

Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! We hope you are all healthy and happy!

February Family Fun Day: The next FFD is on Sunday 26 February 2023. Please fill in the roster next to the sign in sheet or call the Coordinator and let her know if you can help on the day. Without the helpers we can hold this important fundraiser!

Members/Volunteer: Dennis and Alex have caught up with Bill head over the last couple of months and we hear that he is doing well. He is now living at Leinster Place, off Main Street, North Rockhampton if any members have time to pop in and say hello.

We have had a few members catch colds, and other health issues – we hope they all feel better soon.

Our volunteers hours have increased with the Work for the Dole project and our volunteer hours were over 1200 hours for the month of November. Whilst they go up and down depending on availability this is a great help to the Museum to keep it in tip top condition.

Alex Limkin and John Cole were nominated for 4RO Senior back in October. Alex was the lucky winner!! (photo attached).

John Kennedy and Janice (coordinator) continue to attend various Zoom/Teams meetings such as ATHRA, Qld ATHRA and National Rail Volunteering Group.

Purrey Steam Tram: The tram passed its boiler inspection in early January 2023 and by the time this newsletter goes out it should be operating again for 2023.

Certificate II & III Track Work: We are pleased that we have now had 2 training courses at the Station where the trainees learn how to do track work. It is gratifying that we can give back to the community and have local men and women coming to the Station to learn this age-old skill.

Child & Youth Risk Management Strategy: this new strategy was completed in late 2022 and will be issued to all active members – particularly to the tour guides. Please read and be aware.

"Need Volunteers" Display: We will be having a display at the Northside Plaza in Rockhampton on Wednesday 15 February 2023, 9am-3pm - seeking new members and volunteers. We will have a roster. If you can be

on the display please let us know. We are also planning another stall in May this year at another venue.

Promotions: in mid February 2023 we will have a large billboard sign advertising the Archer Park Rail Museum. It will be on the Bruce Highway, just north of Mt Larcom - for travellers to see as they head north. We hope this will help promote the museum to visitors to Rockhampton.

Raildays App: We continue to progress with our information now submitted and some tweaking to do. Once the App becomes "live" we will let everyone know.

Merchandise: Member's get a 10% discount on merchandise. Don't forget we have a good variety of items for presents for the family!

Janice Bobart

