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Museum Markets



at the Duck Ponds (Lake Alford)

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

OCTOBER dates: 1ST, 15TH, 29TH
(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

Programme

Saturday 30 September

During the day, there will be a comprehensive range of activities and demonstrations

9.00 am

Model steam engines and toys powered by Carmicheal boiler.

9.30am

Brown Boveri and Coulsell steam engine demonstrations and steam powered pump powered by Galion boiler .

10 am

Hot Air Engine demonstrations, and miniature train operating along with gold panning demonstrations and tuition

10.30 am

Stamper Battery and other Gold recovery machines demonstrations powered by 2 cylinder marine engine and Howden engine using steam from a Davey Paxman portable boiler

11.15 am

Mobile steam demonstrations by 1915 Case traction engine and 1926 Aveling Porter steam roller.

12.00 noon

1899 Winding engine, 1907 Thompson compressor engine, Hindley engine generator and assorted steam pump demonstrations powered by 1906 Walker Cornish Boiler

Saturday 30 September (Cont.)

1.30 p.m.

Starting of Ruston engine and Blackstone engine

2.00 pm

Starting demonstrations and grand parade of museum and visiting vehicles of many types. Rides in some vehicles will be available to museum patrons.

4.00 pm close

Sunday 1st October

8.30 am

Promotional demonstration at markets
Miniature train rides

1.00 pm

Winding shed operating and demonstrations
Stamper battery and gold recovery equipment operating.

3.30pm close

Monday 2nd October

9.00am - 3.30 pm

An unstructured program of activity including all equipment featured on Saturday and Sunday, according to operator availability.

The grand parade includes:

Year	VEHICLE
1911	FIAT Tipo 7 Landulet
1915	Case Threshing Engine
1922?	Nash Truck
1924	Austin 20 ambulance
1926	Aveling Porter steam roller
1932	Leyland cub bus
1938	International Log truck
1942	International Fire truck
1943?	Fordson Road roller
1951	Aveling Barford Dump Truck
1952?	Fergusson Tractor
1970?	Aveling Barford Roller
1980's	?Model Grader

CAFÉ AT THE MUSEUM
Devonshire Teas, Lunches
and Sausage Sizzle!

Thank you to
Gympie Regional Council



for a grant to cover transporting of
Historic Machinery for the Steam Festival, that will
also be featured in the Mary Street Gold Rush Parade
as part of the G150 celebrations.



Thank you to all the Volunteers for your time and
commitment for the Steam Festival event

Exhibits...

Super Standard Heavy Duty Film Projector



This 35mm film projector was used in city, suburban and drive-in theatres through out Australia, and was built in the early to mid 1950's. Possibly there are some of these projectors still in service today in country theatres.

This single unit projection assembly Supa is made in England.

The inscription on the film projector is:

RCA4 B T-H, The British Thomson-Houston Co Ltd Rugby England,
supplied by Hudson & West Pty Ltd, 213-219 Broadway, Sydney.

At the front of the film projector is a film cannister that previously held the film "The Killing Fields".

Glen Fay an Apex member, donated this projector to the Museum.

Visitors can see this film projector in the building under the Church.

Gem Scone Iron

What is a Gem Scone Iron? This term is also referred to as a "Gem Scone Tin" or a "Gem Scone Tray." The older trays of a dozen are very solid metal (cast iron), with hemispherical indents for baking small cakes in. The more modern ones are made of cast aluminium, and are still quite heavy. Definitely don't drop this tray on your foot! Although the cast iron is very strong, it could be a little brittle, so it can break.

The scone iron needs to be heated before the mix is placed on the tray, and the small cakes will be baked in minutes appearing almost spherical!

"Gem scones" are nothing like "scones", they are a small round cake...a precursor to patty cakes!

Looking after a gem scone iron, so it doesn't rust -

It is a good idea to pop it back in the warm oven before storing, and applying a thin smear of oil on the iron.

Unfortunately the one displayed on the kitchen table in the House (shown) didn't receive this attention.



A Person of Interest...

I (Ed.) found this story very interesting reading,
and thought I would share with you readers.

Lucy Elizabeth Smith - She lived a short and hard life.

A restored photo/portrait of Lucy Clayton (Eaton) nee Smith Circ. 1895, was recently donated to the Museum by Dennis Jess.

She was born on 4 September 1858 in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, and emigrated to Australia with her parents when she was 15 years old (1883). After marrying Robert Clayton 24th July 1888 in Brisbane, at the age of 18 years, they later moved to Gympie.



Robert was a merchant mariner and when times became tough on the goldfields, he returned to the sea. He disappeared on a voyage to New Zealand, and Lucy suspected he jumped ship. Lucy was left alone at that time with their three children.

In 1897 Lucy at the age of 30 years met and married Fred Eaton, and they had six children, and it was on 12 September 1917 age 49 years that Lucy died of "Pulmonary Phthisis" (tuberculosis) and was buried in Gympie Cemetery.

A brief Memoriam Remembrance Service for family and friends was held at the graveside on the 9th September 2017almost to the day, 100 years ago, when Lucy died.

Gympie icon...

"Miner's Statue"

Info. from The Gympie Times 15 May 1976

Gympie's latest tourist attraction - composite statue of four gold miners - was placed in its permanent position on the southern outskirts beside the Bruce Highway yesterday.

The white concrete statue is the work of former Dutchman Mr Herman Husman, 72, which took him more than a year to complete in his spare time.

A 20-tonne crane and an end loader were used to enable the 10-tonne statue (the tallest figure in the statue became known as "Bill") to be transferred from Mr Husman's backyard in Cartwright Road to the environs of the Historical Museum.

The statue was lowered on to a 3m - high concrete tripod - also designed by Mr Husman - and seems certain to prove an arresting spectacle for the thousands of motorists using the highway.

At its highest point - a lamp held at arm's length by one of the "miners" - the statue is about 7m from the ground.

The statue was commissioned by the Lions Club of Gympie as a monument to miners of the past and will bear the club's emblem.

Concealed footlights will illuminate the statue at night.

Café at the Museum...



A day out for the Older Womens Network...

After an enjoyable morning tea, this group was given a Museum tour, and then completed the visit by staying for lunch.

Thankyou to Vicky Dunford for the photo.

There were only a moderate number of diners who celebrated Father's Day on Sunday 3rd September.

For groups wishing to gather for a function at the Café, whether a devonshire tea/coffee or a luncheon, please make a booking by emailing Vicky cafeatthemuseum@hotmail.com

A raffle will be held at the Café during the Steam Festival weekend, with a variety of prizes.

Even the staff get a lunch break!
Pictured is Courtney



Markets...

Stallholders



Inferno Wood Fired Pizzas have a great selection of pizza fillings.

Michael and Tracy Bereshezckiy cater also for corporate events, birthdays, weddings and any celebrations

'Plantdowns'

Fresh fruit and vegetables
all grown
on the property!



Museum News...

Pictured is the Irish dresser that was mentioned in the August Newsletter, which will have minor repairs carried out before being placed in the new entrance.



Thank you to Rob for printing Museum promo. booklets.

Get well wishes to the Members/Volunteers who have health problems, hope you are coping, and on the road to recovery.

Work in Progress: Painting of the Calico Creek School, renovation ex Potters room in the Breezeway, Café toilet installation, Gantry maintenance, and Preparation of machinery and historic vehicles in working order for steam festival event.

Tours - August was a month of tours - visiting groups were Coolum State School (139), Condamine S.Schl (13), Gympie Flexible Learning Centre (12), IRT (21), Talara S. Schl (151), Buddina S. Schl (63), Gympie Older Womens Network (64), Chancellor St College (175), and Coolum Snr Citizens Club (23). Thank you to all the Tour Guides.

Tour Guides - On Tuesday 19th September the tour guides (Allan B., Frank K. and Luke) were quite active with two separate groups - A small group from Paisley Park, Tinana, Prep. to age 6 years and about 80 in number age 5-12 years from Tewanin State School.

The School Holidays Activities - Miniature train rides, gold panning demonstrations and tuition. Depending on an available Volunteer, the Hammer and Forge Blacksmith Shop operates on some days.

Thank you to all the Volunteers, for your efforts throughout the year

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

The Gold Rush Street Parade will be held on Saturday 14 October, and the Museum will be taking part in the parade. It was not until 1973, six years after the festival officially got under way, that celebrations included a daytime float parade.

The Gympie Gold Rush Festival is an annual celebration of the discovery of gold in Gympie in 1867, and the subsequent establishment of Gympie City.

This festival brings the whole of the community together to share historical, cultural and fun pursuits and showcases what the region has to offer to visitors and tourists.

In the publication Gympie's Jubilee, there are interesting stories published from the Gympie Times to name a few... the Discovery of Gympie, How Gympie was found, Early Gympie Incidents, The Older Days, and Early Pioneers. Gympie in its Cradle Days have various articles written by different authors that relate to the reminiscences of Gympie's Pioneer Days.

School Holiday Activities...



(Photo above) It appears that the new miniature train driver is enjoying his role, as much as the passengers are having fun on the ride!

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