

Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2023 Date Claimers

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

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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

AGM: the "Friends" Annual General Meeting will be held at 12.30pm on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at Archer Park Rail Museum. Please note to vote you will need to be a financial member.

Nomination forms for positions can be collected from the office.

Membership: Please note that your membership fees are now due. Once you have paid the secretary does up your membership card and places it into the plastic box in the kitchen. There are quite a few waiting to be collected – some from last year.

We welcome new members Trish Hawkins and Margaret Johnson, we hope you will all say hello and get to know both ladies.

Easter Wishes: The Management Team and Coordinator hope you all had a wonderful and safe Easter!

Venue Hire: Our third Certificate III in Track Work group with Energy Skills and Cert Training has recently completed. We wish them all well in getting a job!

Fitzroy River Lions Club held its 60th Anniversary at the Station with assistance from some of our members. It was a great night with around 100 guests.

Tram Operations: The Purrey Steam Tram had a steam pipe break and of course this is a major maintenance job. We hope to have it up and operating again by mid- to end-May.

It was with disappointment that we had to cancel the Family Fun Day in April. We have plans to do repairs on the roof of the Driver's cab and install a new sight glass and vent to the boiler.

Section Car: We will operate the section car TMC-6 on Sundays – when we have staff available – until the Tram is repaired.

School Holiday Activities: We were unable to run the tram for our April SHA, only around 40 visitors came on the 2 days. We did get the section car TMC-6 operating on the second Wednesday and the kids that came enjoyed their rides.

Projects and Grants: Cross your fingers and toes!! We have submitted an application for the Community Benefit Fund Grant – Super Round – for the second time. This is just under \$50,000 for the Camp Wagon Project – to display historic documents, clothes and tools. We will not know if we are successful until towards the end of the year.

Shrubs: In May we are planning to do a big planting of new shrubs along the fence line that aligns with the main track. The Fitzroy River Lions Club will be participating as part of their environmental projects.

Events Coming Up: Family Fun Day – 25 June 2023 – we will need helpers on the day. School Holiday Activities – 28 June and 5 July 2023 – spread the word!

Janice Bobart





Fitzroy River Lions Club members Janice Bobart (APRM Coordinator) and John Bobart

(APRM member) at the 60th Anniversary celebration.