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ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

Meetings of the Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc. are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month commencing at 12.30pm in the office, unless otherwise advised by the Secretary.
Newsletter schedule: Feb/May/Aug/Nov.

2024 Date Claimers

Sunday 12 May 2024 – Mother's Day Event
(bookings required)

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024 – ARCHER
PARK RAIL MUSEUM AGM

Sunday 23 June 2024 – Steampunk & Vintage
Festival Family Fun Day

Wednesday 26 June 2024 – School Holiday
Activities

Wednesday 03 July 2024 – School Holiday
Activities

Saturday 20 July 2024 – Noir Photography
Evening (bookings required)

Sunday 25 August 2024 – Teddy Bears Picnic
Family Fun Day

Friday 13 September 2024 – Board Games
Night (bookings required)

Wednesday 18 September 2024 – School
Holiday Activities

Wednesday 25 September 2024 – School
Holiday Activities

Sunday 27 October 2024 – Halloween Hijinx

Saturday 09 November 2024 – Santa Photos
(bookings required)

Sunday 17 November 2024 – APRM 125th
Celebration Family Fun Day

Friday 20 December 2024 to Sunday 05 January
2025 – APRM Xmas/NY Closure

EASTER WISHES

The Management Team hope you all had a wonderful and safe Easter back at the end of March, beginning of April.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't done so already –
MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE!
We thank those who have already paid – but please make sure you have paid by the Wednesday 22 May 2024 to be financial for the 2024/2025 period. Please see either Paula, Emma, or Kate to update your membership. Also, if your contact details have changed – please let us know as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be aware that the AGM is coming up and we would like to see as many members as possible at the meeting. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 12.30pm.

All nominations for the roles of President, Vice President (x2), Treasurer and Secretary are to be into the office no later than Wednesday 08 May 2024 by 12pm. If are wanting to nominate – please pick up a nomination form from the office. Members need to be financial if nominating for the any of the roles or are a member of the tram crew.

EMAIL ADDRESS

As you have probably noticed since the beginning of March, Archer Park Rail Museum correspondences has now moved to a new email address because of us moving over to SharePoint (in case the NAS dies).

Our new email address is admin@archerparkrailmuseum.com – which is used for all general day-to-day operations and enquiries. Members will receive members' information from either the secretary@archerparkrailmuseum.com or treasurer@archerparkrailmuseum.com email addresses as well.

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

2024 PLANS & EVENTS UPDATE

February Family Fun Day: Our first family fun day for 2024 went off with out any major issues (even though the tram decided to be temperamental with us). We had 149 visitors through the door on Sunday 25 February 2024 – at a steady stream throughout the morning. Management received positive feedback from the members saying it was one of the best run family fun days for a while.

The photograph of the tram crew attached to this newsletter was taken at the Family Fun Day and is also used in new advertising material for our tram crew flyer as well as for the brand-new volunteer's flyer.

Trivia Night: On Friday 22 March we had a trivia night at APRM. With the help from management, Lana and Kerrie had organised the event within 3 weeks. 29 people attended the evening, which went reasonably okay.

School Holiday Activities: On Wednesday 3 April and Wednesday 10 April we had our first lot of holiday activities for the 2024 year. Over both Wednesdays we had 163 visitors to Archer Park Rail Museum – which all enjoyed their visits. We are hoping the next lot of school holidays in June will be just as successful and advertisement for this will commence at the end of May.

ANZAC Family Fun Day: The April Family Fun Day, held on Sunday 28 April 2024 acknowledged our war veterans, past and present. The majority of APRM members have either served with the Australian Armed Services or have had family members or friends serve.

Our Family Fun Day was held in conjunction with the Central Queensland Military Museum (across the carpark from the APRM complex) with the Military Museum happy to be on board with this event. Just before 11am, the Last Post was played out across the museum complex with all management, volunteers and public falling silent. We stood shoulder to shoulder and reflected upon the service of those who have served, currently serving and to those who never came home, especially those who worked with the Australian Railways or via personal connection.

We are happy to report that 150 visitors passed through the door and was a very successful morning.

125th Celebrations: The APRM management is in the process of sorting things out for the 125th celebration of Archer Park Rail Station in November, to be held over 6 hours instead of the usual operating Sunday. Invitations to all our suppliers along with councillors from the Rockhampton Regional Council and local members of the Federal Parliament will be sent out soon.

A supporter/sponsor form will be sent out soon as well to all the businesses and contacts APRM deals with. We will be advertising the 125th celebrations family fun day at the beginning of June – so look out for the flyer when it does hit our social media pages. Also, if you know or knew someone who worked or volunteered at APRM – tell them to contact us (our contact details are on the front page of this newsletter and flyer is attached).

Upcoming Events: May and June will be busy months for the APRM team – with the Mother's Day Event to be held on Mother's Day, Sunday 12 May 2024. A flyer has been promoting this event since the middle of April.

At the end of June will be the Steampunk and Vintage Festival Family Fun Day which we hope to see many volunteers on hand that day and advertising for this will commence in a couple of weeks.

Our school holiday activities will continue through the June/July school holidays. Also in the early stages of planning is the August Family Fun Day which is themed around the Teddy Bears Picnic and will take management, volunteers, and the public back to their childhood.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members: We are pleased to welcome two new members to our ranks here at APRM – Trent Kapernick and Dale Smith. Trent has been a volunteer with us since January 2023 and has worked wonderfully well with the yard team as well as fellow members, John Kennedy and Richard Parker, in doing track maintenance. Dale Smith joined us as a member in late February 2023, and has been helping throughout the museum when he is available. Please make both gentlemen welcome.

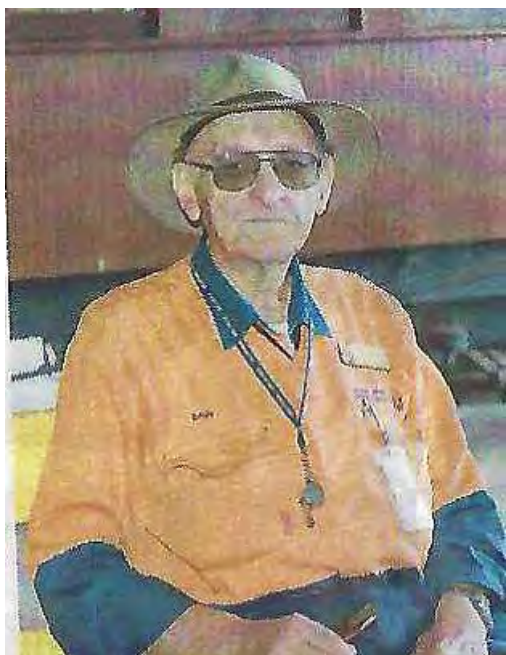
Vale Don Bramble 1937-2024

Just after the release of our February 2024 newsletter, we were informed of the passing of Donald 'Don' Bramble in early February 2024. His family held the wake at Archer Park Rail Museum in celebration of Don's life.

Don had been a member of Archer Park Rail Museum since 2014 and was due to for a nomination to life membership at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. As a result, the Management Committee awarded Don posthumously with an acknowledgement of his service to APRM. The management team presented Don's family with a certificate acknowledging posthumously his life membership.

Vale Dave Schulz 1940-2024

Just before the ANZAC Family Fun Day, we were informed about the passing of Dave Schulz. Dave was a life member of Archer Park Rail Museum and been a volunteer for 21 years. He was a great supporter of APRM, doing many small jobs including creating donation boxes on the lower platform and helping at our Family Fun Days as Passenger Supervisor up until the August 2023 Family Fun Day. A black ribbon was placed beside his name in the Refreshment Room in memory of Dave and remained there until after his memorial service.



Other Links: John Kennedy continues to attend various Zoom/Teams meetings such as ATHRA, Qld ATHRA and National Rail Volunteering

Group. Qld ATHRA is one of our main stakeholders in APRM and we hope to continue to work successfully alongside them.

Working Bee: On Friday 19 April 2024, members of management alongside members and volunteers worked for several hours to clean the external parts of the complex in preparation for the Family Fun Day. We thank those who attended and gave a hand.

Coordinator's Position: The appointment for a new Coordinator, or soon to be known as the Archer Park Rail Museum Office Manager, continues. The member of Archer Park Rail Museum acknowledges Paula Roberts (APRM Treasurer), Emma Barnes (APRM Secretary) and Kate Jones (APRM Catalogue Officer) for their continuous hard work acting in the position of Coordinator. Members have expressed their gratitude to all three and have passed many complements of great work to them and continuous support.

TRAM OPERATIONS

The tram has been in full steam since it's return in February 2024. We have had a steady stream of visitors board the tram on a Sunday – and hopefully it will pick up as we head into the cooler months of the year.

VISITOR NUMBERS & VENUE HIRE

Bayview Towers Yeppoon returned to APRM back in March after the summer hiatus. They have planned for several more tours throughout the year. May will be busy for our tour guides with four visits planned throughout the month from Bayview Towers alone. We also have couple of more independent tours booked throughout the months of May and June.

Visitor numbers for the 2023/2024 year were down compared to those in the 2022/2023 year, but this was due to the tram failure this time last year. We are hoping that the 2024/2025 year will be a more successful year with visitors to the museum and that we do not have any major issues with any rollingstock.

GRANTS

In March, the APRM Management team put in for a QANTAS Regional Grant so we can get both the tram roof (as it has some dry rot and rust in it) and the camp wagon roof fixed. We will inform you of the outcomes in our next newsletter.

MERCHANDISE

Don't forget - Member's get a 10% discount on merchandise! We have a wide range of merchandise including socks, pens; notebooks; whistles; stubbie coolers; trains and so much more! They are a great idea if you are looking either a birthday or Christmas present to give a family members or friends locally, interstate or overseas!

Also, coming soon is the Archer Park Rail Museum online merch store – so keep an eye out on our social media platforms for when that arrives.

*Emma Barnes, Paula Roberts, Kate Jones
(APRM Acting Coordinators)*



Ticket Officers at the ANZAC Family Fun Day: Helen Kennedy, Tony Moore and Margaret Johnson



Tram Crew at the February FFD – left to right is: John Kennedy (Vice President, Track & Rollingstock Supervisor); Matthew Conrad; Michael Feldman; Rob Read; John Cole and Alex Limkin (absent Jo Webb)

Celebrating 125 years of Archer Park Rail Station

Archer Park Rail Station is celebrating 125 years in 2024!

Do you know or knew of anyone that worked at Archer Park Rail Station from 1899 until this present day?

Do you have any old photographs or stories from eras gone by?

We will be celebrating the 125th anniversary on:

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

From 9am until 3pm
 At: Archer Park Rail Museum, 51-87 Denison Street, Rockhampton

Please call us on 4922 2774
 Email: admin@archerparkrailmuseum.com
 Or Facebook message

If you have any information, know or knew someone or wanting to participate in this event!



