



Friends of Archer Park Station & Steam Tram Museum Inc

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TRAM TRACKS

Date Claimers

2015

23 August – Family Fun Day

21 September – School Holiday Program

28 September – School Holiday Program

25 October – Family Fun Day

Friends of Archer Park

President:

Vice President: Dennis Sheehan

Treasurer: Ross Carter 0407 038 065

Secretary: Helen Hansson

Museum Coordinator: Janice Seymour

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, 26 August 2015.**

Philip John Augustine

11/8/1939-1/7/2015

Members of the Friends of Archer Park Station & Tram Museum have been greatly saddened by the passing of their President Philip (Phil) Augustine on the 1 July 2015.

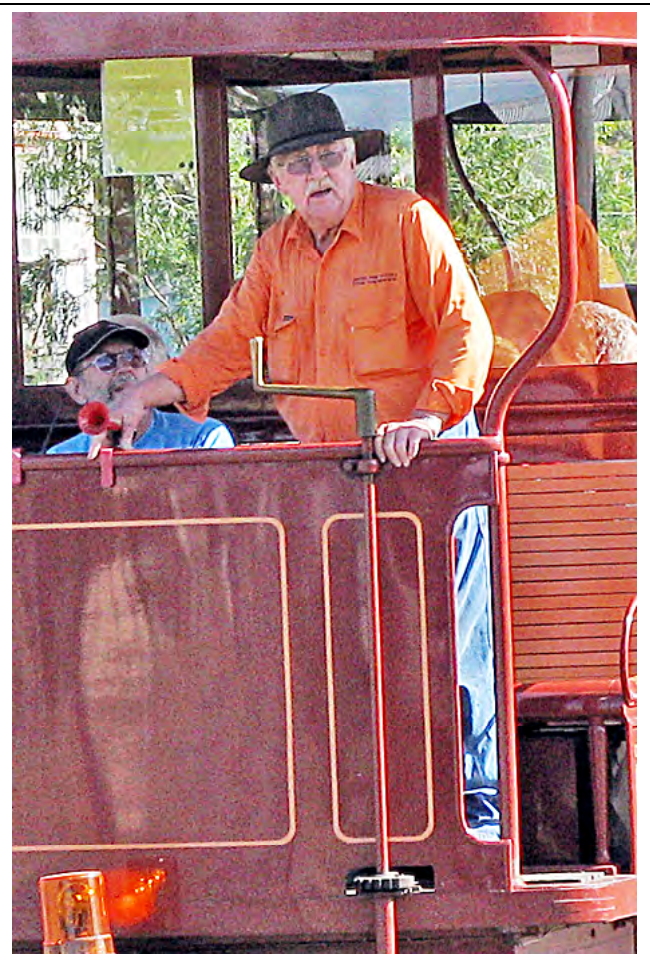
Phil joined APRM as a volunteer in 2002 and from that time his dedication has been evidenced by the 100% commitment to Archer Park and to the members who have become his friends and coworkers.

Phil's work background of 45 years as a career engineer with Queensland Rail possibly set the stage for his consuming interest in Archer Park.

Certainly the input of knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and a practical personality have assisted in the progress and achievements of Archer Park over recent years.

Phil has served as general volunteer, Secretary, Track Supervisor, President and mentor. He has attended conferences on behalf of FAPRM (often at his own expense) and the knowledge gained both formally and informally at such conferences has been of considerable benefit to Archer Park.

We say thank you Phil for your wonderful contribution to Friends of Archer Park and to the Central Queensland Community.



Phil during the Centenary celebrations, 7 June 2009.

Well done Philip John Augustine

Rest in Peace

Around the Museum

Projects/Grants

Steps to Diesel: the new steps for the Diesel are now installed and look good – much safer.

Broken Signal: arm was replaced by John Kennedy and Jason with a cherry picker on 2 June.

DEHP Grant: Stage and Audio have commenced installing with the speakers now up and sounding great. The remainder of the soundscape will take a while as we are waiting on staff to return from holidays.

RRC Community Assistance Grant: Carpet and colours of upholstery & wood stain have been chosen. Work commenced on 13 July 2015 and thanks to Jim, Gary & Mathew for working so hard to get the seats and carpet out of the carriages. We have had to hire a carpenter to prepare the floors for the carpets and the clean up job is huge – so thanks to those volunteers who are helping out. Completion date is planned as 20th August 2015 but we hope to have the job finished sooner! This refurbishment to the carriages will make the exhibit of a higher standard for the future which will make all the hard work worth it.

Control Panel from QR

Queensland Rail has donated the Main Control Panel from Cabin A. QR was very keen to keep this item in Rockhampton and we accepted the donation which is currently sitting out in the RRC Igloo.

This was the main Control Panel that ran traffic in Rockhampton for many years. I am now in the process of looking for a suitable grant to have a project to refurbish it and build suitable framework for it to sit on. Whilst it is still being decided it is possible it will sit on the platform on the southern end of the old signal box – to have heritage and modern close together.

You will note an advertisement for CQ Cranes in this edition of the newsletter as a thank you to them for kindly providing staff, semi-trailer and crane to move the control panel to the igloo – at no cost to Archer Park Rail Museum. Thanks guys!

Sub-Committee For Museum Exhibits

We have created this committee and its first meeting was on Tuesday 14th July. The meeting went exceedingly well and will meet again on

Tuesday 28 July. Ideas and information was shared and plans on moving forward with the group work to sort current donations not yet being used as exhibits and also a visit to the Igloos is on the cards.

Discussions about minor changes and rearrangements will continue as we work out the various options.

Activities

Our June Family Fun Day went very well with 373 visitors in the 4 hours we were open and the School Holiday Activities also had good numbers. We are now getting ready for the next Family Fun Day on 23 August 2015.

During the build up to the June Family Fun Day Bill Head and I did a couple of radio interviews highlighting Archer Park as well as our need for volunteers from which we had a few enquiries about volunteering.

Visitors to the Museum

Our numbers of visitors to the Museum have maintained to around the same as they did for the same time last year which is good to see. For those who are interested I note that IVS (International Visitor Survey) data to year ending March 2015 has today revealed an increase of 16% visitor growth to the Southern Great Barrier Reef destination which includes the Capricorn region (Rockhampton, Capricorn Coast, Central Highlands) compared to the previous year.

Work for the Dole

Unfortunately our work for the dole organisation we were working with lost its contract and we are now in the process of setting up a new group. This group will take over where Jason left off cleaning up and getting our car park gardens which run a full block wide looking good. Lots of work and we are glad to have NEATO on board!

Track Supervisor


In the absence of Phil Augustine we have needed to appoint a new Track Supervisor – which will be John Kennedy. Thank you John for stepping up to this position.

Janice Seymour



Signal arm being fixed following Cyclone Marcia damage.

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