

BACKGROUND

The Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum has been setup by a small group of volunteers lead by Chairman Phil Youd, to tell the story and to “keep the memory alive” of the NASA Carnarvon Tracking Station and OTC Satellite Earth Station.

Since opening in 2012 it has become Carnarvon’s number one tourist destination and has been physically and financially growing. We greatly rely on entrance fees to pay all of our bills, but we have also been able to attract some local and state government funding. This includes grants to re-roof a building, install a 30kw solar power system, and to assist in building our Mercury Redstone Rocket.

Our caretakers and volunteers over the years have all been wonderful people, and without them we could not open daily. They welcome visitors, keep the museum clean, even do some gardening! Each caretaker couple brings their previous work experience and enhances the museum.

This year we will be dedicating a newly built replica of the NASA Fountain that was designed and built by Tracking Station engineer Monte Sala. It proudly stood at the entrance of the station until its closure. Then it was transferred to the town centre, but was later destroyed by vandals.

The new fountain is almost an exact replica. The only difference is that the new is made from marine grade stainless steel, the original from copper. We believe the new fountain will remain looking great for many years to come.

