

Atherton-Herberton Historic Railway Inc

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Woohoo! What a great success Jacaranda Day was this year! Sunday October 18th was, in the words of Peter, Paul and Mary, "rockin', rollin' riding" when hundreds of visitors came to the Herberton Workshop and Station for Jacaranda Day. The Jacaranda Express (aka The Tinlander) crewed by Bob and Dave was very busy all day. It kept Ben on his toes too.

This year the Herberton Lionesses weren't able to man the Devonshire Tea stall so some of our members, led by Del, took on the task. What a great job they did. Jon and Jean kept the sausage sizzle going. All our food was sold out just after 1pm. Our souvenir stall also did very well thanks to Val, Lynne and Karen, visitors from Brisbane who manned the stall.

We had great music all day starting with the *Three Amici*, then *Highly Strung*, a Mareeba ukulele group, *MAS Choir* and finished with the *Tableland Pipe Band*. There was a lot of foot tapping going on all day. Thank you to all the groups and choirs who gave their time freely.

Our new Sleeper Cutter Shed was also a very popular addition to the Station Museum. Frank and Colleen Sims have done a great job on the display. No workplace safety on display in the photos of yesteryear. Jannie Smit's documentary running on a loop in the Museum was interesting for the visitors waiting for a ride on the Tinlander.

The community groups, CWA, Red Cross, Hospital Foundation, Herberton Mining Museum and the Flying Doctor Auxiliary all had stalls along with some local arts and craft stalls. The Fire Brigade was a great attraction for the kids. It was very special having everyone participate in our day and it gave our station/workshop are very festive feeling.

A big thanks to everyone who helped make the day so successful. There has been lots of very favourable feedback from visitors. It is not just a day for our railway but a day for the whole community. Thanks everyone for your support.



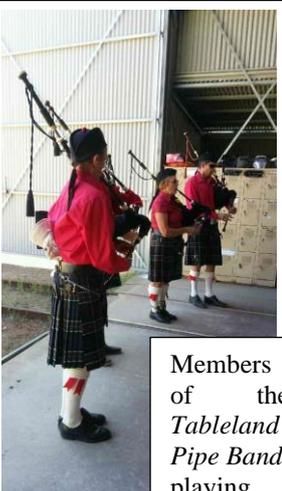
The sleeper cutter display in its new shed was very interesting for our visitors.



The jacarandas were in full bloom, the skies were blue and with the market stalls lined up the atmosphere was very festive.



Behind that cloud of smoke and steam is 1069 Peckett and BL769 carriage. BL759 in the background gave visitors a great before and after look.



Members of the *Tableland Pipe Band* playing.



Val and Lynne selling raffle tickets and souvenirs with Peckett 1174 as a backdrop.

October was a very busy month as well as Jacaranda Day we had three charters.

For the first time Scott McGregor Railway Journeys, a tour company doing trips worldwide visited our workshop and rode on the Tinlander. Hopefully we will see them again several times next year.

We decorated the Tinlander for the wedding of Kevin and Lacey and delivered the wedding party to the Historic Village where the ceremony took place. We wish them all the best for their future lives together.

Forty-seven Year four students and five teachers from Good Counsel School in Innisfail rode on the Tinlander for their yearly visit.



Christmas Twilight Markets

December 12th
3pm to 7pm

Once again the Christmas markets are being held in Herberton's main street.

We will have a souvenir stall. Don't forget we have some great stocking fillers with our caps, badges and stubbie coolers.

Don't know what to buy for someone...? Why not think of a Gift Voucher for a ride on the Tinlander!

Christmas elves, Dave and Mel have volunteered to run the Tinlander between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. This is a great way to join in with the community and add something new to the Christmas celebrations. There could even be a visit from Santa. He might trade his sleigh for the Tinlander



Hats,
Caps,
Stubbie
Cooler,
Bags,
Badges

Herberton Heritage Railway.

It was passed at the last meeting to have a running name for the Herberton end of the line. After much discussion over the last few months the name 'Herberton Heritage Railway' was agreed upon.

Atherton Herberton Historic Railway Inc. will stay as the trading name. 'Herberton Heritage Railway' will reflect our operations at present and does not mean the Atherton end will be forgotten about. It is very confusing for some people and we are getting lots of enquiries about how they can catch the train from Atherton to Herberton. When funding allows the whole track to be open we can then change the running name to reflect the whole operation. What a humdinger of a party we will have then.



BL759 has been lifted off its bogies and is now on stands near the workshop. Jon, Lawrie and John have started on the restoration and have been working on rust proofing. John has made a very long list of jobs to be done. When BL769 is beside it, visitors love to see what it could be like in a few years.



Ross is looking very pleased with how BL769 looks now. Congratulations team!! Lots of great comments on Jacaranda Day.



The model railway is now open for viewing at Platypus Park Station. It can be viewed on the days the Station Café is open. For \$1.00 in the coin box you can be in control of three trains for five minutes. A sure fire way of keeping the kids entertained. Thanks to Bryan, John, Liz and Mark for their patience in setting it up. Great job well done!



TINLANDER RUNNING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Every day between Saturday 26th December through to Thursday 31st plus Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd January. Sundays for the rest of January.
10am to 2pm except New Year's Eve when last ride is 12 noon.

Mel, our treasurer, has recently started a *Containers for Change* account for AHHR. If you wish, when you take your bottles to the collection depot you are now able to give our account number so we can be credited with the amount. This can be done at any collection point.

Our account number is C10322264

Also there is a bag at the Herberton Workshop if you would like to bring your cans and plastic bottles down. Please take the lids off the bottles. That will make Mel very happy.



Station Café at Platypus Park

A great place for a quiet coffee and something to eat.