

## Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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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.

## Friends of Archer Park Management

President/Safety Officer: Ricky Weir

Coordinator/Treasurer: Paula Roberts

Assistant Coordinator/Secretary: Emma Barnes

Rollingstock & Track Supervisor: John Kennedy

Deputy Vice President & Deputy Track & Rollingstock Supervisor: Richard Parker

Relief Coordinator/Catalogue Officer: Kate Jones

## 2025 APRM Date Claimers

Monday 6 May — Labour Day Closure

Sunday 22 June 2025 — Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day

Wednesday 02 July 2025 — School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 09 July 2025 — School Holiday Specials

Sunday 24 August 2025 — Teddies on the Tram Family Fun Day

Wednesday 24 September 2025 — School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 01 October 2025 — School Holiday Specials

Sunday 26 October 2025 — Halloween Family Fun Day

## Easter Wishes

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



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## 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 28 May 2025 to be financial for the 2025/2026 period. Please see either Paula or Emma to update your membership. Also, if you have changed your contact details – please let us know as soon as possible.

## Annual General Meeting

Please be aware that the APRM Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would like to see as many members as the meeting.

The AGM will be held on WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025 commencing at 12.30pm sharp.

All nominations for the roles of President, Vice President (x2), Treasurer and Secretary are to be into the office no later than Wednesday 14 May 2025 by 12pm.

If you are wanting to nominate – please pick up a nomination form from the office. Members need to be financial if nominating for any of the roles or are a member of the tram crew.

We will also be holding a special resolution meeting in conjunction with the AGM – as the APRM Constitution is requiring some updates. A copy of the constitution with the changes is available upon request from the office.

## 2025 Plans & Events Update

### *February Family Fun Day*

Sunday 23 February 2025 saw the first family fun day for 2025. There were no major issues on the day and the tram was available all day to visitors. We had 244 visitors through the door – which is fantastic considering the February Family Fun Day is usually our quiet one.

### *April School Holiday Specials*

On Wednesday 9 April and Wednesday 16 April we had our first lot of school holiday specials for the 2025 year. Over both Wednesdays we

had 166 visitors to Archer Park Rail Museum – which all enjoyed their visits. We are hoping the next lot of school holidays in July will be just as successful and advertisement for this will commence at the end of May.

There are two photographs from the school holidays attached to the back of the newsletter – one of Alex and Michael; and the other of Jo and Damien aboard the tram.

We are glad to announce that Aurizon will be attending the July school holiday specials – they will be talking to parents and children about the risks associated with level crossings in acknowledgement of National Rail Safety Week activities.

### *ANZAC Family Fun Day*

The April Family Fun Day at the end of April saw Archer Park Rail Museum acknowledge 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. This year also marked the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in Türkiye and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of WWII.

Our Family Fun Day was held in conjunction with the Central Queensland Military Museum (across the carpark from the APRM complex) with the CQMM happy to be on board with the 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 also acknowledge the Rail Preservation Society of Queensland Inc. and the Member for Rockhampton, Donna Kirkland for their attendance on the morning.

We are happy to report that 191 visitors passed through the door and overall, it was a very successful morning. There are a couple of photographs from the morning attached to the back of the newsletter as well.

### **Upcoming Events:**

June and July will be a busy couple of months for the APRM team. At the end of June will be

the Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day which we hope to see many volunteers on hand that day and advertising for the event has already commenced. Management and volunteers are welcome to come dressed up in costume on the day.

Our school holiday specials will continue through the July school holidays. Also, management is in the early stages of planning for the August Family Fun Day which once again will be the Teddies on the Tram (which was quite successful in 2024) and will allow for management, volunteers and the public to go back to their childhood days.

This year we are also opening on the Rockhampton Show Holiday on Thursday 12 June 2025. It will be run like a school holidays special Wednesday – where entry fees are \$6 per person.

The flyers for the Rockhampton Show Holiday Special and the June Family Fun Day are attached to the back of the newsletter.

### **Visitors Numbers & Venue Hire**

Bayview Tower Yeppoon returned to APRM back in March after the summer hiatus. They have already informed us prior to the commencement of their tours in March of the dates they will be attending APRM.

We also have had an independent venue hire back at the end of March and have several more booked throughout 2025. The independent venue hire ran smoothly – and we received fantastic feedback from them.

*Visitor numbers between 2022/2023 and 2024/2025.*

2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
6864	4184	5053

Visitor numbers for 2024/2025 were up by 869 people compared to the 2023/2024 period. We are hoping the 2025/2026 will just be as successful. We acknowledge that the additional visitors in 2024-2025 was due to the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary back in November 2024.

### **Track & Rollingstock Report**

We are very grateful to Clermont Open Cut Mine, Glencore and Clermont Haulage for the donation of 14 tonne of coal and delivery to our storage site out at the Heritage Village in late

February. Without the coal, we would not be able to operate the Tram. The coal will keep us going for the next 3 to 4 years. We also are grateful to ASL Global for supplying us with more coke to use in the tram.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had a steady stream of visitors riding on the Purrey Steam Tram. For the first three operational months of 2025, we have had 820 visitors ride the tram. Don't forget the tram operates every Sunday between February and November excluding Easter Sunday and unplanned closures.

During late March and into early April, the track maintenance team lead by John Kennedy replaced a section of rail within Platform Road as part of the rail was starting to heavily corrode. It was repaired within a couple of weeks and without the hard work and dedication of the team – this wouldn't have been able to happen.

### **Merchandise**

Don't forget – members 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 for either a birthday or Christmas present to give to a family member or friends, locally, interstate or overseas!

The APRM Forthwall merch store is available at: <https://archerparkrailmuseumshop.forthwall.com/>.

We have mugs; laptop sleeves; towel and stickers available – with our new winter and spring range now available.

We are now taking pre-orders for the new APRM volunteer shirts – if you need a shirt – we will require name; phone number; quantity and the size of the shirt – prices will be provided once ordered. We also are taking orders for the staff jumpers – which are \$60 each – please see Emma in the office and she will take your order.

*Paula Roberts, Emma Barnes (Joint APRM Coordinators).*





Left to Right: RPSQI Deputy Chairman – Mitch Gitsham; Member for Rockhampton, Donna Kirkland; Damien; Michael and Jo at the APRM ANZAC Family Fun Day.



Left to Right: RPSQI Deputy Chairman – Mitch Gitsham; and Jo at the APRM ANZAC Family Fun Day

*Archer Park Rail Museum*  
**Rockhampton Show**  
 Holiday Specials.  
**THURSDAY 12 JUNE**  
 2025

**Entry Price**  
 \$6 per person

**10am to 3pm!**  
 Tram services start at 10am and  
 conclude at 1pm.

Kids activity packs & merch  
 available for purchase

Refreshments available from the  
 APRM Refreshment Room

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**HEROES vs VILLAINS**  
**Family Fun Day**  
**Sunday 22 June 2025**  
**9am-1pm**




The Parade of Heroes v Villains  
 11am

Prizes for best costume will be awarded to:  
 Adult; teen; child and family

**\$4 adults \$2 children**  
**\$2.50 tram rides**

Displays; Stalls; Entertainment  
**Refreshments & Tram Barbecue**

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