

Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2022 Date Claimers

Wednesday 21 September: School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 28 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

Membership – if anyone is still outstanding for their membership fees for the 2022-2023 year – please call and pay eftpos or drop into the office to pay.

Member Care – Bill Head is unwell at the moment. I am sure he would love to have some visitors if anyone is free to pop and see him – either at the Base Hospital Rehab unit – or call first to check he is there. His sister Lyn is keeping us updated. A couple of us have been to visit him and he was very pleased to see a familiar face from Archer Park!

Activities: We have a lot of activity over the next few months, I have sent out a roster to the tour guides and kitchen staff to keep up with the tours/events, etc. We have seniors tour groups

and schools in August and in early September we have a social group doing a Historic Crimes Stories Night – with Jodi Van de Wetering and our staff as a fundraiser. We are planning to do a Halloween Day on the last Sunday of October.

30 Year Anniversary - Event is to be held on 20/10/22 and preparation continues. Lana has done up the invitation/flyer for the event. I have done up an invitation list, including politicians, councillors, sponsors and supporters, as well as members who receive their newsletter by post. I did a radio interview with ABC Capricornia to talk about trying to reach past members. We are also sharing it on Facebook. It is unfortunate that we have only had a few replies to our search for past members.

Family Fun Days - We are doing advertising to get more stall holders. Covid is affecting attendance and at the last two family fun days, with Anzac Day and Covid we had only a few cars attend. We also had some issues with enough volunteer staff last time as there were 2 of us out with covid, 1 with a cold and one absent due to work. This can make it difficult for those that are here helping. If you are a member and can come and help – you are supporting the fundraising of the group. There is a very good income from these events so we cannot afford to not hold them.

Old Gallery & Museum – Standards Review Program – with the program nearly complete, I attended the volunteer management training and debrief session at the Rockhampton Museum of Art on Friday 24 June 2022.

New Catalogue Program – Now we have our new cataloguing program – *E-hive* - we are learning all about how to use it. Dannielle, Kate and myself are going well with the training. We plan to have a photograph and library catalogue, separate from the Exhibit Catalogue, and all these catalogue's will be accessible from our website. We have not made the new catalogue public yet – until we tidy it up a bit from the transfer of our old catalogue data into it. Sue

Bell will soon start scanning the paperwork collection to also add the images to the *E-hive* catalogue.

Grants - Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful for our Community Gambling Fund Super Grant for the Camp Wagon Exhibit. Our letter advised that it was "Application meritorious but fund is oversubscribed and application was not able to be funded". We will have to look at applying for funding again in the future.

Track Work Training Group – this group, OSCA, continues to use our facility to do the hands-on training for their trainees. It provides a small income each month and they also assist us with putting a couple of sleepers in every now and then. Of course John Kennedy continues his usual sleeper replacement also.

Work For The Dole – we are just starting a new system with the group, so we have been without workers since the middle of June. We

hope to get some more workers to help with all the mowing, etc., soon.

Trainee Placement - with her return to APRM Danielle Milliken is doing her placement for a Certificate III in Tourism. Danielle will complete the tasks in the 40 page Employer Checklist booklet over a 40 hour period to then complete her Certificate. She plans to continue to volunteer here, which we are very pleased about.

Information Stall At Shopping Centre – we are planning to have some "looking for volunteers" and general information stalls at some shopping centres around Rockhampton. If you are interested in staffing the stall please let us know. Once we have the date/s worked out we will ask for helpers.

Janice Bobart



Alexandra Bridge Rockhampton, QR Up Livestock Train (2815), 6 October 2001. Weston Langford photographer [126604].