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Draught horses at work - a fabulous photo donated by the Hanrahan family

From the President

Welcome to recent new members and thank you for your support for the museum. Our membership is now around 70 and many have offered their time to help at the museum.

The new committee continues to chip away at the tasks needed to make the museum more appealing and interesting to visitors. These have included our 'Oberon in the 1930's' streetscape which is now restored and occupying pride of place in the entrance extension. What a difference the restoration has made! We hope to have a protective glass fence around this exhibit in the future.

The process of locating, cleaning, recording and displaying many hundreds of items continues both inside and outside the pavilion.

The Museum invited Rebecca Dallwitz, Lithgow Councils Cultural Development Officer, to provide advice on our 1880s cottage. This was a most worthwhile visit and has given us confidence to carry out the repairs needed to this cottage. Rebecca also gave us other ideas and suggestions for the museum which we will take on board.

The committee visited the Golden Memories Museum in Millthorpe in April. This was a lesson in Museumship for us and showed what is possible for a small town museum. Many thanks to Phil for his time and help.

ODMS has submitted a grant application to the Federal Governments Tackling Tough Times Together round of grants. The application is for funds to build covered areas for our machinery. This will not be determined for a few months so our fingers are crossed.

Col Roberts

Volunteering at the Museum

The committee has decided to create two groups for volunteers to help the museum.

The Indoor Maintenance and Display Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. 10.00 am.- lunch. Contact Pam Dellow Ph 0418 671 754, or just turn up.

The Outdoor Maintenance and Display Group will meet at the same time. Contact Col Roberts Ph 0474 737 548, or just turn up.

If you have professional or trade skills please let your committee member know because we have all sorts of things we need advice on.

Flyer

We are starting to distribute a new flyer to advertise our existence & opening times - a copy is attached to this newsletter. If you would like copies to distribute please let Pam know.

Then and now!



Joan Arrow's father, Bob Ralls, loading wood with Timber Industry's first crane



The crane in its new position at the museum

Great work being done by volunteers

Gary Tosic generously donated his time, and his crane, to move the old TI crane from in front of the cottage to a better position in the grounds. While he was on site Col prevailed upon him to help reposition some other heavy machinery. Ray McMahon and Maree Arrow are continuing to document the provenance of outside exhibits, while Sue Roberts, Pam Dellow and Brenda Lyon have all but finished renovating the 1930s Oberon townscape. Janet Gidley-Baird has begun re-arranging some of the large photos in the museum, Sue and Pam have embarked on freshening up the cottage, and Rosalie Manhood and Barbara Coleman have been cleaning shelves and exhibits. Col has been busy doing some basic restoration of some of the machinery, while Warren and Narelle Rawson have been on deck to help out with clean-ups and rosters. In the background Astrid is digitising the asset register.

Dates to remember:

Working bee Tuesdays:

May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23



Gary Tosic, Col Roberts & Peter Low moving the horse works into position.



Rosalie & Barbara washing shelves & display items



Museum Opening Times

- Sundays: 10.30am - 4.00pm
- 1st Saturday of the month: noon - 4.00pm
- Other times by appointment: phone Pam on 0418 671 754

Come along and visit! Bring your friends!