

Atherton-Herberton Historic Railway Inc

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Newsletter



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It is with sad hearts we start this newsletter. In the last few weeks we have lost two valued friends and members, Neil Robbie and Annelin Skogland.

Neil's enthusiasm as a volunteer in the Herberton workshop was infectious. He was always willing to get in and have a go which saw him help with the restorations, become a *Tinlander* driver and headed up the track crew to extend the track on the other side of the Historic Village Platform.

When Annelin's husband Peter Nixon, another of our wonderful volunteers started the café at Platypus Park Station, she not only worked alongside Peter but found the time to be a guard on the *Tinlander* and create a lovely garden around the café. Her smile and sense of humour will be missed.

RIP Neil and Annelin

Herberton Workshop News



Much is being achieved with the restoration of Peckett 1069 and the 1913 carriage.

For Jacaranda Day the cab and boiler of the Peckett was placed on the main frame so that visitors could see what all the hard work had achieved. Since then, the boiler has been removed and the pressure testing has commenced. In these initial stages it is looking very promising as the pressure is increased.

The name plates to go on the Peckett have been cast, polished and painted. They will finish off the Peckett magnificently. It will carry the name of Donald R Walker, acknowledging the help Don gave AHHR to help get it on the rails.

The carriage crew have been beavering away cutting timber to finish off the silky oak panelling. The steel frames for the seats are welded and boards are being fitted on the backs and seats to make the seat cushions.

Construction of another section car carriage is being carried out. This carriage will be used at the Atherton end to run section car rides from Platypus Park Station to Hastie Road and return. It is starting to come together really well.

The track crew have cleaned up the track area from the Workshop to Florence Street. They have also been working hard to replace the old wooden sleepers with steel ones on the northern side of the Historic Village platform and are slowly making their way towards Moomin.

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Left: Dave and Mel working on the carriage which will be used at Platypus Park for train rides.

Below: 1069 Peckett assembled for Jacaranda Day so visitors can see what is just around the corner in its restoration.



Mel and Ross with the Peckett Name Plate

Platypus Park Station Update

The track between Platypus Park Station on Hastie Road is looking great. It is good to see that the walking, biking track running alongside our track is proving very popular. There is now a gate at Hastie Road blocking any vehicles from using the area. Further along towards Peter Street at Nyleta, Bridge 13 is now a culvert. Beside the track has also been cleared. We are now waiting for the dry weather to break so we can obtain permits to burn next year to complete track maintenance.

Peter and his very small track crew are working hard to replace the old wooden sleepers with steel toward Hastie Road. The length of track completed is impressive for such a small crew. Once that part of the track is completed and accredited we will be able to run rides along that section using the new carriage being built in Herberton.

Bryan and his fellow track crew are working in miniature to complete the model railway in the restored carriage. The track is almost complete and they are getting close to the fun part – making all the scenery around the track.



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We have had two successful events at the Herberton Station in the last few months.

In August we had High Tea with the M Series carriage as a backdrop to the marquees. Leonora and Gabriella from Mint Vintage, a retro shop in the main street had their first ever fashion parade. They put so much effort into the parade and the models and music it helped make a very special afternoon. Christine, from Atherton played beautiful violin music to greet the guests as they arrived. All the guests really got into the spirit of the afternoon and dressed up for the occasion. They looked resplendent in their afternoon tea attire. Some of the hats were truly magnificent. It was like going back in time. We had so many members and non-members give their time freely to help with cooking and setting up it made for a very successful afternoon.

We held Jacaranda Day again in October. Once again it was a successful day with our sausage sizzle and raffles. Del, Esther and Jo ran a successful stall selling jacaranda trees, bags and other craft. Val Marlow who comes up from Brisbane each year was there once again to sell raffle tickets. The *Tinlander* renamed *Jacaranda Express* for the day was very busy running up and down the line with the carriages packed with happy travellers. Thanks go to the hard working train crew and station master. The participation of the community is also very important in making the day a success. The Lionesses were there again with their popular Devonshire teas with jacaranda coloured cream. The CWA ladies, Hospital Auxiliary and Rural Fire joined in with stalls. Murray and Lyndal Fairholm were there with Murray's stunning bird photos. Frank's sleeper cutter display was very popular once again. The MAS Choir kept the crowd entertained with some rollicking train songs adapted to fit the Herberton theme.

We are very grateful for the support of our community and members because these events raise much needed funds for the restoration of the Peckett and 1913 carriage.



What a successful afternoon the High Tea was! Thanks to everyone who helped.



Jacaranda Day
Thanks to the community for your invaluable support.



Station Café at Platypus Park

A great place for delicious pies and cakes