

The Village Clarion



LOXTON COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP

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ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE

Once again, the Village Volunteers have been busy upgrading displays, keeping the Village clean and making it the “best Historical display ever” (a quote from a visitor to the Village last month).



THE LONG AGRICULTURE SHED

As was stated in our last Newsletter, the Long Agriculture Shed is now fully displayed.

With great new signs telling the history or uses of different items and machinery on display, all large machines are now accessible to the public and tell the story of how our pioneer farmers worked the land.



CONTINUING TRACTOR MAINTENANCE

As previously reported, enthusiastic Volunteers are continuing the maintenance on our collection of tractors. Some of these have not been started (or even moved) for years but are now on the move and were included in the great tractor parade that was held on Alive Day at Easter.

Visitors have been pleasantly surprised on odd occasions to see one of these antique vehicles chugging up and down the main street in the Village as each one is tested once maintenance has been completed.

Thanks to our keen Volunteers who intend keeping these machines in working order and mobile for years to come.



THE ORCHARD, FRUIT & PRESERVING

A big thank you to those who responded to our request for preserving jars, etc. We now have a good collection of jars, lids and rings and two preserving outfits. One of these will be put to good use while the other will be placed on display.

Of course, there is always fresh seasonal fruit available for visitors to eat as they stroll around the Village thanks to Jim West and others for their work in the Orchard.



FIRE STATION DISPLAY

Just recently, there has been quite a lot of activity in the Fire Station to provide a better viewing of that area.

Currently, it is a work in progress but will eventually allow visitors to see more items pertaining to the Emergency Fire Service uses—some devices and machines are well over 100 years old.



EASTER ALIVE DAY

Once again, a very successful day with a lot of activities to keep everyone happy. As mentioned before, the tractor parade was great fun (many of the drivers asked to drive the tractors enjoyed the task so much it was difficult to get them off the machines!)



Despite the dust storm, all those who attended enjoyed the spectacle and dear old Patsy plodded steadily

up and down the main street bringing joy to all who rode in the carriage.



COMPOUND CLEANUP

Prior to Alive Day, the compound was cleared of any rubbish that had been accumulating over the years and thanks to those busy Volunteers it is now very accessible and items that had been hidden for years are now available to use for improvements around the Village.



NOVITA VOLUNTEERS

In the past couple of months, we have had the wonderful help of Volunteers from Novita. They have worked enthusiastically in the garden (with advice from Helen Hobbs) and helped in cleaning some sites. It has been a wonderful help to improve these areas and they finish their work each time with a barbecue lunch.

We thank them so much for their efforts.



FAREWELL LORYN

As most people are aware, Loryn has resigned from the position of Co-Ordinator to begin a new phase in her life. With mixed feelings, Loryn will complete her duties at the Village mid-July to begin family duties.

We sadly say 'goodbye' but wish her all the best in her new role at home and thank her for all she has done in her time at the Village.

*Our new Coordinator will be announced in the next few weeks.



OUR NEXT ALIVE DAY

The next Alive Day will be held on Saturday, September 6th celebrating 100 years since the construction of the Yinkanie Railway Line. We would love to hear from anyone who can give us information (or photographs) on this particular line to make it a day to remember.



GARDEN DAY AT THE VILLAGE

Our annual Garden Day will be on Tuesday October 14th this year during the Riverland Rose and Garden Week. Garden preparations are beginning now and on the day we will be serving Devonshire Tea and hosting Jetty Baks from Pinnaroo with her beautiful displays and demonstrations of native floral art.

We also hope to have Garden themed stalls and plant sales.

Volunteers on the day would be most appreciated. See Helen Hobbs if you can help out in any way. Many thanks.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a quick reminder that the AGM for the Village (Loxton Community Heritage Group) will be held on THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

More details to follow....



LAUGH A MINUTE

Q: What are dog biscuits made from?

A: Collie flour.

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The police came to my house earlier and said that my dog had chased somebody on a bike. I said: "you must be joking officer, my dog doesn't have a bike."

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The Gentleman's guide: being male is a matter of birth, being a man is a matter of age, being a gentleman is a matter of choice.

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Old age is

...when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.

... having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his Doctor instead of by the police.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.