

OBERON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

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From the President

I have been holding off this newsletter until we had a new shed to show you. After 12 months waiting, it is now erected, and work can start on its fit-out as a Forest and Timber Industry Display and as a workshop for the Rusty Restorers. There is much to be done but we will get there.

Many of you may have noted work has commenced of repairs and maintenance to the Museums cottage and we now have a waterproof roof. While doing this the opportunity was taken to clean the ceiling which was holding 100 years of dust, and debris much of which was coming through onto the furnishings. It was messy, but the job is now done. The cottage will be closed until other R&M work and cleaning is completed.

Many thanks to Barry Webb who came and cleaned up the debris under our huge Ribbon Gum. This was a job that really needed doing. Barry is one of our Life Members and it was good to see him back in the museum.

Our '100 Club Fundraiser' drawn on the 1st Nov was a great success, with all tickets being quickly sold and a very happy Newsagent considerably better off. We will run another fundraiser in 2021.

2020 has been an interesting year all-round but we have made good progress which has paved the way for more improvements to come in 2021. My thanks to the committee, the Rusty's and volunteers for all your efforts during the year. Together we are making good progress. A Merry Christmas to everyone.
Col.

Annual General Meeting

This well attended meeting was held back in September. Office Bearers for the next year are:

President: Col Roberts

Vice President: Denise Harper

Secretary: Pam Dellow

Treasurer: Hamish Gidley– Baird

Committee Members: Tim Arnison, Phil Harper and Maree Arrow. Maree is also responsible for Publicity.

Membership fees remain at \$10 for the 2020/2021 financial year. People can join the museum by contacting the secretary on 0418 671 754, by calling in at the Museum when it is open, or by downloading a form from our website. Members will receive this regular newsletter, can gain free entry to the museum, and can bask in the knowledge that they are helping to preserve Oberon's history for residents, visitors and future generations!

The 100 Club

This fundraiser was launched at the AGM in September. Councillor Kerry Gibbons came to the Museum on the first Sunday in November to do the draw. The lucky winner, Roger Arrow, generously decided to donate some of his winnings back to the museum, saying that he "felt that the volunteers were doing a great job," and he was "happy to assist in the good work that was happening."

The overall prize money was \$1000 and it was a very successful fund raising exercise for the museum.

Working Bees

These continue on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Usually we have about a dozen people turn up, and this is one reason why the Museum is making such steady progress over time (not to mention all the “behind the scenes” work undertaken by committee members at other times).



Rosalie Manhood & Sue Lothian cataloguing items in the blacksmith's shed



Hamish Gidley-Baird & Gary Clayton sorting and packing bottles



Janet Gidley-Baird, Pam Dellow & Sue Roberts cleaning out the kitchen before cottage renovations



Watch this space! Bruce Lothian preparing the base for an entrance display.



Above: A wall in the blacksmith's shed - before “renovations”. Below: after “renovations.”



If you would like to help with working bees just turn up. They start at 10.00am and go till lunchtime.

Similarly, if any member would like to help out on our open days (Sundays 10.30am till 4.00pm, and the 1st Saturday of the month 10.00am till 2.00pm) then let Pam Dellow know- she will be delighted to add you to the list!



Have a safe and happy Christmas and a great new year!