

# Marion Historic Village Museum

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- **A lot has been happening at the museum lately.**

Our newly appointed Curator, Courtney Barry, has hit the ground running and we are well on our way to organising and making improvements to our system with the view to registration with the small museums section of History Trust SA. A lot needs to be done in the coming year to make the most of Courtney's time so keep watching for updates as they happen.

- Yet another new member has officially joined our ranks. Paul Tilden is an electronics whiz extraordinaire and his skills are already evident in the museum. If you have not yet seen the Police Station exhibit you must make time. Paul's wonderful skills have given life to both Officer Bobby and his inmate Ian, the watermelon thief. We look forward to more exciting new innovations.
- Speaking of new and exciting, the museum will shortly take possession of three new (to us anyway) computers and monitors all running the latest software and will be interconnected to share a central data storage system. The machines have been most generously donated and we are very grateful to our sponsor. The computers are sorely needed and will make a huge difference with the improvements scheduled by our Curator.

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"It's the latest innovation in office safety.  
When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated  
so you won't bang your head in frustration."

- Mark your calendars for **Friday February 14** . Not only is it St Valentine's Day but also **Museum Sausage Sizzle Day at Bunnings Warehouse Marion**. This is

our main single event fundraiser for the year so help us out by having lunch with us and doing some handy person shopping at the same time. We will be there from 9am til 4pm. Also, if you are able to lend a hand you would be most welcome. Free lunch for helpers!

- We had a busy time of it with group visits over the last few months. Groups such as the Dara School children, the Hallett Cove Joeys, the Coromandel Valley Probus group and Colonel Light Gardens Leisure Group have taken advantage of a Guided Walk and a Museum Visit. Some of these groups also enjoyed a scrumptious afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream made fresh by our own Judy Morphet.
- We are already in the process of planning our events for History Month 2020 to be held in May. After an overwhelming response to last years events we have decided to host two Guided Walks on Sundays May 17th and 24th both beginning at 1:30 pm followed by afternoon tea. More information will be forthcoming but it can't hurt to put you booking in early to ensure you and your group get your preferred date. Just contact me (details at the bottom of this newsletter) and I will book you in.
- It doesn't seem that long ago that I was wishing all of our members well for the Christmas Season but here we are.

**On behalf of the Committee I wish all of you a Loving and Happy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.**



*Until Next Time*

*Kathy Creer, Secretary*

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