

# The Village Clarion



LOXTON COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP

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The last three months have been an emotional rollercoaster for the Village. After our busy time, we had resumed a 'normal' routine with cleaning, maintenance and continuing work on the Railway line.

The sad news of our friend and volunteer Tony Hucks' passing was a great loss to the Historical Village.

**TONY HUCKS**  
RIP  
PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY - 18/8/2024  
AGED 74

Tony was a valuable, long serving volunteer of our Historical Village. He had a great deal of passion and skills that have helped maintain and enhance our Village in so many ways, over the years. All this he gained from his father Allan, who also sadly passed away just 12 months ago.

Tony was always a friendly and great guy to work with, who was much loved, and will be sadly missed.

Taken way too soon.  
† RIP Tony

Our deepest sympathy goes to all the family, and his best friend, Coralie

Tony was involved in so many projects at the Village and we are constantly reminded of his involvement in the electrical works, the lighting of the various sites, the thatching of the roofs and the fire engines that he drove on Alive Days. He is sadly missed.



## HAPPY RETIREMENT JULIE

This posting on Facebook was to wish our Coordinator Julie Noble "Happy Retirement"!

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Happy Retirement Julie

Julie Noble has been working at the Village for the past 8 years, and has been our Village Coordinator for the past 5 years!

Julie has been a wonderful asset to our Village, to help bring it to the proud Loxton tourist icon it is today!

Whilst Julie has retired from her role as Coordinator, you'll still see her around helping out from time to time!

Village Coordinator  
2019 - 2024

THANK YOU!  
Julie 😊

Julie was given a "thank you" morning tea on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of her working time at the Village when she, in turn, thanked the Volunteers for their support. The ladies who work in the Entrance Shop on weekends celebrated Julie's retirement with Julie at the Riverland Wine Centre as well.



Although Julie has retired from her role as Coordinator, she has not entirely "left the building" as she will be changing to a volunteer's role and helping out from time to time in the future. A BIG THANK YOU Julie for all you have done in the past! May you enjoy your relaxing retirement!



## WELCOME LORYN

As Julie retires, the Loxton Community Heritage Group welcomes her successor Loryn Taylor who has won the position of Coordinator for the Village. Loryn worked with Julie for three weeks during changeover to learn the ropes and is now facing the job with enthusiasm.



Welcome Loryn, may you enjoy your position and find it all that you would hope for and more!



## THE VILLAGE AGM

As mentioned before, the month of August has been a month of mixed emotions and a lot of changes have taken place. The Historical Village (under the umbrella of the

Loxton Community Heritage Group Inc) held its Annual General Meeting when a new Management Committee was selected.

This year's election was a unique one as there are now two other Committees working under the umbrella of the LCHG: The Pines Committee and the Archives Group – LoxStory. This has posed quite a few questions on 'how to conduct elections' and 'how to run the Heritage Group' as well as 'who makes decisions for each group?' It was resolved at the AGM to conduct separate elections for the three committees but each of these committees will delegate representatives to form the Loxton Community Heritage Group Board.

That night, the Loxton Historical Village Management Committee was elected and those members are as follows:

Paul Kaesler (Chairman – delegate of LCHG Inc)  
 Peter Magarey (Vice Chairman)  
 Trevor Noble (Treasurer and delegate of LCHG Inc)  
 Roselyn Sincock (Secretary)

Rosie Hahn Lance Pech  
 Vicki Williams Richard Wood  
 Helen Hobbs Grant Chapman  
 Coralie Porter  
 Loryn Taylor (ex officio – Minute Secretary)

We thank these members for their services and wish them well for their commitment in the following year.



### NEW LIFE MEMBER: RICHARD WOOD

Another pleasurable announcement made at the AGM was the award of Life Membership to Richard Wood who has been a faithful volunteer to the Historical Village for many years. He was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Chairman Paul Kaesler. Congratulations Richard on your achievement.



### WORKING ON THE RAILWAY

Richard and several other volunteers have been working for months on upgrading the railway line, the Railway Station and Railway displays. The main rail line has been completed and work is now being done on the display area where some lines need to be replaced to allow



housing for the Section and Quad cars which are currently being repaired for use (photo left – working on the Fairmont engine). Just recently, two representatives from the ONRSR (Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator) came to discuss the possibility of the Section Car and Quad Car being operated on the new line during Alive Days. This means a series of processes before it can be achieved and the two reps advised on what needs to be done. Early days yet, but keep watching this space!

### THE SECOND 'ALIVE DAY' FOR 2024

Please note that our 'Alive Day' will be held on Saturday, **October 26<sup>th</sup>** combining with the Riverland Rose & Garden Festival. It is advertised in the Garden book as: **Loxton Historical Village Alive and Garden Day.**

Volunteers are working hard to have the gardens around the Village in top shape for the Festival and the Village will be open every day during the Festival from 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive.



We are calling for more volunteers to help on the day (and the day before for setting up) so if you would like to help, please contact Loryn at the Front Reception or phone 8584 7194 to give her your details.



### LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

A few 'Dad' Jokes that might make you groan and we extend no apologies for that:

Boy: "Dad, can you tell me about the solar eclipse?"

Dad: "No sun."

What do you call Grandpa in a canoe? 'Paddle Pop'

My body is like a temple: ancient, crumbling and probably haunted.

