

*Marion Historic Village
Display Group Inc.*

**Members Newsletter
March 2016**

- The Display Centre commenced in 2010 and has now been in operation a good 5 years. Initially we thought it would mostly comprise display space for old photographs and documents and we even wondered if we would fill all the available space. On this basis we registered our name as Marion Historic Village Display Group. We found that in time, as well as numerous photographic images, we had many old items of historic interest donated. So the emphasis changed slightly to include these artifacts and to display them.
- The Touchscreen is now fully operational and is proving popular. Many changes have been made, so if you are looking for something to do, or have visitors, why not call in on a Sunday afternoon, We are open 2pm to 4pm every Sunday, admission is free and the building is fully air-conditioned for your comfort.
- We decided to host a participant in the Government's "Work for the Dole Scheme". Mr Ihab Asaad has been allocated to us and is working 15 hours per week for 6 months. We have given him the job to list and register all our properties and exhibits so as to complete our records. We have a large quantity of such items and the task is slow and time consuming but Ahab is doing a good job and is popular with volunteers. We are required to supervise him at all times and to teach him various office skills to improve his chances of employment. In return we are getting an onerous task completed to our mutual advantage.
- We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in one of our grant applications so far! As a part of their study requirements, UniSA students were required to choose an organisation amongst the applicants and then in consultation with the organisation design a website and a short promotional video for that organisation. The website will be hosted free of charge by UniSA and training is offered to those who will be maintaining the website content within the organisation. We were contacted by student Milly Leung of the Magill Campus who has selected our museum from the 30 applicants and will be commencing work shortly after Easter. Watch this space!
- We are again participating in the Peoples Choice Credit Union Community Lottery and will be issued with raffle books in a few weeks. This lottery has a large number of major prizes and tickets are \$2 each. There will be a book at the Volunteers Desk and committee will each have a book. All proceeds for ticket sales are returned to the book selling charity so this is an excellent opportunity to have a chance of winning a magnificent prize and to assist the Display Centre with fund raising.
- **NEWSFLASH!** Saturday March 19 is the St Elizabeth's Church Fete! Open from 8am until 2pm there will be toys, plants, food, books, china, glassware and many more items for you to browse. The Display Centre will also be hosting a booth so come by and say Hello! 12 Dwyer Road, Oaklands Park
- History Month is looming up in May and next time I will be promoting our own activities for this event.



Until Next Time

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