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MARION HISTORIC VILLAGE MUSEUM

The Village Voice

The Museum Reopens!

After the long but necessary closure of the museum due to the pandemic affecting the entire world, we are pleased to announce that the Marion Historic Village Museum will be reopened to the public from Sunday July 5th.

We will be operating under strict guidelines until the state government determines that it is safe to return to pre COVID operations.

This means we are also free to take bookings for group visits and Heritage Walks from this date.

Our volunteers will be back at our Tuesday workshops from Tuesday July 7 with more than enough to do to catch up from our long break.

It will be lovely to get back to normal.

Light Square Interpretive Signs

After many months of thought, design and consultation with Marion City Council the interpretive signs for Light Square have been installed.

We are pleased with the outcome and hope that everyone will take the time to visit the Square and

have a look at the finished project.

Many thanks to Peter Stretton and Heather Latz for their strenuous work in developing the initial design work. Thanks to David Jarman for the photos.



New Improvements to the Museum

During the shutdown several of us have been working hard to install a cataloguing system made for small museums. This project has entailed the purchase and installation of the program PRISM, the purchase of three new computers and peripherals and improvement to our internet connections.

We have also made huge improvements to enhance what little storage space we have and will continue to refine our collection.

The aim of this project is to bring our museum up to the standards required by History Trust of South Australia in order to achieve registration under their banner.

This step is vitally important for the future of the Museum so that we qualify for grants, comply with the requirements of the standards needed to meet Marion Councils recommendations and to provide our visitors with a first rate experience when learning about our unique heritage.

As you may know the Marion Council has been conducting a study into the feasibility of establishing a City Museum or History Precinct and our little group hope to be founding members of this worthwhile project.

Stay tuned for more information.

OAKLANDS HOMESTEAD SITE

Many of you will be familiar with what was the Oaklands Homestead situated off Oaklands Road. Once the site of a stately mansion this is now the site of a reserve and playground and wetlands. Marion Council have erected an interpretive sign on the site celebrating the old home.

- You can read about the history of this site by purchasing the book "Oaklands Estate and its Tragic End" by David Jarman. The book is available through the museum or from the Council offices.



If you have not already visited this reserve it is well worth the time.

Thanks again to David Jarman for the photo.

As we begin to get back to normal after our long COVID shutdown we will have more news to share with you in the coming months.

In the meantime stay healthy and warm

Until Next Time! Kathy

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