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THE GREAT WALL OF MILLTHORPE!!

In a happy celebration for all volunteers after 18 ground breaking months, the great stone wall of Millthorpe is nearing completion with only the roof of the replica Mill to be finished.

Initiator and leader of the Millthorpe Wall, Sam Yeates and fellow leader, artisan and guru of stone walls John Boag, brought together all the volunteers who contributed hours of hard work to build this stone wall to say thanks at a BBQ on Saturday 22 July.



The organisers were overwhelmed by the help from the volunteers for providing such a large effort to build a stone wall that is now a central feature piece at the entrance of Millthorpe on the northern Park St road.



On this occasion over 40 volunteers were thanked for their contribution by Sam, John and their team. Their great contribution to the village highlights the qualities of the people in Millthorpe.

The stone wall is the marking of 150 years of history for Millthorpe with blue stone in the wall and the history of Mills as the pillar.

A very special contribution went to John Boag who is known for his tireless hard work and contribution to stone walls around the district, especially Millthorpe and to this unique stone wall.

Presenting John Boag with a gift Sam Yeates thanked John Boag for all his efforts.

“We couldn’t have done this without the expertise of John and all the work from the volunteers,” said Yeates.

“It is a testament to the great community we have here in Millthorpe.

“I came up with the idea, worked with John on the design and layout and all these volunteers came and pitched in.”

From day to day, the hard work shone through and slowly the wall rose. Special mention was given at the celebration to every contributor.

In Sam Yeates’ astonishment he discovered Michael Campbell, a retired publican from Sydney who turned to a tree change, working so hard at breaking up the rocks.

“Michael “Cool Hand” Campbell had never thought his ideal fun was to be on a chain gang chomping the beautiful Millthorpe stone to fit the wall,” said Yeates.

“I asked him why he was so committed.

“What we have is a communication problem,” quoted Campbell out of the movie “Cool Hand Luke”.

There were some bitter cold days but the men came and built the wall while the infamous artist Ada Clark and providore Queen Patricia McKenna sat at the side lines pouring tea and coffee and Ada served up her warm biscuits.

“I insist a very special mention is given to the following people,” said Yeates.

“Tony Wise who laid the foundations and footings; Frank Piggot from Orange Minor Mixers donated the cement; Beth from Mid-West Concrete provided the concrete pipes for the Mill pillar; Tony the Blue Truck Driver; Nobby provided the BBQ; Peter Whiley who was the first to break the turf and provided steel for the window over night; retired publican Gerry Faulkner who was adamant the cement should be mixed by 5:1 (who cares); Wayne Roberts who promised the World showing some promise but went on sick leave after lifting a shovel and John “the Phantom” Harrison – provided all the engineering specs and was also vital in getting the RMS appeased after the first disastrous hand written signage.

“According to the RMS, our hand written signage contravened section 75c of the traffic management act.

“Thanks to John he located performing signs of the section 75c of the traffic management act NSW 1983.

“Also a special thank you to Ada Clark who performed the vital role of swinging the champagne bottle against the wall as a mark of celebration.”



An official opening of the wall is planned for the 150 sesquicentenary celebrations on 17 and 18 November.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE MILLTHORPE INALA UNITS



The Millthorpe community can rest assured the Inala Units are now in safe keeping with the village as a retired, affordable housing location.

The Inala Working Group, made up of Blayney Shire Council and Millthorpe Village Committee representatives have worked hard over eight months to maintain the availability of affordable housing in Millthorpe.

Following an extensive Expression of Interest and formal tender process, Blayney Shire Council has agreed to enter into negotiations to transfer ownership of Inala, via a sale contract to Housing Plus - an Orange based, specialist affordable housing provider.

A public meeting is being held on Monday 7 August at 6.30pm at the Millthorpe School of Arts where the Mayor, Scott Ferguson and CEO of Housing Plus, David Fisher, will present the proposal to all Millthorpe residents and the community.

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