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LOXTON HISTORICAL
VILLAGE

ALIVE DAY

10am - 4pm
EASTER SATURDAY, 30th March, 2024

Operating Exhibits; Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing
Demonstrations; Stationary Engines; Whip cracking;
Carillon Bells; Food & Market Stalls; Kids games & more ...

** Members FREE **

Adults \$12 - Conc \$10 - Child \$6 - Family \$30

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Yes, we are having another Alive Day on Easter Saturday with lots of happenings – operating exhibits, food stalls, printing demonstrations, sheep shearing, a special “Carillon Bells” Demonstration and many more items for entertainment and a parade of tractors at conclusion. Unfortunately, our regular volunteers are becoming less and less as the years go by, so we are calling for assistance in setting up for the day and in particular the packing up after the event. Anyone who is interested in helping either prior to or on the day, would be gladly welcomed.

On the Saturday, there are some tasks that are not too strenuous such as working in the Pie Cart or serving in the Shop, Bakery or relieving in the kitchen to give other Volunteers a break.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Julie (LHV Phone no.: 8584 7194).

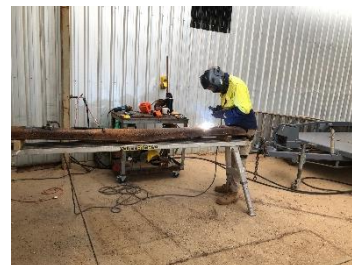
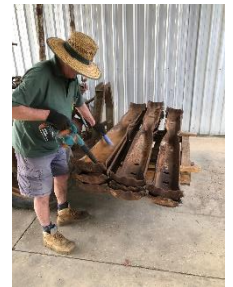
In fact, we are always looking for new volunteers with new skills and/or are willing to learn. Times worked are your own choice and the Village is open from Tuesdays to Sundays – volunteers are welcome at any time and it can be a lot of fun! Morning tea is held each day at 10am – come along and meet the current Volunteers and ask us questions if you want to know what it is all about.

RAILWAY SLEEPERS REPAIRED AND REPLACED

As reported in our last Newsletter, the trainline sleepers at the Village are being replaced and this work is progressing quite well. It has been noted that the Wanbi to Yinkanie line was opened in 1925 – 100 years ago next year so we are hoping to celebrate this occasion with a well repaired line.

Meanwhile work is being done to have this area almost, if not, completed by Alive Day. Working bees have been held on Wednesday mornings since November last year. Many thanks to Derrick Cross for cleaning the original steel sleepers, Neville Schubert who has been welding steel plates to the 115 sleepers reclaimed after the line was closed in 1971 and to Chris Schutz for his great work in preparing the ground for the sleepers and rails (and disposing of the rubble that was dug up). Their work and efforts have been appreciated.

**Derrick Cross cleans the
original steel sleepers from
the Wanbi to Yinkanie railway
opened in 1925**



**Neville Schubert
welding one of the
115 sleepers**

**After welding the steel plates,
the underside of each sleeper
has had bitumen paint
applied to help the 99-year-
old sleepers to live another
life at the Village**



NEW STORAGE FACILITY

As mentioned previously, the flood at the end of 2022 and early 2023 proved a mammoth task to volunteers who rallied around packing our precious items and placing them on higher ground for safety.



We are slowly but surely getting back to normal, however, the flood has given the Management Committee food for thought: "what if there is another flood and we have to do this again?" Unfortunately, the two small storage areas within the Village suffered with seepage, damp and mould and are both below the level of the river so we decided to build a storage room on higher ground. This storage unit will be built in the LHV's section of the Men's Shed (the northern end not far from the Village and much higher and safer.) To achieve this, we applied to History SA for a MaC (Museums and Collections) Grant and were awarded \$20,000 towards this project. This room will be totally sealed, dust proof and vermin proof to protect any items that need repairs or are not in use at the Village currently. And, if there is another flood, it will be large enough to house more than the number of boxes that were packed away last year. We are now in the process of preparing for this current project, and there has been a lot of activity clearing excess items and cementing the floor in readiness. Building of the Unit will begin soon – more information next Newsletter.

MARDI GRAS AMBASSADOR JIM WEST

Congratulations to Jim West, our Mardi Gras Ambassador on becoming the Senior Ambassador for 2024. Jim worked tirelessly to raise money for Mardi Gras and he led our section of Floats sitting in the Paddle Steamer with the Chevy Truck decorated with many items from the Village following closely behind in the parade. There was a competition going between the two floats as the Paddle Steamer whistle would sound and then the croaky horn of the Chevy. Those who participated in the parade enjoyed the day immensely. Our theme was "Happiness is Volunteering".



There is always something new happening at the Village and we have recently received a new display cabinet made by the Men's Shed which has been placed in the Institute. This cabinet now holds the items that were found in the Taplan Time Capsule raised in July last year.

There are lots of letters and interesting items that are now displayed behind see-through Perspex along with Characters of the Riverland – Mütter Milich, Klingberg Family and others. There is also a letter from the Mayor of Loxton 50 years ago sent to the present Mayor of Loxton Waikerie on display. This has been beautifully framed by Totally Exposed and donated by the Mayor of Loxton Waikerie District Council Trevor Norton. Anyone who is interested in reading the items found will find copies of same in a folder in the bookcase that has been installed in the Institute. Visitors are welcome to browse through these copies whenever the Village is open.



We encourage people to join as Members (Cost: \$15) which entitles them to visit the Village as often as they wish during the year (including 'Alive Days') and they will receive a Newsletter on a regular basis to keep them updated on what is happening here. We now have a Membership Card which you receive on joining (or re-joining) which can be shown each time you visit.



LAUGH A MINUTE:

It's not me who can't keep a secret.
It's the people I tell.

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court,
is it still called a hearing?

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?
He just needed a little space.

If you would like to add an article to the Newsletter please contact Co-ordinator Julie Noble: 08 8584 7194 email at: requests@thevillageloxton.com.au OR contact Roselyn Sincock: 0408 803 918 email: rosengrahs@gmail.com