 mentors, Maggie Solly and Rob Shiels, as well as 2 Qld Gallery & Museum staff.

This visit had a close look at our museum operating systems. As part of the program we had provided a lot of information and their report to APRM is that the staff at the Museum are doing a great job -- the Museum in their words "is the cleanest museum they had seen".

Our volunteers are doing a great job. This does not mean that there isn't plenty for us to learn, and hopefully we can get more volunteers to improve the care of our exhibits.

The Mentors and Qld Gallery & Museum staff will be providing another report from their visit and will return at the end of May to spend more time with us to help us grow our cataloguing and exhibit care systems. They will also meet with our stakeholders to keep them up to date.

One main piece of advice is to take on an online cataloguing application. We had been researching this and it will be part of our improvement plans during 2022 and 2023.

**Family Fun Day:** Family Fun Day – this was a quieter day with the Anzac Day public holiday on the Monday – but fun was had by all!!

**School Holiday Activities:** The April School Holiday Activities on 6 & 13 April were very successful as were the weekends around the School Holidays.

**Annual Visitors:** we had 5003 visitors through the door between 1/4/21 and 31/3/22 plus the

rail track work training group attending on a regular basis. This compares with 4072 for 2020-2021 and 5211 for 2019-2020.

**Volunteers Hours:** our volunteer hours are slowly creeping up – but we still need more help in the office, ticket office, and kitchen. If you can spare any time, or have friends or family that are looking for a hobby – please recommend Archer Park. It is an important part of the community.

**Merchandise:** don't forget we have lots of items for sale if you are looking for a gift for friends or family.

**Historian's Report:** Dennis has had 3 enquiries he was able to help. Donna – about her grandfather who was ex-railway, looking for a contact to find relatives in QR; Michelle – wanted to know information on her great-grandfather – curator of botanical gardens; Daryl – stations and other items of interest on the Rockhampton to Yeppoon line.

**30th Anniversary** of the Archer Park railway group: our railway group has had 3 different names since it started in 1992: Capricorn Historical Steam Train Association – 1992 to

1995, Capricorn Heritage Rail Association – 1995 to 2004 and then the Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc from 2004 to current times. We want to reach out to all past members and interested parties to see if they will attend or participate in our celebration which will be held on Sunday 23rd October 2022 – which is our Family Fun Day.

We will invite dignitaries and have presentations about the achievements over the years to celebrate this 30 year success!! If you can tell us your story – of your membership in the group – we would love to include you!! Give the office a call to have a chat or email: [archerpark@bigpond.com](mailto:archerpark@bigpond.com)

**Upcoming Special Days:** There are a few public holidays coming up and we will be closed on Monday 25 April 2022 for Anzac Day, and Monday 2 May 2022 for Labour Day. We will also be closed on Thursday 9 June 2022 for Rocky's Show Day.

We hope everyone has a special time for Mother's Day on Sunday 8 May 2022!!.

*Janice Seymour*

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