

Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2023 Date Claimers

Sunday 27 August — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 20 September — School Holiday
Activities

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Sunday 22 October — Family Fun Day

Sunday 29 October — Halloween Hijinx

Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir

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Secretary: Emma Barnes

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 2023: Since the last newsletter we have had our AGM and we thank the 2022 management committee for all their hard work. We send a special thank you to the retiring Secretary – Elaine Alexander – for her support of APRM and welcome Emma Barnes to the management committee as Secretary. Emma has also taken on the role of Rail Safety Officer for our group.

Tram operations: The Tram is Back – with its first operations on Sunday 6 August 2023. We had 2 tours groups booked and lots more that came. A new tram crew flyer has also been posted on Facebook advertising for both conductors and tram drivers.

TMC-6 operations: The section car was in operation Sundays while the tram was of service until we then had mechanical issues with it.

August Family Fun Day: The August Family Fun Day is to be held on Sunday 27 August. We have sent out the roster, please let us know if you can help on the day. These days are our “fundraisers”, so it is all hands on deck.

Steampunk & Vintage Festival: Our Steampunk & Vintage Festival at the start of July was very successful with 121 paying visitors, many of who were costumers! Please feel free to go to the Intricate Details Photography website and look under Archer Park Rail Museum for the many photos of the event, a few of which are included in this newsletter. We will definitely do this event again next year – bigger and better!

Halloween Hijinx – 29/10/23: We will be holding our Halloween event again this year on Sunday 29 October 2023. This is the weekend after the October Family Fun Day. Come along and help where you can – as these once again are our fundraiser events.

Visitor numbers: It is unfortunate that with the tram off the track for three months our entry through the door since the start of April had dropped to half the normal amount. Luckily we have had quite a few tours come in and with the training group venue hire our income is not doing too bad.

Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions Club: We send a big thank you to the Fitzroy River Lions Club for their assistance in planting 120 shrubs along the fence line near the track. They are doing well. The RFRIC is also using our kitchen once a month to make sandwiches for the Eatup program. This program pays for the ingredients and the Lions make cheese sandwiches for schools to provide a meal for children when needed. The sandwiches are frozen and then toasted for the child.

Coordinator's position: We will be holding interviews for the coordinator's job in early August. Once the new coordinator is trained, Janice will continue to do some casual work supporting the rail compliance and providing coordinator relief.

Janice Bobart

Images: APRM's John Cole, Kerrie Holmes and Mark Massingham at the Steampunk & Vintage Festival, early July 2023 (below).

Other Steampunk & Vintage Festival images right and on the following page.



