

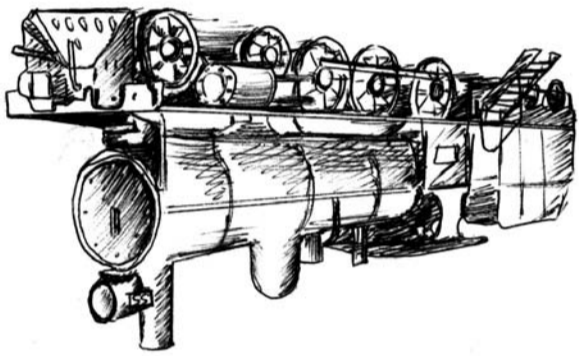
2009 VILLAGE ALIVE DAYS Saturday October 3



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Loxton Historical Village

Contact Details

Description

The General Store opens its doors for business and the smell of freshly baked bread wafts through the air as children sing in the schoolroom and the blacksmith is heard clanging in the distance.

As you walk down the main street of the Loxton Historical Village it is easy to imagine this happening with over 30 fully furnished buildings and exhibits to explore.

Loxton's unique Historical Village is situated on the riverfront at Loxton in the Riverland of South Australia, adjacent to Loxton's main shopping area.

The Historical Village is a must to see, it will bring back memories of an era past and will educate children on how life used to be back in their grandparents and great grandparents time.

History

The project started with the building of the pine and pug hut by the branch of the National Trust in 1970. The seventy five year old building is similar to Loxton's first building, known as "Loxton's Hut" and occupied by William Charles Loxton from 1878 to 1881, when he was a boundary rider on Bookpurnong Station. Next to the existing hut is the "old pepper tree" planted by William Loxton.

A farming complex centred around the hut and village street were then added. Farm buildings have been modelled in the likeness of original buildings around the district and include a pine slab shearing shed, stable and barn built of mallee stumps. Other buildings include a 1920's style garage organised and built with the help of the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club, a fully equipped blacksmith's shop, a beautiful stone Pioneer Memorial Chapel designed and furnished with the assistance of the Ministers Fraternal. A bank once used at Geranium, a general store and school from Alawoona and a railway station from Yinkanie, complete with an old RX engine, have all been rebuilt at the Village. There are over 25 buildings in the Village which was officially opened by the Premier of SA The Hon. D.A. Dunstan M.P. Q.C. on Sunday, September 2nd 1973 and a mallee stump weighing one and half tonnes carries the plaque commemorating the opening.

Dates

Open Hours

10am to 4pm Monday to Friday

10am to 5pm Weekends

Open for extended hours in most school holidays and public holidays. See Contact Details for information on how to contact the Historical Village to find information on opening hours.

Village Alive Days

Throughout the year the Loxton Historical Village holds special 'Village Alive Days' which provide working exhibits, adding colour to the static displays, switching on the imagination of being transported to another time. Village Alive Days are usually held in April, June and September of each year.



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Map & Information

- 1.** Entrance Building
Constructed by the Rotary Club of Loxton in 1976 and opened by the Governor General, Sir John Kerr. Purchase refreshments and souvenirs here.
- 2.** Pioneer Memorial Chapel
This beautiful stone building was constructed in 1971 and the Loxton Ministers Fraternal assisted with the design. It is furnished with items from a number of churches throughout the district.
- 3.** General Store
Previously the Alawoona Store (a small township 34 kms south-east of Loxton), it was shifted to the Village in 1972 and, like most country stores in the early 1900's, it conducted the Post Office and PMG Exchange as well as catering for most of the needs of local residents. Originally built in 1910.
- 4.** Bank
This building was moved to the Village intact from the Mallee town of Geranium in August 1973, only months after it was closed as an agency for the Lameroo branch of the Bank of Adelaide.
- 5.** Bakery
The Bakery is a replica of the original bake house in Loxton. The oven is an original farm bake oven from an old homestead on the river.
- 6.** Barber Shop
Constructed in 1977 along with the bakery, the barber shop has been furnished with hairdressing equipment and displays from all over South Australia.
- 7.** Saddlery Shop
Replica of Klingberg's Saddlery Shop, well known in Loxton's early days. Saddle making is still carried on in this building.
- 8.** Blacksmith
Limestone building containing a comprehensive collection of equipment used by various blacksmiths in the district during the early 1900's.
- 9.** Implement Shed
The largest building in the Village, it displays many machines and implements commonly used in farming in the district.
- 10.** Carpenter's Workshop
Constructed of materials from numerous old buildings in Loxton including the floor of the Loxton Institute, the carpentry shop features a home-made lathe built from a tractor and machinery parts.
- 11.** Thatched Shed
This type of construction was commonly used for the housing of machinery as well as making an ideal storage area for hay and feed.
- 12.** Pine and Pug Hut
The first building reconstructed in the Village, it is almost exactly the same as the hut built by Loxton's first settler, William Charles Loxton, after whom the town was named, who settled next to the existing building under the large pepper tree.
- 13.** Cellar
Stone from the original Loxton Hospital was used in the construction of the cellar which was used to store perishables and anything requiring cool conditions.
- 14.** Stump Barn
An ingenious utilization of otherwise useless materials cleared off early farms. The stumps were stacked to form walls for sheds and provided inexpensive storage areas.
- 15.** Windmill, Tank and Trough
Artesian water was in abundance in the Mallee and the wind provided a constant source of energy. These constructions show the methods of water utilization by early settlers.
- 16.** Stable
Constructed of pine and mallee uprights obtained from old stables on a local property. Near the stable is a chaff cutter driven by a horse whim, one of the very few left in working order in Australia.
- 17.** Shearing Shed
Replica of early shearing sheds complete with wool press, classing table and shearing equipment. This shearing shed is one of the oldest buildings in the village and is a true symbol of the Aussie way of life and is a must see if you are visiting the village.
- 18.** Pump House
Constructed of pine slabs taken from a house built in 1903, the pump house contains an old Blackstone engine and a pump used when lack of wind in the summer stalled windmills.
- 19.** Fire Station
This building contains the best exhibition of fire equipment outside the metropolitan area and includes three restored fire appliances, including a horse drawn vehicle. The fire siren is sounded each day at 12 noon.
- 20.** Garage
The 1920 styled garage was designed with the help of the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club and is used by the club to work on and display some of their fascinating old cars, tools and many items associated with the pioneering days of the motor industry.
- 21.** Institute
Used to display articles requiring security, it is insulated to protect books, photos and papers of historic value. Like all early country Institutes, this building provides rooms for visiting doctors, solicitors and accountants.
- 22.** Dental Display
One of the most comprehensive displays of old dental equipment in Australia. The equipment has been provided by the South Australian Museum and the South Australian Dental Association.
- 23.** Solicitor's Rooms
Furnishings, books and records from Loxton's first solicitor, E H Hechler who practiced in the town from the early 1900's until his death in 1973.
- 24.** Clarion Office
Contains old printing machines, newspapers, as well as photos of the early settlement of Loxton and surrounding districts. The Clarion was Loxton's first newspaper.
- 25.** Telephone Exchange
The building was originally located at Paringa while the switchboard came from Moorook where it was used from 1935 till 1974.
- 26.** F & G Kroeger
Contains a comprehensive display of phonographs, radios and early electrical equipment.
- 27.** Cell
The cell of the original Alawoona Police Station demonstrating the obvious discomfort inmates would have experienced.
- 28.** Stationary Motor Display
A display of fixed engines from throughout history.
- 29.** Railway Station
Transported from Yinkanie, a siding 32 kilometers west of Loxton, in 1975 when the station was closed. Beside it stands an old RX engine No. 55 built in South Australia in 1911 and used on local services.
- 30.** Cottage
This building is the second stage dwelling after pine and pug huts and before the ultimate of a stone dwelling. Constructed of timber and corrugated iron, its furnishings and fittings are typical of those during the era 1900-1920.
- 31.** School
A small country school building, previously used in two small towns near Loxton. The building, fully furnished with desks, blackboard and school equipment, was dismantled and rebuilt by Loxton Historical Village Society members.
- 32.** Flag
The flag which is raised and lowered each day is the flag used by river vessels during the paddle steamer era.
- 33.** Museum Building
This old school building contains various exhibits including hospital equipment, a collection of lamps and photographic equipment.
- 34.** Yabby Pond
A storage for irrigated water. Often filled with storm water and stocked with yabbies.
- 35.** Nissen Hut
Typical of the original housing used by settlers granted 'blocks' after WWII, this corrugated iron hut has been furnished to show the living conditions of the early 'blockies'.
- 36.** Railway Siding
Believed to be from Veitch for delivery of parcels and collection of produce.
- 37.** Lock Cranes
The restored, hand-operated crane and first motorized model were used at Lock 4 during its early operation.
- 38.** Drying Racks
These racks, along with hot and cold dips were used in the drying of fruits.
- 39.** Pump House
Typical of the 'block' pump house with water wheel and meter to measure water usage. The 30m open channel demonstrates the original irrigation distribution.
- 40.** Cutting Shed
Corrugated iron sheds filled with hand-cutters were the 1st stage of the dried fruit industry. The sulphur boxes were used to preserve the fruit before drying 'on the green'.
- 41.** Irrigated Block
This area has been planted with older style vines and a variety of stone fruit trees and citrus.
- 42.** Sulphur Box
This box has been a very big part of the districts fruit growing history. When growers could afford it they would build their own solid brick sulphur houses like this one.
- 43.** Myrla Railway Phone Shed
The Shed has been moved from a site at Myrla to the Village to demonstrate the importance of communication.
- 44.** Tractor Shed
This new exhibit houses a collection of tractors and block implements dating from the 1920's. Several have been fully restored.
- 45.** Pump and Motor
The original pump and motor were used at the Loxton Irrigation and Pumping station.

