

The Village Clarion



Friends of the Loxton Historical Village Newsletter No. 17 October-December 2009

Three months have passed and very little space left to mention any more than highlights! Congratulations to all who helped prepare our submission to the Riverland Tourism Awards, as we received a Gold Merit Award for Heritage and Cultural Tourism. Well done!



The new toilet block is nearly complete, thanks to Allan Hucks and his band of volunteers. I heard someone say recently "it looks too good to be a toilet with its bullnose verandah"

This progress has not come without pain and injury, as our President Melvin Fielke recovers from severe injuries resulting from a fall in September. Special thoughts also go out to Sid Schober who is also recovering to better health.

At the end of September Bronwyn Edwards and Richard Wood attended a two day course in Collections MOSAiC Plus at the Mallee Tourist and Heritage Centre in Pinnaroo.



Our picture above, courtesy of Sally-Anne Whittington, shows course participants, seated,

Thanks to Allan Hucks, the Village had three Farmall tractors on display at the Loxton Show. Our picture (courtesy of Callie Nickolai) shows the front row of the display of excellently restored local tractors. The three Village Farmalls can be seen with Laurie Mann and Lance Pech in the background. In the foreground Kevin Lill is admiring a restored McCormick -Deering with Waikerie restorer Trevor Kleeman.

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(from left) Glenys Boseley and Enid Wurfel (MTHC), Bronwyn Edwards and Richard Wood , (LHV) Julie Bennett and Heather Maynard from the Lameroo Museum.

MOSAic is a data base computer program built to help museums like ours manage our collections more efficiently.

Diary Dates

Friends of the Village meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3pm in the Village Institute.

Management Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5.15pm in the Council Committee Room.

Friends of the Village Bus Trip to the Millewa Museum - Saturday October 31 . Details Ed Davey.

Friends of the Village End of Year Dinner: Monday November 30 at Loxton Sporting Club. RSVP to Shirley by Monday 23rd November



Below: Phil Baillie is concentrating on "catching" the Quad motor (to go forward) with an appreciative group of young passengers.



Village Alive Day Saturday October 3rd 2009.
Village mayoral couple Barry and Rita Searle came fully dressed for the occasion.

Left: Rita and Barry at the Pie Card with Jean Philby and Bonnie Farr.

Below left: Rita revealed a well kept secret, her "long johns" still retained a good measure of decorum!



Right: Clinton Scholz had a packed house each time he demonstrated how to shear a sheep.



Above: Popular Murray pioneer cartoon artist Brian Todd (alias DDot) with his bluegrass banjo. Brian included the Village Alive Day in his school holiday activities through the Riverland.



Left: Food is an important part of the program! Deb Schiller, Ed Davey and Amelia Candy were kept busy at the BBQ.



Above: Merv Gladigau showing an interested group of visitors in the Clarion shop how he prints those very classy Alive Day Souvenir Cards



Above: Ron Menz' "tennis ball" clock was popular with spectators of all ages at the Alive Day.

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