

Thursday Report 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

First of all, a mini-appeal. Mario is coming to collect his bogies and track panels that he left at Glenreagh West when he delivered the Red Rattler. He will be bringing his truck, but no crane to do this. It would seem sensible to utilise his truck to turn the Red Rattler around, and move it into its designated position BUT (and isn't there always a but?) we will have to hire a crane to load and unload the car. Secretary Peter estimates that this will cost about \$550, which, of course, we don't have available. We have therefore launched a small appeal to raise this amount and get the job done while we can take the opportunity of using Mario's truck, as the job could cost a lot more if we do it later, and finish up having to hire a truck as well. We are just about half way to raising this target, so if you feel you can help out, in whatever small way, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact [secretary@gmr.org.au](mailto:secretary@gmr.org.au) or 6649 2234 if you are able to assist.

During the week, Dennis has spent hours and hours on the new (to us) ride on mower, and has made a dramatic improvement in the appearance of the whole area. Well done, Dennis.

On Thursday, most of the crew got involved in continuing the cleanup around the shed. Peter organised access to the tip, and we therefore took several trailer loads of assorted junk to the tip, and made a huge improvement in the general ambience of the place, in readiness for the next Market Day, when we usually get quite a number of visitors.

Also on Thursday, the set builder of a production called "The Simple Gift" called in at Glenreagh West. We had previously arranged to lend the production a few items for their staging, which will involve a mock-up of a carriage and part of a railway yard. The production is on in early March, at the Jetty Theatre in Coffs Harbour, and we will get a credit in their programme, as well as a number of free tickets and a donation in return.

The Chook Shed held a successful Auction held on January 31<sup>st</sup> to disperse of surplus building materials and tools donated by Bunnings for Rotary Men's Shed. As these items were stored in our shed, it was decided to split the proceeds between the two groups. Auctioneer Mike Barnes donated his time to conduct the auction. Thank you Mike and the Chook Shed crew.

Net Funds Raised by the Chook Shed for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 totalled \$1801.25, which more than paid the running costs and leaves enough left over to pay for the transport of the 2 S-trucks to Glenreagh.

I have been asked to include reports from the other GMR locations in this report, and am quite happy to do so, provided those departments can send me the information.

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