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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

- 12 February 2012: Purrey tram to return to service following annual maintenance
- 7 March: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 2 April: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 29 April: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 June: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm to 9:00
- 24 June: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 25 June: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 2 July: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 26 August: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 5 September: *Bush Poets*, 6:00 pm to 9:00
- 24 September: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 1 October: *School Holiday*, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 28 October: *Family Fun Day*, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Neville Robertson-Hughes (1944 – 2011)

As well as working in Gladstone for Queensland Alumina and Queensland Rail, Nev was always interested in the history of the local area.

He was the founder of the Gladstone Maritime Museum, a Senior Volunteer at the Gladstone QR Interpretive Centre (opened in 2004) and designed and co-founded the current *Calliope River Railway* display at the *Port Curtis Historical Centre* (opened in 2010).

Nev also participated as a QR Heritage Volunteer on the *Q150 Steam Train Tours*, travelling from Rockhampton to Townsville.

He believed that museums were *for sharing the beauty of objects that amaze and educate*.

If faced with a challenge, his response was always *How difficult can it be!*

Nev is survived by his partner Leonie, sons Adam and Andrew and daughter Roslyn.

Compiled by his good friend and Museum mate, Bob Homann



Neville and Bob at the 2011 rail heritage groups' meeting at the Calliope River Heritage Village

Notes from the Coordinator

Neville Robertson-Hughes will be sadly missed by all of the rail fraternity; condolences from myself and the *Friends* to all his family, friends and colleagues. (Photos of the new museum were in last October's *Tram Tracks* newsletter.)

Special Car 434 (General managers coach, Central Division) has had its first coat of paint externally and looks good thanks to the boys from Career Employment Australia.

While on holidays a window was smashed in the ticket office.

Visitor numbers haven't picked up this year as yet, with only one hundred and sixty five visitors visiting Archer Park for the month of January 2012. The hot weather and constant rain does not encourage people to get out and about and visit tourist venues.

The Purrey Steam Tram boiler inspection began early February, and other maintenance will be undertaken as well. It is hoped the tram will be up and running again on 12 February.

Volunteer Dave Schulz is coming along well with the restoration of Fairmont Vehicle No 922.

Our first Bush Poets night will be held on Wednesday night, 7 March, and the museum's first Family Fun Day for 2012 will be held on Sunday, 29 April.

Dennis Sheehan



Another of Peter Bruce's 1964 photos at Port Curtis Junction. QR 1469 is heading south on the main line; that may be Beyer-Garratt 1108 heading north.