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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2022 Date Claimers

Friday 23 December — Tuesday 3 January:
Museum Closed

2023 Date Claimers

Sunday 26 February — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 5 April — School Holiday Activities

Wednesday 12 April — School Holiday
Activities

Sunday 23 April — Family Fun Day

Sunday 25 June — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 28 June — School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 5 July — School Holiday Activities

Sunday 27 August — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 20 September — School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 27 September — School Holiday
Activities

Sunday 22 October — Family Fun 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

Christmas Closure: the Museum will be closed from Friday 23 December, reopening on Tuesday 3 January 2023. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

"Friends" Christmas Party: will be on Saturday 19 November 2022 at midday at the Frenchville Sports Club.

We have booked for 30 attendees in the main Bistro. The "Friends" will subsidise the meals – members need only pay \$8 to the "Friends" prior to the event (based on the \$17.90 lunch menu items). Non-members will be at their own cost. The Secretary will send the menu out by email, but there is a good selection. Drinks and desert can be purchased at your own cost.

30th Anniversary Event – the celebration went very well with around 80 people in attendance. Michelle Landry MP, and Mayor Tony Williams and other current and past Councillors were in attendance, as well as some of the businesses that support us.

The 30th Anniversary Cake – a big Tram and smaller square cakes – was decorated and donated by Councillor Drew Wickerson. The Cake was cut by Bill Head.

We had ABC Capricornia broadcasting live on the Platform from 8.30-10am with 6 members and the Coordinator being interviewed. This went very well. The event was very good congratulations to all the past and current members for all their hard work over the years.

October Family Fun Day: we had a very good day with around 260 visitors. The Highlander Pipe Band and International Dancers were enjoyed by all. We had an amazing turn up of cars – Classic, Vintage and others, even some motor bikes. There were at least 25 cars and they were parked along the front of the Museum and some in the rear lower platform. The Alton Downs Rural Fire Brigade was here to the excitement of all the kids – little and big.

September School Holiday Activities: we had around 160 visitors for the two days of the tram operation for the September school holidays! A good outcome and good food sales also.

Exhibits & E-Hive: We are now making our exhibit catalogue public. We continue to work

through the schematics and plans, taking photos to add to the E-hive catalogue. Kate is doing the preparation work for the "paperwork collection" scanning process. Sue is doing the scanning of these items, then I will import them into the E-hive Catalogue.

Members Drive: We will be holding a display stall at Stockland Shopping Centre on Wednesday 16 November 2022. If you can assist with this, please call the office to go on the roster.

We have an urgent need to get more members to be conductors and drivers of the tram. If you know someone that might be interested, please suggest they come and see us.

SES: the SES will be having a practice session for attending to a rail incident at the Museum on the afternoon of Saturday 5 November 2022. We are happy to help to give them a place where they can continue to grow their skills.

ATHRA: John Kennedy and Janice Bobart continue to attend online meetings with the Association of Tourist & Heritage Rail of Australia. These meetings are very helpful for the sharing of knowledge and information and contacts. Part of this is also to attend online meetings with the Qld members and the Qld Representative to the board of ATHRA as well as Janice attends the Railways Volunteer online meeting to assist with how to attract, keep and foster good volunteer relations.

Rail Days: This is a UK App – ATHRA has liaised with Rail Days UK to have them setup an Australian version of the APP. There has

been an initial cost to ATHRA but each rail organisation who is a member of ATHRA will be able to put its organisation – Museum or operations onto it to advertise their business. We have signed up for this and will work to get our information to them.

Venue Hire: Cert Training hire is going well. We have had a venue hire of a training group – doing a Certificate III in Track Work. This finished 18 October 2022 and had its graduation on 21 October 2022. The next course is planned to commence on 14 November 2022.

This is a good to link in with the community, helps with income and brings people into the Museum that may not have come before. Community Solutions is also linked to this training course – providing participants.

Work For The Dole Program: We are very pleased to have the program, through Max Solutions sending us volunteers for this. It is working well and certainly helps with all the yard work that must be done, as well as cleaning.

The workers seem to be happy in our environment and we are pleased that once we get to know them we can usually provide them with a reference when they are seeking employment – so it is a two way street of helping each other.

Janice Bobart

Below: The 30th Anniversary Cake courtesy Councillor Drew Wickerson





30th Anniversary Award Certificate Recipients – John, Dennis, Jim with Tony Williams (Mayor of Rockhampton) and President Ricky, 20 October 2022



Members of the Management Committee – John, Elaine, Michelle Landry MP, Paula and Ricky, 20 October 2022



Members of FAPS&STM – (Back Row: Matthew, Brendan, John K, Lynn, Brian, Dennis, Tony, Alex, Dave, Elaine; Middle Row: Henry, Bill, Sue, John C, Helen, Emma, Jim; Front Row: Kate, Ricky, Paula), 20 October 2022