



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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Date Claimers

25 Aug 2013: Family Fun Day

23 Sep 2013: School Holiday Activity

30 Sep 2013: School Holiday Activity

27 Oct 2013: Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park Executive

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Meetings of the **Friends of Archer Park** are normally on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the refreshment room, so the **next meeting is 12:30 pm, 28 August 2013.**

Friends' Matters

Of particular interest at the June Monthly Meeting was the proposal of two projects for Friends' support.

- The restoration/refurbishment of all our manikins which by now are showing some wear and tear but are still an attraction for visitors.
- Introduction of audio visual facilities for some of our displays such as the electric staff and morse code instruments etc.

Fortunately a representative from the firm who had previously worked on the manikins visited a few days later – so research has already started.

We have been advised though to await advice on the possible new management system for the Museum before any heavy commitment.

Another resolution from the meeting was to review the regular dates for the Family Fun Days when preparing our 2014 programme to avoid a clash with school holidays and other regional activities.

Sadly we've lost a couple of members of our "Family" recently. Neil (Jacko) Jackson's mother passed away late June.

One of our Friends – Trevor Morgan – passed away in early July. He was a familiar face, with his wife Shirley, operating the wood turners stall on Family Fun Days. Our condolences go out to both families.

Activities

Our Family Fun Day on 30 June was our best ever with over 630 visitors – it was fortunate that we had our best roll up of Volunteer helpers. The Volunteers and our regular stall holders had a busy day – but it was very gratifying to have so many happy customers.

Highlights of the day included the "Storm Troopers" in their Star Wars outfits; a session with the Rockhampton Pipe Band, and a large roll up of vintage and classic cars.

With such a big roll up of patrons and their cars we must thank the Military Museum for opening their grounds for overflow parking.

We also had school activity days on 24 June and 1 July which were satisfactorily supported.

Around the Museum...

We've had a couple of new Volunteers join recently – Ellenore Smith and Jarred Kennedy. Ellenore seems keen to help out in catering and was involved on the Family Fun Day. Jarred is still finding his way but a few of us old fogies will enjoy having a young strong back to help.

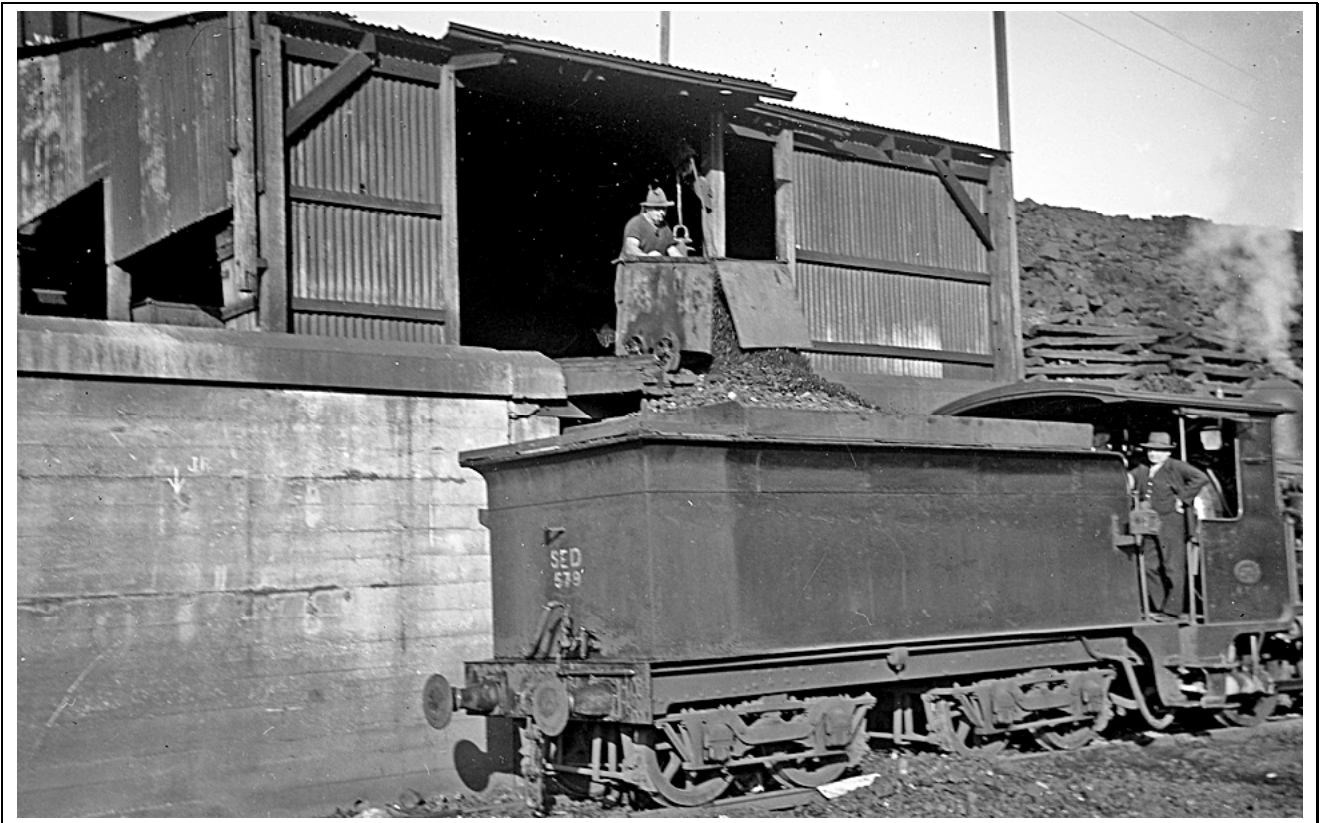
The restored Tamper Section Car was finally commissioned and operated giving rides for the first time on the Family Fun Day.

With the cooler and dryer weather, the track maintenance works are making some real progress – thanks to John Kennedy and helpers.

For the latter part of July, Dennis Sheehan will be on leave and his role will be covered by Andrew Simpson and Ross Carter.

That's it for now folks.

Phil



Wooloongabba (above) in a bygone era: PB15 (4-6-0) 572 manual coaling, 30 May 1950. Rockhampton (below): B18 1/4 (4-6-2) 891 Second Division Southbound, 8 February 1955. Garth Fraser photographer. A large number of Garth's 1950 era images are available from the image collection on the OldRailHeritage.com web site (use Fraser as a search term).

