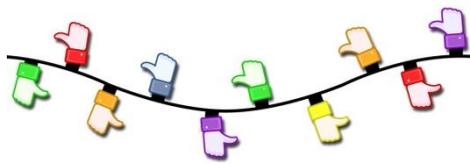


Marion Historic Village Museum

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- We have taken delivery of our Audio Tour Guide system and it had its maiden run on October 22 for the FunFest guided walk and afternoon tea hosted by Alliance member Marion Historical Society. The walk was led by Heather Latz who reported glowingly on the performance of the system. Many of the participating walkers also expressed their approval of the new set up.
- On Tuesday November 7 Mark Griffin and Cain Jefferies from Marion Council visited us at our Tuesday workshop armed with colour printouts of the planned upgrade for Finniss Street. All who attended this consultation were *very* impressed with what the planning team have come up with and many much needed improvements have been added both for safety and visually enhancing the area. We are grateful to Mark and Cain and all the planning officers in Marion Council for consulting with us prior to the proposed upgrade, taking into account or concerns regarding the historic value of the area, our "wish list" for the project and finally for making a special trip to show us the end result and explain it in detail. We are excited to see this project going ahead and look forward to a pleasing outcome.
- Request for special openings and guided walks continue to grow at the museum with scout groups, Surf Life Saving groups as well as school groups booking a time. We are extremely pleased with this and are continually looking of ways to enhance the visit for all age groups with interactive displays and work sheets tailored to specific ages. If you know of any groups who would be interested in booking a special opening or a guided walk or BOTH please direct them to our website. www.communitywebs.org/marionmuseum for information and contact details.



- If you have visited the museum lately you will have noticed that we have been working on including "Action Stations" amongst the exhibits. These are hands-on items for the benefit of the increasing number of school groups requesting organised visits and are proving VERY popular. One of the most popular is the old Imperial 66 typewriter which seems to capture the imagination of those who are

growing up in the electronics age. As a result the old ribbon in the machine was starting to run dry and the hunt was on to secure a replacement. Believe it or not, after days of searching we finally had to order a replacement ribbon from London! A company there specialises in parts and replacements for these old machines and their prices were extraordinarily reasonable.

- As reported in the last newsletter, the Committee, as part of the Project Group, had submitted an application to the Fund My Neighbourhood program for funds to implement an upgrade and beautifying project for Light Square. Unfortunately we were not successful in this campaign but we were extremely heartened to learn that this project had received 49 votes in the process. This is a wonderful tally, ranking this project about midway for Adelaide South and serves to demonstrate that many local residents support this project. We have been informed that Council has voted in favour of funding for the 2018-2019 budget so we hope to be full steam ahead by this time next year. Cheers to all who took the time to go through what proved to be a complicated and time consuming exercise to make their wishes known during this program.
- Finally, on behalf of the Committee and volunteers of the Marion Historic Village Museum we would like to wish all of you the very best for the coming Holiday Season and hopes for a peaceful and prosperous 2018.



*Until Next Time
Kathy Creer, Secretary*