

*Marion Historic Village  
Display Group Inc.*

**Members Newsletter  
May 2016**

- **May is turning out to be an exciting month for the Marion Historic Village Display Group and Museum. As you know, May is History Month and we have had an overwhelming response from the public regarding our offerings for this event.**
- **We kicked off with Sunday May 1st being our special opening in conjunction with Annie Doolan's Cottage and the Heritage Walk group. The day was made even more special with a group of two ladies and three charming young girls who were dressed in period costume and joined in the activities. At 1:30 a large group met at the museum to spend a great deal of time and interest in our display. They were then split into two groups to commence the Heritage Walk guided by David Jarman and Heather Latz respectively. Aside from these groups the Display Centre and Museum volunteers were kept well and truly on their toes with a large number of independent visitors who were drawn by our entry in the History Month catalogue. In all we played host to nearly 80 visitors during the day!**

**In addition to this exciting day we have hosted a group for 28 individuals from the Gawler Walking Group (thank you to Max Bowden and Peter Stretton) and another walking group guided by Graham Watts. Another 50 school children and their teachers have booked a visit to the Museum in June. This group will be guided by David Jarman and Raelene Telfer.**

**Also, please make time to head to Bunnings at Marion sometime this week. You will see in the entrance atrium a small display has been set up by the Display Group, at the request of Bunnings, honouring history month. Peter Stretton is to be congratulated on the fine job of designing and completing this impressive display. It will remain at Bunnings for at least this coming week and possibly longer.**

- **Our "Work for the Dole" person, Ihab Asaad has completed his contract with us and has gone on to other placements. Because of his work under the fantastic supervision of Max Bowden, we have nearly completed our assets register. We wish Ihab all the best in his future endeavours.**
- **We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in the second of our three grant applications for 2016. The Commonwealth Department of Social Services Volunteers Grant has been awarded to the Display Group. These funds will enable us to purchase a new refrigerator, microwave and hot water urn for the Museum. In turn, these assets will allow the group to expand our offerings to visitors and to make life a lot easier for the volunteers who are so generous with their time.**
- **We are again participating in the Peoples' Choice Credit Union Community Lottery and have been issued with books for sale. 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 members 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.**

