

# The Village Clarion



LOXTON COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP

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## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW CO-ORDINATOR: - BARB GREENSLADE -

Barb joined us a few weeks  
prior to the Alive Day.



## ALIVE DAY—YINKANIE CELEBRATIONS

Once again, our Alive Day was a very successful day enjoyed by the visitors who attended.

The Yinkanie Line Book was presented on the day during the celebrations of the 100 years of the Yinkanie railway line



opening. Many people who lived in the small towns along this line attended the presentation and heard speeches from the LWDC Mayor Trevor Norton and the author of the book: Dylan Badenoch (left).

Most of the attendees had stories to tell - adding history to the day with enthusiasm.

Once again, Patsy and the traditional Tractor Parade were well received and very popular.



## LCHG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following on from the Alive Day the AGM for the Loxton Community Heritage Group Inc was held .

As mentioned in the past, the Loxton Historical Village has joined The Pines and LoxStory (Loxton's Archives Group) under the LCHG Incorporation and a Board of Management for these three groups was elected at the AGM.

These Members met the following week to elect the Executive positions and to discuss operations of both the Village and the Pines in the future.

The nine Committee Members are:

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| Paul Kaesler | Chairman      |
| Richard Wood | Vice-Chairman |
| Lyn Qualmann | Secretary     |
| Trevor Noble | Treasurer     |

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| And | Jill Clifford   |
|     | Rosie Hahn      |
|     | Peter Magarey   |
|     | Roselyn Sincock |
|     | Vicki Williams  |

Congratulations to those who were elected.



## MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

Because of this unique joint operation, it was decided at the AGM to increase the Membership costs to include a visit to the Pines - therefore a Single Membership per annum is now \$20. This includes one visit to the Pines (Sundays at 2pm); unlimited admission to the Loxton Historical Village (including Alive Days); regular Newsletters (by email) about what is happening at the Village, the Pines and other fun things. It also allows voting rights at the AGM - giving the ability to sit on the Management Board if you wish, (which gives the chance to vote on topics of concern).

Family Membership (2 Adults and school-age children) will remain \$35 for unlimited admission to the Village; Newsletters and voting rights (but does not include a visit to the Pines).



## SPECIAL GARDEN DAY - Tues 14th October

The next upcoming event at the Village is our Special Garden Day, where there will be floral demonstrations by Jetty Baks, Devonshire Tea all day from 11am to 4pm & light lunch available. There will also be locals crafts and plants for sale. (See flyer on next page)



## FUND-RAISING BINGO NIGHT—20th November

The Village is always being preserved, added to (with articles from the past relating to the Riverland) or being re-organized, or in need of better facilities to display items that have been hidden away or recently donated. To do this we apply for Grants or fundraise. One of these intentions is to preserve the Rx55 Engine at the Village. The quote to do this is huge, therefore we need to raise funds to complete the exercise.

For this purpose, there is a Bingo Night Fund-Raiser for the Village coming up on Thursday, 20th November at the Loxton Club. Help is needed to support this event as follows:

- ◆ Provide supper (sandwiches, cakes or slices)
- ◆ Provide prizes for a raffle
- ◆ Sell raffle tickets OR
- ◆ Attend and play Bingo on the night.

If you are able to help in any of these ways, please leave your name and phone number at the Village and Rosie Hahn will be in touch.



## OTHER HAPPENINGS AT THE VILLAGE

During the last few weeks, Volunteers have worked in the shelter area between the Tractor and Transport Sheds. The Schaeffer plane and its propellor are now displayed well and the large Trolley has had its “gates” restored to show how hay was held and transported.

The same team of Volunteers have now restored more tractors to working order and these are well displayed in the Tractor Shed. Some of these were driven in the traditional tractor parade at our last Alive Day making a very good display on the day.

It is hoped to have more information about individual tractors and where and why they were used in the near future.

Note from Curator: Although there is quite a lot of information already recorded, we are always happy to receive further stories from relatives of donors on any items that are on display in the Village.



## EXCITING NEWS!! WE NEED YOUR VOTE by 29th September



We are excited to announce that our “Volunteers preserving SA’s rural history” story has been recognised as one of the top 20 stories from the last 12 months, across regional SA. This has been selected through Regional Showcase Awards, which is a program that runs all year long and celebrates the achievements of individuals, groups and businesses that have made significant contributions to regional SA.

<https://www.indaily.com.au/.../volunteers-preserving-sas...>

The story with the most votes will be crowned this year’s 2025 People’s Choice Award winner. We encourage you to please vote now for our story, and share this wonderful news with your network. Thank you ☺

<https://solsticemedia.com.au/regional-showcase/vote/>  
Voting closes Monday, 29 September 2025.



## LAUGH A MINUTE

Q. What did the two melons say to each other?  
A. Too bad we cantaloupe!

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Q: How do hair stylists speed up their job?  
A: They take short cuts!

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Q: Why did the pony get sent to his room?  
A: He wouldn't stop horsing around.

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