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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

2025-6 APRM Date Claimers

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



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Easter Wishes

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

Reminders

Absences & Illnesses

Just a reminder, if you are unable to attend 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

Have you have changed any of your contact details within the last six months? Now is the time to 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 – please sign out. This allows management to know who is on site when there is an emergency situation.

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 27 May 2026 to be financial for the 2026/2027 period. Please see Paula 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 possible at the meeting.

The AGM will be held on WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026 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 13 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.

Visitor Numbers For The First Quarter

Visitor numbers for the first quarter of 2026 are down slightly compared to the first three months of 2025. This is due to the cancellation of the Family Fun Day in February as we were waiting for the Purrey Steam Tram to be back in service.

The results from the last three years are as follows:

January-March 2024: 595 visitors

January-March 2025: 697 visitors

January-March 2026: 504 visitors.

We are happy say that we had 4411 visitors through the doors at Archer Park Rail Museum for the financial year. Visitors numbers have been steady and APRM hopes to see visitor numbers for the 2026/2027 reporting period to be as successful.

2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
4184	5053	4411

Tours, Events & Venue Hire

APRM is pleased that *Bayview Tower* tours have returned for another calendar year. We have been informed there are several more booked throughout 2026 and some pre-bookings for 2027. Furthermore, we have *Outback Aussie Tours* booked for the day of the Rockhampton Show as well as in August. We also have *Advanced Rockhampton* booked for a tour on 7 May 2026.

Our events programming for 2026 has started with the April School Holiday Specials. We had 55 through on Wednesday 8 April 2026 and 96 through the door on Wednesday 15 April 2026

for the school holiday specials. We have other events scheduled for 2026 and they are listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the February Family Fun Day due to the Tram servicing.

APRM has also had a couple of independent venue hire bookings, and we continue to advertise for venue hire on our social media pages.

ANZAC Family Fun Day

We had our traditional ANZAC Family Fun Day on Sunday 26 April 2026, the day after ANZAC Day.

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 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, those currently serving and those who never came home, especially those who worked with the Australian Railways or via personal connection.

We are pleased to report that 82 visitors passed through the door which is down from last year's ANZAC Family Fun Day as ANZAC Day (25 April) fell on the Saturday. Next year's April Family Fun Day will return to ANZAC Day as it falls on the last Sunday in April. We will announce the date in the Christmas newsletter.

Future Events for 2026

APRM has already preplanned events for the rest of the year including: the Heroes v Villains Family Fun Day to be held at the end of August; the Rockhampton Show Holiday Specials – which will be run over 6 hours, instead of the usual four hours; and the Trivia Night.

We are taking bookings for the Trivia Night – however, for APRM staff – there is to be NO team representing us. If you have friends or family that are wanting to participate – bookings are required prior to the event. The Trivia Night

is an 18+ event due to the alcohol being sold on the night.

Flyers for the Rockhampton Show; the July School Holidays; the Teddies on the Tram Family Fun Day and the Trivia Night are included at the back of this newsletter.

Track & Rollingstock Report

We are extremely pleased to announce that Michael and Jo have successfully completed their boiler training through WorkSafe Connect. They have still got a few minor things to complete including a probationary period and receiving their High-Risk Licences before they will be working independently as Tram Drivers.

Our Rollingstock Team is continuing on with restorations of the C17 Steam Locomotive; the M14 Trolley and the ST2 Trolley. The C17 Steam Locomotive is in the process of receiving a fresh coat of paint as the old paint was starting to peel away. The M14 and ST2 trollies have received extensive restoration in preparation for a Notification of Change to be submitted to the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) so APRM can use these rollingstock assets as operational pieces.

Merchandise

Don't forget – members get a 10% discount on in-house merchandise! We have a wide range available. 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 now been discontinued.



We also have our online merch store! Scan the QR code – and it will take you to the online merch store! The Fourthwall store has items including mugs, towels; canvases and

even our very own blanket (which has the photograph of the Tram on it). We also have a special discount code for staff – APRMStaff – which will save you 15% on your entire order including shipping. All profits from the store come back to us! Use the following link and it will be automatically applied:

<https://archerparkrailmuseum-shop.fourthwall.com/promo/APRMSTAFF>

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

Below: Our ANZAC Family Fun Day 2026 tram crew – Alex; Jo; John K and Michael (absent Matthew & John C)





Archer Park Rail Museum Rockhampton Show

Holiday Specials. Thursday 11 June 2026



9am to 3pm

Entry Price: \$6 per person

*Tram services start at
9.30am and conclude at
3pm.*

*Kids activity packs & merch
available for purchase.*

*Refreshments available from
the APRM Refreshment
Room*



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Teddies On The Tram

Sunday 28 June 2026

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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Looking for something to do
over these school holidays???

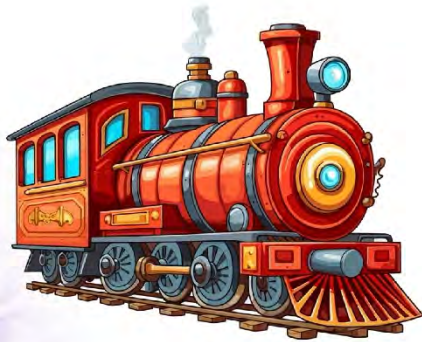
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY

FUN!

Archer Park Rail Museum School Holiday Specials

Wednesday 1 July & Wednesday 8 July

Entry Price: \$6 per person



Tram services start at 10am and conclude
at 1pm.

Kids activity packs & merch available for
purchase

Refreshments available from the APRM
Refreshment Room

Put your Driver's hat on and aboard
the C17 Steam Locomotive and the 1614
Diesel Locomotive

Wander through the passenger
carriages

Experience the changeable signals

Look at the different exhibits



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Archer Park Rail Museum Trivia Night



Friday 31 July 2026

Doors Open at 6pm

Trivia commences at 6.45pm

Entry is \$20 per person or \$70 for a team of 4.

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED!

Contact us on 4922 2774 or at
admin@archerparkrailmuseum.com to book



Prizes for first, second and third place teams!

Lucky chair prize; multi-draw raffle

Light supper provided

Tea & coffee available

Basic bar facilities

This is 18+ event only



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