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Museum Markets



at the Duck Ponds (Lake Alford)

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month

SEPTEMBER dates: 3RD, 17TH

(7 a.m.-12 noon)

Ring Museum Café 54 823995 for Site Bookings

Come along and browse the markets
for some bargains and catch up with friends!

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→ **Steaming Day first Monday of each month**

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COMING EVENT 2017

Annual Steam Festival

Saturday 30th September/ Sunday 1st/ Monday 2nd

October (Queen's Birthday)

THE GENERAL MEETING will be held on **WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017**

at 7.00 p.m. upstairs of the Gold Room. Business includes: Work Projects

Rockfest Kybong...



The Society shared the stall site with Joolie Gibbs, Manager/Co-ordinator of the Gympie Regional Gallery, who was helping Cecile's husband John to thin out some of the artwork, and wooden frames that had accumulated. The late Cecile Steenbergen's artwork was an added interest for visitors to see and purchase for a cash donation which will be spent on exhibitions at the Gallery that Cecile was much involved in for several years.

The Museum table had various Gympie information sheets and its activities along with books which Marilyn was selling on the Friday and Saturday. **Many thanks** to Allan B. for the gold panning demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday - a lot of interest was shown by visitors gold panning in the tubs with many youngsters finding a few pieces of gold to take home.

Thankyou to John and his team of helpers for providing the shade tent and table.
An enjoyable weekend!!

Calming traffic on the Bruce Highway - an abandoned vehicle and trailer on the Lobwein Road turning lane on Friday afternoon. A good samaritan came to Allan's rescue by towing his vehicle out of harms way as it stopped without warning while turning into the Rockfest event. Amongst smoke, the vehicle then called it a day and died!



Joolie is seen here enjoying herself learning a few rock 'n' roll dance steps from Vic the dance instructor of Gold Dust Rockers.

Thankyou to Roger (M.C.) for the regular promotional announcements for the Museum.

On Sunday the Museum's Leyland cub bus transported passengers from the airport to the rockfest event.

Telephones



These two examples of telephones are displayed in the Communications building.

Workings of a telephone.....

When you lift up the telephone and use it, you speak into a microphone in the mouthpiece. Your voice vibrations make a thin metal disc called the diaphragm move in and out. Behind the diaphragm is a box of carbon grains. When the diaphragm is pushed in by the vibrations, it squashes the carbon. This makes the electric current alter in time with the vibrations of the sound.



Inside the earpiece there is a magnet with two ends. Around the ends of the magnet there are the windings of two coils of wire. The electric current goes through these coils. The transmitter in the mouthpiece changes sound vibrations into electrical vibrations and sends them to the receiver. The receiver in the earpiece changes these back into sounds again.

The 'Gympie Miner' by Daphne Mayo is displayed in the Tank.

This statue was gifted to the City of Gympie by Consulting Engineer Jack Mulholland in 1961. It stood above the children's wading pool at the Gympie Memorial Swimming Pool.

The Statue was donated to the Museum by Gympie Regional Council and the display case was donated by Mrs Jan Mulholland.



Extract from Pioneer Days. Presented by the Caboolture Historical Society 1974.

Written and Edited by Stan Tutt

Milk for Gympie Miners

“Soon after Gympie gold field broke out we, my comrade William Franz and I, started a milk run and we used to take fresh cows up to Gympie and bring the dry ones back.”

On one of our trips there we walked into the town in the evening and met Thomas Finney (of Finney Isles & Co.). He invited us to dinner. He had a turkey.

As we dined he told us how he got the turkey. He went early in the afternoon walking up and down the scrub on the Mary River, and could not get anything, but as he was passing a big fig tree he saw a blackfellow with his gun pointing up into the branches. He said, “I often heard the blacks always are a long time aiming before they fire, so I went up behind him, followed up the sight of his gun, and had the turkey down in a jiff.”

Such stories like this brings the past alive!

Museum News...

* During August, the first ever visit by the Condamine school students who travelled 350 kms for the gold history experience.



Gold panning can be fun, and exciting when finding some gold in the tubs to take home!

Here in the photo are a few of the 95 Siena Catholic College students who toured the museum for their year 5 syllabus, subject of gold mining history, on Friday 21 July.

**Thankyou to Allan Blackman
for the photo**

An attraction by itself!

On Thursday 3rd August, when the Coolum State School students visited, they would have walked past and admired this privately owned and rebuilt 1925 Fiat Tipo 510, the sports version. It has no front brakes, the spare tyre is located on the drivers side door, and the top speed is 85 kph.

(I believe) this vehicle has travelled on a long distance road trip to Adelaide from Darwin many years ago.



REMINDER 2017/8 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
are now due (\$20 single, \$25 double membership)

+++++ Gympie Museum Re-enactment Group -----

The last performance of this group was on Sunday 20th August. Due to a few reasons, including few members, this group will be unable to perform at the Museum Markets on the 3rd Sunday of the each month. Some members will be appearing at the Museum on special event days.

Thankyou to the actors for their attendance at the markets.

Museum News (Cont.)...

The **Cooloola Potters Group** had a guest speaker (Co-ordinator of Waste Management) from Gympie Regional Council and Cleanaway who gave a most informative talk on waste and recycling. Marilyn attended the meeting and found the recycling process of glass, steel, aluminium, paper and plastic to be most interesting.

The pottery group are vacating the Breezeway building at the end of the August, and moving to a hall at Cooina Aged Care where there are a few advantages - the residents can participate in the pottery experience, there is more storage space underneath the building, and it is out of flood level.

Anyone interested in acting?

New members are welcome to join

the Gympie Museum Re-enactment Group.

Phone Nereda Gferer 54835326.

- * New signage - a banner for the Steam Festival is now located on the sign stand at the highway
- * Welcome to a new youthful tour guide (Luke)
- * All the best to Barry, and a big thankyou for your efforts. Barry is now a volunteer with another Society.

National Seniors Week was 19-27 August

**Thankyou to all the seniors who are volunteers,
your efforts are appreciated by community clubs and organisations.**

Thankyou's

- . **Gympie Historic Auto Car Club** for the donation during a visit on 5th August.
- . **Drakes Supermarkets** for the donation from the Community Dollars Program.
- . **Dotd's Floorcoverings of Mellor Street**, for their generous discount when the Society purchased vinyl floor covering for the Café upgrade.
- . Donation of a one piece Irish dresser that dates back to the 1800's brought to Australia from Ireland. It has very old wood worm holes, (not active) which it had when bought, and has been treated. At some stage the dresser was exposed to moisture and the timber on the underside is a bit mouldy and crumbly. This piece of furniture will have minor repairs carried out, and remain in its original state.

Get well wishes to the Members/Volunteers who have endured an illness or injury.

Readers, have you had a chance to see the sculpture of the industrial style gold-making machine , 'Alchemy', at the end of Young Street, Gympie by local artist Russell Anderson.

This art piece includes a viewing chamber and crank handle so visitors can view the internal workings of the sculpture.

Markets...

A few new food stalls with pancakes and hot roast beef rolls have appeared during the month, along with a some casual stallholders with different wares.



Stallholder 'Delcraft' have a variety of decorated terracotta pot plant containers, LP records transformed with artwork then made into a clock, and acrylic pour abstract paintings on canvas make good gifts for special occasions.



You raise me up!
A sight to see at the markets
on 20th August

Stallholder Peter Winnin is a qualified A Grade Mechanic who specializes in EFI Diagnostics - who comes to you!

Veronica can help you choose to purchase an older make of a car manual as a Falcon, Toyota, Ford, or a Holden.

Café at the Museum...

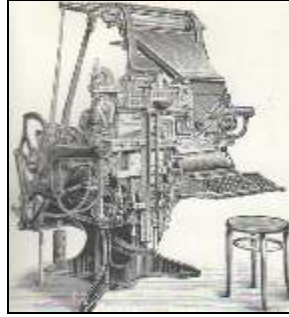
Vicky (pictured) and the staff have been kept busy during the month preparing lunches and devonshire teas.

An increased number of visitors have been noticed also with entry into the Museum, who after their browsing of exhibits, can enjoy a coffee and the food of their choice at the Cafe.



Printing Machinery...

Readers, were you aware that The Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette (Established in 1868) was the oldest mining paper in Queensland.



Mention of this fact was made in one of the editions of "Goldfields of Queensland" that was printed by The Outridge Printing Co., Brisbane.

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