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This is our first newsletter for 2019. I don't know where the year has gone It will be Christmas before we know it.

For the people who are not on Facebook this is a chance to bring you up to date on what has been happening at AHHR.

Herberton Workshop News

So much has happened over the last few months. The boiler for 1069 has been tested and had been given the green light. The boiler inspector was most impressed. It has been fitted into the main frame and all the bits and pieces that everyone has been working on while waiting for the boiler are slowly being fitted to 1069. Many parts, especially the brass pieces, have gone missing over the years on its travels around Australia. These parts have been remade by our talented volunteers in the workshop. One draw back is the brass is very expensive so it is a drain on our resources. The next big project for 1069 is the remake of the saddletank over the boiler for water storage. The steel has arrived and is awaiting construction which is a job for Steve with the new welder.

Ross and his crew have been very busy on the carriage. It looks lovely with its silky oak panelling. All the windows have been installed and the brass latches and handles have been fitted. We are now waiting to hear from a specialist weather proofer so we can choose what the roof covering will be.



Dave, Terry and Keith are doing slab preparations for the Sleeper Cutter display and the M Series carriage cover near the Station building.

1181 diesel loco, now under cover, is getting a final primer coat.

The Peckett was tested to 250 psi for 20 minutes and was passed by the boiler inspector. Now it is in the main frame and all the fittings are going on.

Ross has fitted all the brass handles and latches to the carriage windows.

Platypus Park Station Update

The model railway is looking amazing. Bryan, John and Liz are doing a fantastic job to create a very interesting layout which will give visitors to Platypus Park a very enjoyable experience. They are installing a coin box so a gold coin donation will get the trains moving. This will be a great source of income for the AHHR. Our posts on Facebook about the model railway have attracted comments as far away as USA.

Peter's track crew are inching their way towards Hastie Road. The wet weather has been a hindrance to any track work on both the Atherton and Herberton ends. A group of students doing a Certificate II in rail infrastructure with the training group OSCA used our track at Atherton to do their practical training. Thanks go to our fully trained volunteers who passed on their knowledge to the students.

The section car carriage built at the Herberton Workshop is now in Atherton awaiting the track to be finished and certified to Hastie Road. This will enable us to run section car rides to Hastie Road at least once a month when the markets are held nearby at the Old Post Office Gallery.



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OSCA students, under the watchful eyes of our trained volunteers, doing their practical section of the Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure. Great way to get our track upgraded too.



Kids (and big kids) are going to love the model train layout in the restored carriage at Platypus Park Station. John, Bryan and Liz have put in hundreds of hours on the build. Liz has added a local flavour with the windmills on the hill.



We held a quiz night at Herberton Workshop recently. It was well attended with almost 80 people testing their general knowledge. It also made over \$1000 for the restoration fund. Great night!

The *Tinlander* will be running extra days from the June school holidays through July to take advantage of the influx of the grey nomad visitors over that period. Please put your hand up if you can help over that time. We need the extra income.

The UK film crew have let us know the *Secret Railways* programme they shot last year will be on SBS sometime in June/July so keep an eye out for it.

We will hold another Hi Tea on Saturday August 10th and another quiz night on Friday September 13th...spooky. Both will be at Herberton Workshop. So watch for flyers advertising the events.



We posted a photo of Carrington Falls on Facebook. The falls can only be accessed by the railway line. The amount of comments and likes the post received indicates the level of interest we would have if we were running between Atherton and Herberton. If we could get the funding wouldn't it be an amazing tourist attraction for the area!!!



Jacaranda Day will be Sunday 6th October so keep the date in your diary.

Station Café at Platypus Park
A great place for delicious pies and cakes