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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

2023 Date Claimers

Sunday 22 October — Family Fun Day

Sunday 29 October — Halloween Hijinx

Saturday 11 November — APRM Santa

Photographs (numbers are limited)

Friday 22 December 2023 to Monday 1 January

2024 — Christmas Closure

Tuesday 2 January 2024 — Reopening 2024

2024 Date Claimers

Sunday 25 February 2024 — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 03 April 2024 — School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 10 April 2024 — School Holiday
Activities

Sunday 28 April 2024 — Family Fun Day

Sunday 23 June 2024 — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 26 June 2024 — School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 03 July 2024 — School Holiday
Activities

Sunday 25 August 2024 — Family Fun Day

Wednesday 18 September 2024 — School
Holiday Activities

Wednesday 25 September 2024 — School
Holiday Activities

Sunday 17 November 2024 — Family Fun Day

Sunday 17 November 2024 — APRM 125th
Anniversary Celebration

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

Christmas Closure: The Museum will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023, reopening on Tuesday 2 January 2024. We hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Coordinator's Position: Since our last newsletter we have appointed our new Coordinator, Kevin Chapman. Janice went into semi-retirement at the start of October, and will continue to do some casual work supporting us in rail compliance and Coordinator relief until the end of April 2024.



Outgoing coordinator Janice Bobart and incoming coordinator Kevin Chapman.

The Management Team along with Members and Volunteers held a retirement party for Janice on Friday 13 October – wishing her well for her future.

"Friends" Christmas Party: The Friends Christmas Party will be on Saturday 2 December 2023 at midday at the Rockhampton Sports Club Bistro.

Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir

Vice President: John Kennedy

Secretary: Emma Barnes

Treasurer: Paula Roberts

Safety Officer: Ricky Weir

Rollingstock Supervisor: John Kennedy

Track Supervisor: John Kennedy

Historian: Dennis Sheehan

Museum Coordinator: Kevin Chapman

The Friends will subsidise the meals – members need only pay \$10 prior to the event; and APRM will pay the rest. Non-members will pay at their own cost. Drinks and desert can be purchased at your cost.

Member's News: Elaine Alexander, our previous secretary, has been unwell, the Management Committee sent flowers to her recently on behalf of all members. Unfortunately, she will not be returning to APRM as she has now moved down to Redcliffe to be closer to family.

We also welcome Jo Webb to the membership – you will see her around APRM on a Sunday as she is learning to become our newest Conductor. Please make her welcome.

We have also been informed that two previous members – Marg Bignell (life member) and Greg Charles have now passed away. We pass our condolences onto both families.

Tram Operations: The Purrey Steam Tram's final day for 2023 is Sunday 26 November 2023. We are hoping to have the tram back in operation for the beginning of February 2024.

We continue to advertise our Tram Crew flyer on Facebook and Instagram, looking for both Conductors and Tram Drivers.

Coming Events: We have our upcoming October Family Fun Day on Sunday 22 October. We have sent out the roster, please let us know if you can help us on the day or are available to attend.

These days are our “fundraisers” so it is all hands-on deck. This family fun day will also be Janice’s final event as Coordinator as she will be helping Kevin on the day.

The magic and spookiness will return on Sunday 29 October for APRM's Halloween Hinjix! This is the weekend after the October Family Fun Day. Come along and help where you can – as once again these are fundraiser events.

Visitor Numbers: APRM visitor numbers are still low compared to this time last year, although numbers are returning since the resumption of the tram back in August. We are fortunate that tour groups are continuing to visit the Museum, and the training group venue hire has also helped.

Projects and Grants: We were not successful in our application for the 2023 Community Gambling Grant for the Camp Wagon Project. We will continue to seek other funding for this project or wait until the next super round opens in January 2024.



Members of the Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions Club along with APRM volunteers planting shrubs along the Denison Street rail line.



Current executive committee with both Janice and Kevin (right to left: Emma, John, Janice, Kevin, Ricky & Paula).



Photographs from Janice's retirement party, Friday 13 October 2023 at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. Emma Barnes photographer.