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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

Joint Coordinator/Treasurer: Paula Roberts

Joint Coordinator/Secretary: Emma Barnes

Vice President, Rollingstock & Track

Supervisor: John Kennedy

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

Relief Coordinator/Catalogue Officer: Kate
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2024-5 APRM Date Claimers

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

Monday 06 October 2025 — King's Birthday
Specials

Sunday 26 October 2025 — Halloween Family
Fun Day

Friday 19 December 2025 – Sunday 04 January
2026 – Xmas Closure

Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 28 May 2025, the Members voted in the management committee for the next 12 months. Our management committee for the 2025-2026 period is: Ricky Weir – President, John Kennedy – Vice President, Richard Parker – Deputy Vice President, Emma Barnes – Secretary, Paula Roberts – Treasurer.



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We wish those appointed in their respective management positions the best for the next 12 months.

Also at the AGM: after 10 years of service Michael Feldman-Budarick became a life member of Archer Park Rail Museum. The honour board will be updated to reflect Michael's status as a life member.

Reminders

Illnesses

Just a reminder, that if you are unwell and have the flu or Covid; please do not attend the museum for two weeks as we are trying to keep our members and visitors healthy and well. We ask that you ring the office on 4922 2774 to let us know that you are unwell.

Contact Details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details within the last six months, either your mobile number; postal address or email address so we can update them in our system.

2025 Plans & Events Update

Rockhampton Show Holiday Specials

The Rockhampton Show Holiday Specials went successfully for the first attempt with 30 visitors coming through the door with the Purrey Steam Tram in operation.

We are pleased to announce that we will be going ahead with the Rockhampton Show Holiday Special in 2026 – but with a few minor changes. The back of the newsletter has a photograph taken on the day of the Show.

Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day

The family fun day in June was unfortunately delayed by a week due to Ergon planning to do maintenance. APRM Management decided to push the event back by a week so the Family Fun Day was held on Sunday 29 June 2025.

For the first Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day, we are pleased to report that we had 212 visitors through the door. Even though there were minor delays with getting access to the track, visitors were pleased have a ride on the tram internally.

We would like to thank the stall holders for their attendance on the day. A couple of photographs from the Family Fun Day are on the back page.

July School Holiday Specials

The July School Holiday Specials saw APRM host Aurizon in promoting their rail safety program to children. Wednesday 2 July saw 69 visitors through the door, with Wednesday 9 July seeing 125 visitors through the door. A lot were families and enjoyed their experiences at Archer Park.

A photograph from the July School Holidays is on the back page.

Upcoming Events

August will see the return of the Teddies on the Tram Family Fun Day. Last year's family fun day in August proved to be popular and management decided it would return to be a part of the 2025 Family Fun Day themes and be held on Sunday 24 August 2025. See the last page for details for the Family Fun Day at the end of August.

September will see the school holiday specials once again – with the tram operating on Wednesday 24 September and Wednesday 01 October 2025. Look out for a flyer towards the end of August on our social media pages as well as the museum.

Please be aware that there will be **NO MEMBERS MEETING** on Wednesday 24 September due to the School Holiday Specials.

October will see the return of the Halloween Family Fun Day, but this year with Halloween landing on the last Friday in October; APRM is having their event early. The Halloween FFD was placed on hiatus in 2024 due to the 125th anniversary of Archer Park Station and we are hoping that the Halloween FFD will be just as successful.

Also happening in October – APRM will be running the Purrey Steam Tram on Monday 06 October for the King's Birthday long weekend. This is a trial to see how successful this operation will be.

Visitors Numbers & Venue Hire

We have continued to have Bayview Tower return throughout the months of May through to July – with almost weekly tours. Up until the end of July, we had 245 visitors from Bayview alone.

In late July, we had tours from both Expanding Horizons and Port Stephens Coaches – all within a couple of days of each other. Expanding Horizons has already confirmed that they will be back for a couple of tours in May and August 2026.

July has seen the largest number of visitors to the museum since 2018, standing at 672. This is a result of the school holidays and the tour groups we have had visit the museum. We are hoping the rest of the year will be just as successful.

Members News

Vale Elaine Alexander 1943-2025



The late Elaine Alexander (middle) along with current Coordinator/Treasurer Paula Roberts and Vice President, Track and Rollingstock Supervisor, John Kennedy at the 30th anniversary of the Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc, in October 2022. This is one of the last known photographs APRM has of Elaine.

On Monday 7 July 2025, we were informed about the passing of the immediate past Secretary of the Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc, Elaine Alexander. Elaine had been a member of Archer Park since 2015 and retired from the role as Secretary at the 2023 AGM. As per Elaine's wishes, a private gathering was held to celebrate her life.

The team at Archer Park Rail Museum would like to congratulate Trent on completing his Certificate 2 in Security Operations! This course took him five weeks to complete. Also, Paula

has successfully completed her CPR refresher course, which will see them alongside Trent continue to be the qualified First Aid Officers on site. Emma will do her CPR refresher course at a later date.

Changes at APRM

In June, APRM purchased two new Samsung tablets to replace the old tablets in the Ticket office and the Station Master office.

Unfortunately, the old tablets were starting to have screen cracks and screen lifting due to the age of the batteries. The new tablets allow us to show videos of the morse code along with the electric staffs.

We have also purchase an Eufy security system which, once in operation, will allow us to cover the Cambridge Street level crossings. The security camera will capture any incidents or near misses. This form of protection will allow us to present this form of evidence to either the police and ONRSR upon an incident either involving the APRM tracks or on the North Coast Line.

Throughout May; June and July, Jo along with Trent have been refurbishing the safety chain and bollards along the platform. Jo has repainted the bollards in a safety yellow; with Trent installing new black and yellow chain across the top with reusing the white chain as a second safety chain halfway down. This will help APRM prevent any young children from falling onto the tracks during operations.

Track & Rollingstock Report

In June, the APRM Executive purchased a ST2 Fairmont Trolley which will be used around the APRM complex to transport items. John along with Richard and the track maintenance team did repairs in preparation for a notification of change to be submitted into ONRSR. The notification of change will be placed into ONRSR once the ST2 is ready for usage.

On the day of the Rockhampton Show, the APRM team received a brand-new rail saw. The new rail saw will help in the maintenance of the APRM tracks both internally and externally. The rail saw came in a solid timber box along with all the accessories required to help with the job.

In July, the Executive of APRM contacted the Rockhampton Regional Council about decommissioning the Billard which has not been in operations since prior to the COVID-19 breakout in 2020. The Executive had decided there was a high risk of Billard derailing due to the flanges and should be decommissioned.

ONRSR have been notified about the operational status of the Billard and the APRM team are in the process of removing all references to the Billard in all operational paperwork. The Billard will now be a static display piece at Archer Park for visitors to see.

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 also available at: <https://archerparkrailmuseumshop.forthwall.com/en-aud/>.

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

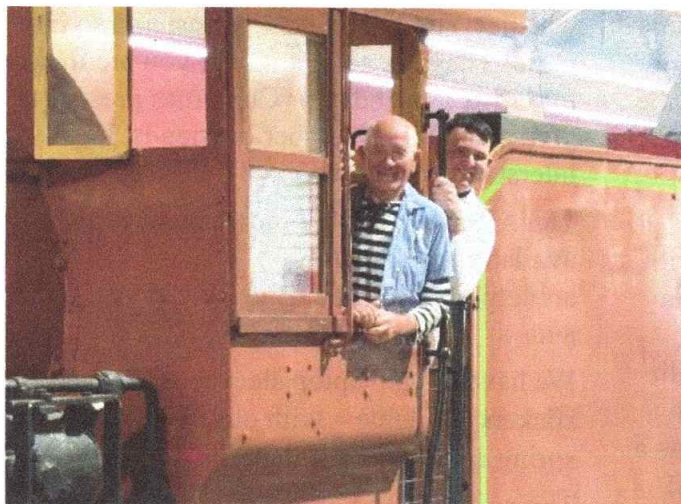
The new APRM volunteer shirts are now available. Please see Paula if you need a shirt – they are \$40 (which covers the embroidery), and she will order them through Totally Workwear in Rockhampton.

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).



Above: The Purrey Steam Tram in operation on the day of the Rockhampton Show Holiday (Thursday 12 June 2025).



Above left: Trevor and Josh at the Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day on Sunday 29 June 2025. Above right: Josh along with his sister, Kaitlyn at the Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day



Above: The Heroes v Villains at the Family Fun Day on Sunday 29 June 2025.



Above: John C and Alex alongside Albertus Untadi from Aurizon. Albertus, along with other members from Aurizon, were present at the July School Holiday Specials teaching children about level crossing safety.

Teddies On The Tram

Sunday 24 August 2025



9am to 1pm



Entry Prices

\$4 adults \$2 kids



Tram Rides

\$2.50 each

Any child that brings their teddy - FREE tram ride!

Activities include:

The search for "Perry" is back...
where is he hiding this year?

Scavenger Hunt for Perry's friends.



Also available:

The APRM Refreshment Room

The Tram Barbecue

Community Groups; Stalls Holders

Live Entertainment



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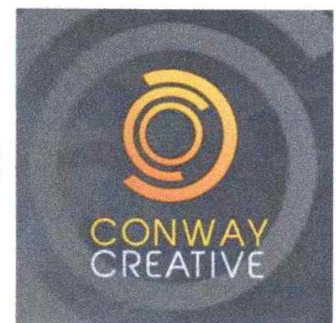


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