

It is now 4+ years since the Loxton Community Heritage Group has managed the Loxton Historical Village and many, many things have been changed. One of the 'old' practices was to produce a Newsletter every quarter under the title as above. The Management has received many requests over the past four years to produce a Newsletter again giving information of what has been happening and what is going to happen in the future. Here it is at last!

TAPLAN TIME CAPSULE

Recently, it was time for the Taplan Time Capsule to be raised on 28th July (according to the plaque above it) and a large number of invited guests along with friends and family attended the ceremony. Two wives of the late Taplan members – Mrs D Hampel and Mrs E Obst representing Colin and Martin respectively – assisted in the opening and sorting of the contents once the large capsule had been raised by Richard Wood and Lance Pech (ex-Taplan). It was a perfect day and the visitors explored the contents on display whilst enjoying a great morning tea. Quite a number of pamphlets, items of interest and brochures from 50 years ago have now been placed in boxes on shelves in the Institute at the Village for the public to see when visiting. There were a number of hand-written letters that are in the process of being scanned and laminated so that the public can handle these copies as well and the originals will be placed along with other items of interest that were in the Capsule in a glass cabinet that is currently being made at the Men's Shed.



Sorting of time capsule contents took quite a while as they filled four long tables!

VILLAGE PHOTO BOOK \$20
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The creators of our new Village Souvenir Photo Book Peter & Carla Magarey, & Carolyn Wood

ALIVE DAY – 50TH CELEBRATIONS (A Huge Success!)

Another Alive Day under our belts, and what a day it was celebrating 50 years since the opening of the Loxton Historical Village! We estimate around 700 visitors that day – more if including all the volunteers and stall holders.

The Governor officially opened the day, launched the commemorative book, and later sashed the Mardi Gras Ambassadors. The whole atmosphere on the day was happy, with so many visitors saying they had the best day ever.

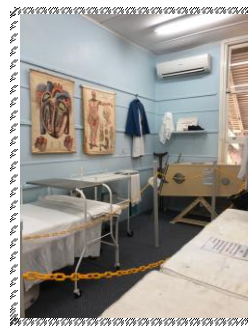


+ Sadly, just prior to the day, we said goodbye to our dear, oldest, longest serving and Life Member of the Loxton Historical Village, Allan Hucks – he will be sadly missed.

As a memorial, we are naming the stationary engines shed “The Allan Hucks Shed”, and we plan to have a special day to have the official naming and a plaque in place. More information to be given at a later date.



The Village is now springing back to life after our scare of flooding earlier in the year. Thanks to a large number of great volunteers, we were able to pack and



store many, many boxes of items that are so precious to our display and history. It has given us an opportunity to re-arrange and sort through all the sites and we are now on the road to recovery with new displays of items that have not seen the light of day for many years.

Visitors can now walk through the “Hospital” and get closer to items from the past such as the Iron Lung used during the Polio epidemic.

We are now looking to the future with great ideas developing to make the Village a more vibrant and exciting place to visit with an emphasis on bringing the past alive again to give visitors an experience to remember!

UP-COMING EVENTS:

SPECIAL GARDEN DAY -

The next special event planned is the **Rose & Garden Festival Day at the Village on Tues 24th Oct.**



We will again have amazing demonstrations by Jetty Baks creating floral arrangements using native plants. There will be a special entry fee on that day of \$6, with all-day Devonshire Tea for \$6. Sandwiches also \$6 will be available to purchase as well.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

There will also be a **Giant Garage Sale** of excess items that have been stored away for years and are no longer needed for displays. This will be held on **Saturday, November 18th** at the Men’s Shed.

This was prompted during the packing of items during the flood time – it was a good opportunity to sort through the many, many items that have been kindly donated over the past 50 years since opening. There are a number of things that have either been repeated several times or are worn through use and the LCHG Management Committee has chosen the best of the articles to display leaving quite a lot to move on.

Some items have been passed on to other Museums and some are available to the public to purchase enabling the Village to continue to improve the exhibits and to add to them as well.

PAST EVENTS THIS YEAR:



The **History Bus Tour to Taplan** earlier this year proved very popular



Coronation Celebrations
– Mardi Gras 2024
Ambassador Jim West – fund raiser



Ladies from the Victoriana Society displayed beautiful costumes from yesteryear and joined the Governor for a photo shoot.

Right: the day ended with a Parade of Tractors and other old vehicles enjoyed by visitors and drivers alike. It’s hard to say who enjoyed it more – spectators or participants!



STATISTICS:
Current Membership numbers are:
Individual Members: 96
Family Membership: 11
Individual year passes: 45
Family year passes: 26

We encourage people to join as Members (Cost: \$15) which entitles them to come to the Village as often as they wish during the year and they will receive a Newsletter on a regular basis to keep them updated on what is happening there, (or yearly passes are available for those who do not wish to receive this Newsletter or other information.)

LAUGH A MINUTE:

Now listen carefully - because I've been told not to repeat this.

When I first heard Julie Andrews sing Doh Ray Me, I thought to myself she'll go Far...

An invisible man married an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected.

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