

Marion Historic Village Museum

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- 2019 is well in motion and flitting away faster than I can believe. I trust you all had a lovely Holiday Season and are surviving our record heatwaves in good spirit.
- **NEWS FLASH** - at its January meeting Marion Councillors voted unanimously to conduct a study into the feasibility of establishing a City of Marion Museum. Needless to say this committee is completely in favour of this study and hope for a positive outcome. We have already conducted one meeting with the Council employee tasked with completing this report and came away with a very positive feel. We would like your support to promote this concept and humbly ask that you take the time to contact your local Ward representative on Council to encourage him/her to support this the idea of a formal museum that represents all the Wards in Marion that are steeped in historic value.
- You will have noticed by now that the heritage street signs along the newly upgraded Finniss Street have all been installed. We are extremely pleased with the results. However, it is with dismay that we have had to report to Council that the newly planted almond trees either side of the Finniss Street bridge had died from lack of care over the hot weather. The problem appears to be lack of water and our concern has been submitted to Council.



Just a taste of one of the new exhibits in the museum

- If you have not visited us recently you are in for a pleasant surprise. The major area of the museum has undergone a change and new exhibits have been established. We are very excited by these new displays and strongly encourage you all to drop in on Sunday from 2 until 4 - **OR (drum roll please)** any Tuesday morning from 10 until 12! That's right - we have extended our open hours to include Tuesday mornings so if your weekends are full here is another opportunity to visit us.
- As a result of our extended opening hours we would be delighted if any of you could give us a couple of hours once or twice a month to act as host on Tuesdays or Sundays. You would be supported by a Committee member at all times and the work is mostly just chatting and drinking the odd cuppa. If you can assist please phone either myself on 0411 033 344 or Max Bowden on 0403 831 155.
- As you will know May is history month and again this year we will be hosting a fully guided Heritage Walk on Sunday May 19th commencing at 1:30 at the museum. New this year is that we will also offer a "virtual walk" to those who for whatever reason are unable to participate in the actual walk. This will be held in the museum itself and participants will not miss out on a thing! As usual this event will be followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea in the Wesleyan Chapel Hall. The cost of this event is on \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Spaces are limited so you must book through either myself or any other committee member. So mark your calendars!
- Finally, we take great pleasure in welcoming our new volunteer, Mary who will be joining us on Tuesdays to welcome visitors to the museum. Welcome Mary and thank you for your generosity!

Stay Cool

Until Next Time

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