

# *Marion Historic Village Museum*

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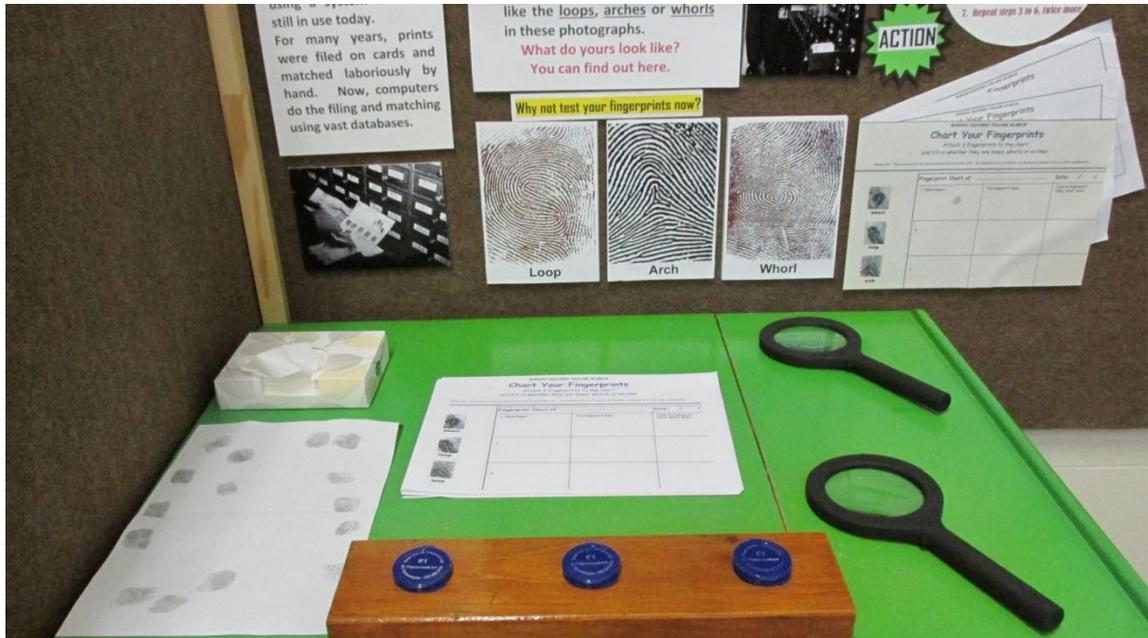
July - August 2018

- It is with immense sadness that we have to report the closure of Annie Doolan's Cottage. A decision was made by the Catholic Church of SA to decommission St Ann's Chapel and to issue a short term lease to the funeral directors Farrell and O'Neill for their use which includes the Cottage for receptions. The Friends of Annie Doolan's Cottage were given a notice to vacate by the end of July 2018. As you can imagine, a great deal of negotiating ensued in order to store the many historical items contained in the cottage but with the kind help of Resthaven we were able to comply with this requirement. We are assured that the cottage will be maintained and that the bell and the Little Marion statue will remain as they are. The Heritage Walks will retain a visit to the Chapel and Annie Doolan's but, of course, participants will no longer be able to enter either.



- ZestFest is coming up in October and once again both the Museum and the Historical Society will be hosting guided walks during the Festival. The Museum will conduct a walk on Sunday October 14th commencing at 1:30pm and will finish with afternoon tea in the room at the back of the Wesleyan Chapel. Please contact me for details. The Historical Society will conduct the Sturt Road walk which was such a great hit in History Month on Sunday, October 21, commencing at 1:30 and will finish with afternoon tea at the Marion RSL. For more information please contact Judy Morphett on 8298 5585
- REMINDER! The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday August 14 at 11:00am. If you have not already done so please submit your proxy to one of the committee members or let me know if you plan to attend. We are also looking for members who would be interested in taking a more active roll in the day to day running of the museum and assist on workshop days. New members are, of course, always welcomed with open arms.

- Our newest exhibit, the Marion Police Station is up and running with more interactive enhancements to be installed and functioning within the next week. We now have a fully operational finger printing station in which visitors can take their prints (no horrible black stains though!) and then compare their prints to the chart showing the three main types of prints identified. As you can imagine, this is a huge hit with our visiting school groups. The children can then take their sheets home to show mum and dad.



Which type are you??



Constable Bobby with his prisoner

- The People's Choice Community Lottery will be closing soon and we still have some tickets left to sell. The prize pool is tremendous and every dollar collected from ticket sales is returned to the Museum so we ALL win. Contact me to obtain your winning ticket now!
- It is our pleasure to announce the launch of a new book "The Colin Phelps Story" by Ian Morphett. Colin lived in the Red House (now on Council land) and worked with his father in the market

gardens. At 28 years of age he joined the RAAF and later went to England to join the RAF and became a Lancaster pilot with the Bomber Command. On his 25<sup>th</sup> sortie his plane crashed in very poor visibility. He survived the crash with one other crew member and Colin ended up as a prisoner in Stalag Luft 111 prison camp.

Colin wrote home regularly to his family and these letters are now on loan to the Marion Heritage Research Centre situated at the Red House. Ian has put this book together, so members of the public can read this story of a remarkable and brave man from Sturt. Copies of this book can be purchased by contacting Ian Morphett on 8298 5585 or through the Historical Society.



*Until Next Time*

*Kathy Creer, Secretary*

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