

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

What's in a name? Any ideas?

Someone must be able to think of something better than "VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER"

LAST MONTHS EFFORTS

FACTORY CLEANUP

Anyone who saw the collection of bird droppings and the years of accumulated rubbish filling the Factory must have despaired about how to clean it up.

But, the efforts of our volunteer working bees did the job. And they also cleaned up the Cottage & garden as well. To the end of October, 42 volunteers put in 658 hours.

An amazing effort! A huge thank you to all of the volunteers.

GARAGE SALES

Two Sales have already been held at the Butter Factory on October 22nd & December 3rd 2016.

The first attracted an early rush and they spent a total of \$2,633.00. The

second attracted less people but turned over \$2,187.25. Another success.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

BOTTLE COLLECTION SALE

A generous donation by Trevor Taylor included a collection of 6,000 old bottles.

In order to prepare and set up the display of these bottles, we need to clear the space currently being used for Garage Sales

So, we are seeking volunteers for a WORKING BEE over two days on JANUARY 14TH & 15TH to pack and clear the left over garage sale items and to set up and arrange the bottles on display.

A Review and Sale to bottle collectors can then be arranged.

MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

January – February 2017

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

In 2014, a public meeting of Milang residents voted to purchase and restore the historic Milang Lakeside Butter Factory.

Earlier this year, some funds from the Milang & District Community Association (MADCA) and a generous grant of \$325,000 from the Alexandrina Council allowed us to purchase the Butter Factory and Cottage for use by the Milang Community.

The first necessary step is to restore this heritage listed historic icon to the stage where it will represent an on-going community asset into the future.

An Engineer's Report by the Council advised that there is an initial need for around \$300,000 to complete the necessary structural repairs.

A Steering Committee has been formed and is currently developing a wide range of plans and activities to raise the funds needed.

Already the MLBF group has cleaned up the site, run two Garage Sales and collected funds from a wide range of donations by the local communities and other interested people and organisations.

But we still need a lot more funds to restore the building.

All of us can help to raise those funds by becoming involved

- as a MLBF volunteer
- and making a Donation as a MATE (\$25 to \$99) DONOR (\$100 to \$999) or PATRON (\$1,000 or more)

More information is available through MOSHCC.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you enjoy our first Newsletter.

We are still pinching ourselves at the good fortune of acquiring the Milang Butter Factory. It has been two years of negotiations and the help of the Alexandrina Council that has resulted in our good fortune

As many of you will know the hard work really starts now. We have had two very successful Garage Sales which have got us off to a good start and have received some very generous donations but, we have a long way to go.

We have engaged Steven Penglase a Heritage Architect to give us some advice on the restoration of the Butter Factory building, so that we can comply with the requirements under the Heritage rules.

The building has been examined by an Engineer and has been found to be structurally sound.

So the rest is up to us as a community to restore the building so that it may be used by the community.

At the moment, we have estimated \$500,000 as the total cost of the restoration. This sounds a lot but remember we will be working to raise this over the next five years with fundraising events and applying for whatever funding we can get.

I have been greatly encouraged by the support of the community and the willing workforce that has come together to make this all happen.

If you have not already done so why not come along and join the supporters and workers and help us get this wonderful project to its completion.

Mike Linscott

President

MDCA

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

The Steering Committee has been considering ideas for fundraising.

When promotional material has been prepared, we plan to approach the wider population. We will then need volunteers to door-knock businesses and organisations both locally and further afield.

Don't be afraid to organise and conduct your own small fundraisers (a tea party, quiz night, collections).

And please bring any ideas for fundraising to the committee. Some suggestions already received include:

- Quarterly Garage Sales
- Wine bottling
- Bingo
- Barn dances

Any ideas? If you have some suggestions for how to raise funds, send them in or contact

**Chair, Fundraising Committee,
Carole Linscott at**

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or on 8537 0605 or 0402 183 483.

ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A VOLUNTEER?

If you are helping at the MLBF in any way, you need to register as a Volunteer through MADCA. If you are already volunteering in other areas at MADCA, you are already registered.

If you will only be working at the Butter Factory and its activities, you must **complete the Registration Form available at the MOSHCC Office and return it to Gae Thomas** and, most importantly, **sign in your hours worked in the Time Book provided at the activity site.**

This will ensure that you will be fully covered by our Public Liability Insurance Policies.

If you have any questions or ideas or are seeking further information, please don't hesitate to contact the

**MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER
FACTORY COMMITTEE**