

Atherton-Herberton Historic Railway Inc

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Newsletter



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P O Box 150, Herberton Q 4887

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Meet the Committee

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Vice president: Dave McGrory
Secretary: Lawrie Leggett
Assist. Secretary: Peter Harris
Treasurer: Don Lamb
Safety: Robert Howard
Infrastructure: Don Lamb
Rolling Stock: Bill Rowstron
Memberships: Judy Cooper

Management Committee:

Bob Slater
Laurie Leggett
Don Lamb
Dave McGrory
Peter Harris

Date Claimer

9th October

Jacaranda Festival Day

10.30am – 4pm

Herberton Station

- Craft Stalls & raffles
- Music & bush poetry
- Sausage sizzle
- Devonshire tea
- Face Painting
- Railway history
- Mountain bikes

Rides on the Jacaranda Express

Business of the Month

Royal Hotel, Herberton

Paul Watson has been a member for many years. He is happy to have our sandwich board advertising the train rides outside the pub. The Thursday raffles conducted every week at the Royal have been an important part of AHHR's fundraising for several years.

The decision to run the *Tinlander* from Thursday to Sunday over July has been very successful. Not only has it raised extra funds but has also lifted the profile of our railway. This has been made possible by a small group of members. Thanks also to Dave McGrory for taking on more days when Bob was admitted to hospital for several days (things you do to get a holiday). The *Tinlander* will be running on Saturday as well as Sunday over August to take advantage of the many tourists still in the area.

2016/2017 Memberships are due!

Thanks to those who have already renewed their membership for the next 12 months. For everyone who hasn't, please remember they are now due.

Family \$80.00; Single \$50.00; Junior \$5.00; Business \$80.00

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

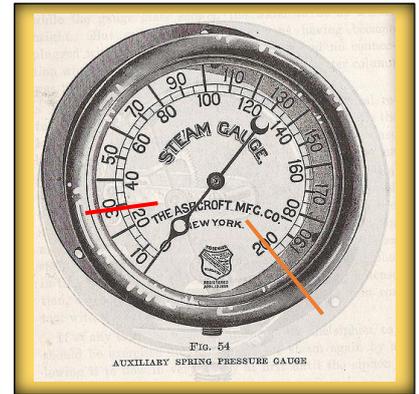
First up I would like to thank the members who took on the extra work while I had an unexpected hospital stay. We kept on operating as scheduled, so once again, many thanks. Our interface agreements are getting closer thanks to funding from TMR, and in particular, Craig England and his staff for their continued support. The signage will be erected by David McGrory by the end of August and then all we have to do is finalise the paperwork. Our extra running days have been very well patronised and have certainly made a difference to our bottom line as the hefty Public Liability bill is only around the corner. Thank you to the Historic Village staff for their ongoing support in promoting our train rides as well as all of our Herberton businesses and general community who always seem to let visitors know of our operation, along with Peter and Annelin at the CAFÉ at Platypus Park Station - well worth a visit for lunch if you are in the area. Please do not forget our AGM on the 10th September 2016 to be held at Herberton with proceedings commencing at noon. Thank you to our business of the month, the ROYAL HOTEL, HERBERTON, where Paul and his staff have continued to support us from too far back to remember - a great place for a cold drink and great meal. Last but not least, welcome to Herberton Cathy and Neil Robbie; we look forward to you enjoying what Herberton has to offer along with your railway.

RESTORATION OF PECKETTS 1069 AND 1174

We need to raise **\$200 000** to restore our Peckett locomotives. YOU can help breathe steam in to our locos and make this a reality sooner rather than later.

For the cost of a weekly coffee you can make it happen – Become a regular contributor from \$10 a fortnight for 24 months.

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Peckett 1069 Restoration



Submitted by Bill Rowstron

Work continues on cleaning up and de-rusting various parts of the loco.



The frame is now mounted on the axles and wheels after a somewhat steep learning curve. The way to do it was NOT to try and lift the wheels, axles and axle boxes into the frame, but to lower the frame onto each pair of axle boxes one at a time.

The boiler has been turned on its side to allow easier access to the firebox and the fusible plugs which have been removed for re-metalling. Once two washout plugs are refitted, a new mudhole door found and a good, calibrated pressure gauge obtained we will be in a position to put a pressure test on the boiler

Once the extension lean-to behind the main shed is completed, the rolling stock can be shunted around and 1069 frame moved inside the shed to permit work to continue regardless of the weather.



CARRIAGE UPDATE

Ross, John and the team have stripped the timber from the carriage to the bones. The floor has been strengthened and replaced with new plywood.



The new window positions, all 29 of them, have been set into the frame. The window sill mouldings have been made and fitted into one side.

John has drawn up new plans for seating and his configuration will allow seating for approximately 48 passengers.



Member Profile

Col Purchase is our IT guru. He has set up the AHHR website and keeps it updated with all the news and photos. He also updates our Facebook page. Unfortunately, there was vandalism at both the Herberton shed and Platypus Park. Col used his expertise to set up cameras at both places. Great work Col!

*Hungry?... Call in to **The Station Café** at Platypus Park, Atherton
Try Editor's favourite – **toasted ham and cheese sandwich with a touch of mustard.**
Open Wednesday & Thursday 8.30am-2.30pm-Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7am to 5pm*