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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.



**ARCHER PARK
RAIL MUSEUM**

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

2025-6 APRM Date Claimers

Friday 03 April 2026 – Monday 06 April 2026
Easter Long Weekend (APRM Closed, NO TRAM RIDES)

Wednesday 08 April 2026 School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 15 April 2026 School Holiday Specials

Sunday 26 April 2026 ANZAC Family Fun Day

Wednesday 27 May 2026 APRM AGM

Thursday 11 June 2026 Rockhampton Show Holiday Specials

Sunday 28 June 2026 Teddies On The Tram Family Fun Day

Wednesday 01 July 2026 School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 08 July 2026 School Holiday Specials

Friday 31 July 2026 APRM Trivia Night (18+ event)

Sunday 23 August 2026 Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day

Wednesday 23 September 2026 School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 30 September 2026 School Holiday Specials

Monday 05 October 2026 King's Birthday Holiday Specials

Sunday 25 October 2026 A Spooky Sunday Family Fun Day

Reminders

Absences and Illnesses

Just a reminder, that if you are away can you please contact the office on 4922 2774 or let a management member know that you are unavailable.

Also, if you are unwell, 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

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

Staff Sign In Book

For all staff members at Archer Park Rail Museum – the sign in book is now located in the office. When you arrive – please sign in and on your departure – to sign out. This is required, allowing for management to know who is on site when there is an emergency evacuation.

Welcome Back For 2026

We welcome all returning staff and customers to Archer Park Rail Museum after the Christmas and New Year break. The majority of staff had a quiet Christmas and New Year break – with some even heading to other places across Queensland.

2026 is going to be a packed year as we have got several events planned throughout the year, including the family fun days (which the first

one for the year is not that far away), school holidays specials and the return of the trivia night in July.

Grants

Back in late 2025, Archer Park Rail Museum put in for a grant with Queensland Rail to help restore the C17 Steam Locomotive. We regret to inform you that we were not successful in the grant application. As a result, the C17 is currently undergoing refurbishment and new photographs will be published at a later date. We will continue to search for further grants throughout 2026.

Visitors Numbers, Tours & Venue Hire

Visitors number to Archer Park Rail Museum have remained pretty good through out 2025. Up until the end of December 2025 we had 3901 visitors through the door. We thank everyone who visited the museum throughout 2025.

The following table shows the year-to-date (as of 31 December each year) visitors for the last three years.

Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025
3589	4356	3901

We have been informed Bayview Tower will return for more tours in 2026. The tours for Bayview will recommend the first week in March. We have other independent tours booked throughout the year including Aussie Outback Tours and Expanding Horizons.

Members News

Membership payments are now being accepted for the 2026/2027 financial year. If you haven't paid already – this is the perfect opportunity to do so. Please make sure you are financial prior to the end of the financial year on 31 March.

We wish both Jo and Michael all the best for their upcoming course at the beginning of March. Both Jo and Michael are studying for their Advanced Boiler tickets, and we hope to see them pass as they will become the newest Tram Drivers. We will let you know in our May newsletter how both Jo and Michael went.

Track & Rollingstock Report

Throughout December and into January 2026, APRM was the process of acquiring some used sleeper plates from Queensland Rail to help maintain the APRM track. We would like to thank QR for continued support to APRM. There are plans for track infrastructure work to resume soon.

As of the current edition of the newsletter, we are still waiting for the Tram to return after the annual service. We will inform everyone when the Purrey Steam Tram is back in service through our social media pages.

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!

Please be aware that some of the in-house merchandise has been discontinued as Murray Views unfortunately decided to cease operations as of September 2025.

The APRM Forthwall merch store is also available at: <https://archerparkrailmuseum-shop.fourthwall.com/>. We have mugs, laptop sleeves, towels and stickers available.

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

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).