

## 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.

### 2024 Date Claimers

Sunday 25 August 2024 – Teddies on the Tram  
Family Fun Day

Wednesday 18 September 2024 – School  
Holiday Activities

Wednesday 25 September 2024 – School  
Holiday Activities

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

Friday 20 December 2024 to Sunday 05 January  
2025 – APRM Christmas/New Year Closure

### Friends of Archer Park

President: Ricky Weir

Vice Presidents: John Kennedy & Richard  
Parker

Secretary & Assistant Coordinator: Emma  
Barnes

Treasurer & Coordinator: Paula Roberts

Safety Officer: Ricky Weir

Rollingstock Supervisor: John Kennedy

Track Supervisor: John Kennedy

Catalogue Officer & Relief Coordinator: Kate  
Jones

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 125th Anniversary Management Committee was installed 19 June. Our Management Committee for the next 12 months is: Ricky Weir – President; John Kennedy – Vice President, Richard Parker – Deputy Vice President, Emma Barnes – Secretary, and Paula Roberts – Treasurer

We wish those appointed in their duties the best for the next 12 months.



# ARCHER PARK

RAIL MUSEUM

### 2024 PLANS & EVENTS UPDATE

**June Family Fun Day & Upcoming Family Fun Days:** In June, we had the *Steampunk and Vintage Festival* Family Fun Day and it was great to see 240 visitors through the door.

Preparations are underway for the August Family Fun Day, which will be themed *Teddies on the Tram*. We are hoping it will attract the public to a different theme of Family Fun Day. Events have been planned by both management and members, and the flyer for the August Family Fun Day is attached to the newsletter.



### 125th Celebrations

Full preparations are now under way for the 125th celebration of Archer Park Rail Station in November. We have been informed that our Federal member, Michelle Landry, is unavailable to attend but she is one of the sponsors for this event.

Currently, we have two other major sponsors – Coles Rockhampton and Capcopy, but we are hoping other businesses will also come on board to sponsor the event.

Council members are scheduled to attend as well as other dignitaries from Queensland Rail

and Rail Preservation Society of Queensland Inc. Rockhampton State High School and Ridgeland State School are performing at the event and we hope some more schools will join soon.

The APRM management team along with members and office admin volunteers are sorting out information to be used at the 125th celebrations. We have sent all invitations to the councillors, local members of the Federal Parliament as well as life members of APRM, businesses and schools.

Local businesses have received a sponsors/supporter form, and we thank those businesses who have return them already. We have been advertising for those who have previously worked at Archer Park Rail Station to come forward, but so far, no success on that front. If you do know or knew someone who worked or volunteered at APRM – please tell them to contact us; we would love to hear some of their stories at the 125th.

A copy of the 125th anniversary flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please start spreading the word as we would like to make this a day we won't forget.

## **MEMBER'S NEWS**

John Kennedy continues to attend various Zoom/Teams meetings including 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.

### **New Members**

In June 2024 we welcomed our youngest member, Joshua Sorensen. Josh is a very hard-working young gentleman, he is here on a Sunday and Wednesday morning working in the kitchen and is in the process of becoming our latest tour guide. Josh also helps when Bayview Towers tour groups are here.

We are always looking for new members to join our ranks.

### **Coordinator's Position**

The appointment of the Coordinator has now been completed and was done at the AGM. Paula Roberts is now the Coordinator of Archer Park Rail Museum; with Emma taking on the roll of Assistant Coordinator; Rail Safety

Officer. Kate Jones will be the Relief Coordinator as well as the Catalogue Officer.

The members of Archer Park Rail Museum have acknowledged the change and express their gratitude to all three and have passed many complements of great work to them along with the other management members.

## **TRAM OPERATIONS**

The tram has been in full steam since it's return in February, even though we have had a few hiccups along the way. We have had a steady stream of visitors board the tram on a Sunday during the cooler months and we hope this continues throughout the year.

## **VISITOR NUMBERS & VENUE HIRE**

Bayview Towers Yeppoon have been visiting APRM on a regular basis since our last update. They have planned for several more tours throughout the year. We have a couple of tour bookings booked for early August as well.

Visitor numbers for the 2024/2025 year are on the rise compared to the 2023/2024 year, and figures are suggesting that 2024/2025 period will be a good year.

## **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. Unfortunately, we were not successful in this grant but we will continue to look for other grants and funding.

## **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 for either a birthday or Christmas present to give a family members or friends locally, interstate or overseas!

Also, the APRM Fourthwall merchandise store (online from the web site) is now live! We have cups; laptop sleeves and stickers available, with more merchandise coming in the next few months.

*Paula Roberts (Coordinator); Emma Barnes (Assistant Coordinator)*



# Archer Park Rail Museum Teddies On The Tram

Family Fun Day



Sunday 25

Entry Prices:

August 2024

Adults: \$4

Tram Rides

Children \$2

\$2.50 each

*Any child that brings their teddy - FREE tram ride!*

*Theme Activities On The Day Will Include:*

*APRM Staff Display Of Their Teddies At A Picnic*

*The Search For "Perry" the Purrey Bear*

*(prizes will be awarded to those who find him)*

*Scavenger Hunt for Perry's Tiny Friends*



*There will also be:*

*Food available from the APRM Refreshment Room*

*(including Teddy Bear theme snack packs)*

*The APRM Sausage Sizzle (run by volunteers of APRM)*

*Community groups, live entertainment and stall holders*



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## Archer Park Rail Station

### Sunday 17 November 2024

From 9am until 3pm

Entry Prices: Adults: \$4 Children \$2



Tram Rides  
\$2.50 each

*Anyone with an invitation is required to bring it or state who they are to the ticket officer on arrival. School performers are to be in uniform – free entry to them.*

Activities on the day will include:

- Speeches and presentations at 11am
- The cutting of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake (by one of the life members of Archer Park Rail Museum)
- Live performances from local primary and secondary schools from across Rockhampton district

There will also be:

- Food available from the APRM Refreshment Room
- The Tram Barbecue (run by volunteers of APRM)
- Food vendors from across Rockhampton
- Community groups and stall holders
- Statewide rail group displays and displays from APRM



The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary is proud sponsored by:



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