

The Village Clarion



Friends of the Loxton Historical Village Newsletter No. 15 April-June 2009

Editorial

Readers may have noticed that the last two *Clarions* were bi-monthly, and now this one is the first quarterly edition. This doesn't indicate a lack of material to publish, it means the Editor has had too much on his plate and considers a quarterly edition is more realistic. One of the challenges will be managing the "Diary Dates" section, as upcoming events could miss inclusion.

Steady progress is being made at the Village on our listed projects over the past two months. Of special note has been the progress on the workshop extensions which has involved clearing the site of a lot of "ironmongery", removal of a large tree and fabrication of steel work. Good news! Site preparation is now underway on the new toilets!

Our bus trip to the National Historical Machinery Association rally at Murray Bridge on April 4 was a special highlight for those who were able to attend. The range of restored vehicles, machines and engines was a sight to behold, and I didn't see it all in the time available.

Our Village Alive day on Easter Sunday was very successful, thanks to a big effort by our volunteers, a visit from the Singer Car Club and the provision of excellent weather, as our selected pictures show.



The English Fordson is being loaded on Dean Schubert's truck. It has been transported to Clare for restoration.

This tractor was recently collected by FOV member Dean Schubert, who has undertaken to restore it to working order for us. More interesting information on this unit has come to light as an excited Dean informed me that it spent most of its working life as the shunt tractor at the Wunkar railway siding. So we learn it has more relevance to the village than we thought!

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Looking ahead, we celebrate History Week (May 27-29) with another "Village comes to Town". Volunteers will be needed to run this event, so please mark your diary. Please note also the change of date for our Disaster Preparedness workshop arranged by the History Trust, now scheduled for June 23rd -24th at the Village.

Some of our regular volunteers including Ross Coombs and Shirley Gibbs are currently away, so we need to try and "backfill" and also try to add more keen ones to our Friends list. Ross will be keen to see some progress with the Exhibit signs featured in the previous *Clarion*.

Finally, a special welcome to Penny Smith, Community Development Officer with Loxton Waikerie Council. The Historical Village will be "under Penny's wing" while Des is on higher duties.

Diary Dates

History Week activities May 22nd—31st.

Full details are in the SA History Week booklet at the Council Office.

The Village comes to Town Wednesday May 27 to Friday May 29, 10am-4pm, Pie Cart and Carousel in East Terrace

Village and the Pines promotional ticket- Friday 22nd to Sunday 31st May.

Loxton Launch of History Week—Tuesday May 26th, 4.30 till 8pm at The Pines Historical Home & Garden.

Village Alive Day Sunday June 7th

History Trust of SA Disaster Preparedness Workshop—June 23rd-24th at the Village.

Friends of the Village meetings are regularly held on the second Thursday of each month at 4pm in the Village Institute

Loxton Historical Village Management Committee meets monthly (on the fourth Tuesday) at 5.15pm in the Council Committee Room.



**WOOD FAMILY
WEDDING
IN BEAUTIFUL
VILLAGE
SETTING**

Saturday April 18



*Margot's
Dad & Re-
ception MC,
Richard still
remembers
how to tie a
tie!*



*The newlyweds,
Margot and Tim Smythe*



*Under age drink driver
trying out one of the
Village antique
vehicles*



**Village Alive Day
Easter Sunday**
*Left: George Harvey on
duty collecting fares on
the Carousel.*



*Right: Cars from the
Singer Car Club
paraded the main street.*

*Below: Lorraine Pech
and Raelene Gladigau
were serving in the Pie
Cart.*



*Right:
The FOV bus tour
to the National
Historic
Machinery Field
Day pictured at
Nildottie on our
return journey.
Some more
pictures hopefully
in the next
Clarion!*

