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EVENTS AND AWARDS

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY STREET PARADE AND CARNIVAL DAY

On Saturday September 11, the Mad Hatters Tea Party Street Parade and Carnival Day was held. Attendance figures for this year’s main carnival day were up, with just over 1000 visitors converging on the Miles Historical Village to enjoy the vast array of street entertainment, markets, competitions, cattle display and rides.

The success of this years Beef, Bells and Bottle Tree Festival can be attributed to wonderful sponsors, Council support and extensive community involvement. Well done to everyone and we can look forward to 2012’s festival!

TIDY TOWN HERITAGE AWARD

As reported in the last edition of the Dogwood Express, the Miles Historical Village was nominated for the Heritage Award in the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns Competition. Much to our pleasure we are proud winners of that section for 2010. Amid stiff competition from three regional council areas the win was announced in August at an afternoon tea in Toowoomba. Anne and Hilda received the award on behalf of the Village.

ABC AWARD

Miles Historical Village and Museum was commended in the ABC Radio National Regional Museums Awards 2010. Richmond River Historical Society, located in Lismore NSW, was the National winner of these awards, also taking out the Best Volunteer-run category.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

Congratulation to all the participants in the Quart Pot Boiling and Condamine Bell Throw Events on Anniversary Day at the Village on September 11 — we had a huge roll up for both events but one person was determined to make it a dual win for the day. Well done for such a sterling effort.

- Quart Pot Boiling Champion 2010 — George Moore
- Condamine Bell Throw Winner 2010 — George Moore
- Anniversary Day Raffle — thank you to all who purchased tickets in this popular raffle and special thanks to all companies who donated prizes — please support the companies who support our local fundraising:

| Prize | Donor | Winner |
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| 2 x bottle trees | Bindaroo Bottle Trees | Janelle Sorensen |
| BBQ | Murilla Hardware Supplies | Starline Motel |
| Rural Package | Elders Miles | Julie Mayne |
| Meat Voucher | Wallan Creek Herefords | Starline Motel |
| Fruit and Vegetable Tray | Miles IGA | Pat Curtis |
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| Tipper load Garden Mix | Kerwicks Earthworks | Courte Family |

Lucky Gate Prize

A Condamine Bell donated by Miles Historical Village was won by Jason Andrews.

Congratulations to all the winners!

DATE CLAIMER

Annual General Meeting of the Miles Historical Society
 2 pm, Sunday January 30, 2011

Columboola Function Room at the Leichhardt Centre



Around the Village...

ROMA AND DISTRICT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Three ensembles — Scherzo Junior Band, Viva Intermediate Band and Brandenburg Intermediate String Orchestra — consisting of 72 students from Roma, Injune, Wallumbilla and Mitchell performed at the Village on September 15.



Approximately thirty visitors from Miles and Chinchilla enjoyed the performances.

FAMILIARITY TOUR TO DALBY

Anne, Hilda, Pat and Hollie enjoyed attending the SpringSensationLaunchandVICOpenDayinDalbyon September 1. To familiarise ourselves with the adjoining towns in the Western Downs Regional Council area we also visited the highlights of Bell, Jimbour, Jandowae and Chinchilla — we were very impressed with the new interpretive panels which capture the history of “The Bug Farm’s” contribution to the eradication of Prickly Pear at Chinchilla.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Manuel Castillion has been working as a volunteer at the Village for two months and will be with us until the end

of October. Manuel is visiting Australia from his home in Spain on a Volunteer Visa with the AFS group (see <http://www.afs.org.au> for details). The Keam family is his host family and Manuel chose to do his volunteer work at the Village — he has happily learned a considerable amount about the Village and his daily tasks include opening and closing; preparing, patching and painting; gutter cleaning and many other odd jobs. Manuel will complete his six month visit to Australia by working on a vegetable farm at the Sunshine Coast.

Our front office assistant / cleaner, **Hollie O’Connor**, is moving to “greener pastures” and will be leaving early November — thank you Hollie and Manuel for your assistance over the past few months.

Hilda Heffernan has been the treasurer and catering officer of the Village for many years — Hilda has decided she would like to step back a little and relinquish both these positions. We are looking for a person and/or committee to organize the catering for the Village events, for example, coaches, functions and so on.

Even a BIG thank you would not suffice for the amount of work Hilda has contributed over the past twenty years.

Ecumenical Church Service @ the Village

Kathy Hammer and Mary Parker organized a delightful service for a very cold wet morning on Sunday September 19. Aably assisted by Mr Col Wotton on the organ and with locals and visitors helping with the readings and prayers, a group of about thirty five enjoyed a wonderful community service followed by a “cuppa” discussing our favourite cups and the significance of the “cuppa” in establishing our local churches.

WANTED — saleable items for “Car Boot Stall”

Miles Lions Club are conducting a Car Boot Sale — Sunday November 28, 2010 — Morgan Place, Miles (front of the Village).

Miles Historical Society have booked a site for this day — on Anniversary Day we had a “White Elephant” type stall which was hugely successful, thanks to Adrienne and Priscilla attending to it for the day and to the stream of “saleable” donations — we have some items left over but would appreciate further donations for November 28.

Visitor Information Centre Familiarity Tour for Staff and Volunteers

I am hoping to conduct a tour of our local region for staff, front office volunteers and potential volunteers in the near future — please call or email Anne if you are interested in attending — 4627 1492 or anne.croft@wdrc.qld.gov.au

Commemorating 100 years of Guiding

Rachel Kerwick, Lyn Reardon and Cathe Rose have set up an eye catching display, commemorating Brownies and Guides in the Miles District, in the foyer of the Village — the display attracts ex brownies, guides and leaders like a magnet and has been a wonderful conversation piece.

A lady from Victoria has sent her old brownie scarf as we only had a mock version and another lady from Australia said the UK papers had advertised to find her for the centenary as she had been involved in a swimming event in the UK as a Guide and they wanted her involvement in the celebrations — she sent them her uniforms for their display.

From the President — Kylie Bourne

Miles Historical Village and Museum Partnerships

The Miles Historical Village Committee are pleased to develop partnerships with various groups and organisations. Strong partnerships have been formed with Western Downs Regional Council with the invaluable assistance of a full time Visitor Information and Museum Officer. Anne Croft has been working in this position for some time now and is doing a wonderful job at supporting both visitors and community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Western Downs Regional Council and Anne for their support. The society continue to be responsible for the decision making and running of the Museum, with the added assistance provided by Anne to make things run smoothly. The committee are hopeful of building further important partnerships in the future that can assist in the delivery of excellent services and activities for the Miles Historical Village.

Interpretation Plan

Recently the Society was successful in obtaining a grant through Museums and Gallery Services Queensland to develop an Interpretation Plan. We have engaged the assistance of a professional consultant, Steve Chaddock, to assist with the development of the Interpretation Plan. Steve will be working with a small group at the end of October to develop ideas and possible options that could work successfully for our Museum. The plan will outline the preferred options and costs to assist in improving and updating the information provided to visitors as they walk around and view our wonderful collections. Further funding will be required to implement the plan and ultimately improve our visitors experiences.

Significance Assessment Document

A massive contribution has been made over the last few months with an estimated conservative figure of 250-300 hours being put in by a dedicated team to help in the development of the Significance Assessment. A huge thank you must go firstly to the National Library of Australia-Community Heritage Grant Scheme, for \$6380.00 which enabled us to seek the professional assistance and training of Ms Vicki Warden (Regional Museums Officer) to assist in researching and developing the assessment of the entire collection. Thank you also to Vicki for her tireless efforts and to the great team of volunteers that dedicated a great amount of time and energy into making this project come to fruition: Merlene Freeman, June Geldard, Lesley Gaze, Hilda Heffernan, Anne Croft, Ann Gibbons and Kylie Bourne.

This document is going to be pivotal in future planning and provide a catalyst from which to deliver best museum practices.

One Year On Meeting

Kylie will be attending a One Year on Meeting with Museums and Gallery Services Queensland in November. The meeting will be relation to following up on the plans and actions developed from our involvement in the Museums and Gallery Services Standards Program last year. It will be pleasing to be able to go along and share our progress in terms of what has been achieved, with the identified Interpretation Plan Project having begun.



Rachel Kerwick, President of the Miles Chamber of Commerce, presenting the Best Float Awards. Origin won the Best Overall Float and kindly donated the prize money to the Village. Many thanks to the great team who supported the event.



The local constabulary ensuring the Tea Tale Ladies did not steal the silver from the Red Rose Cafe

Hilda, Pat and Hollie at "The Bug Farm"

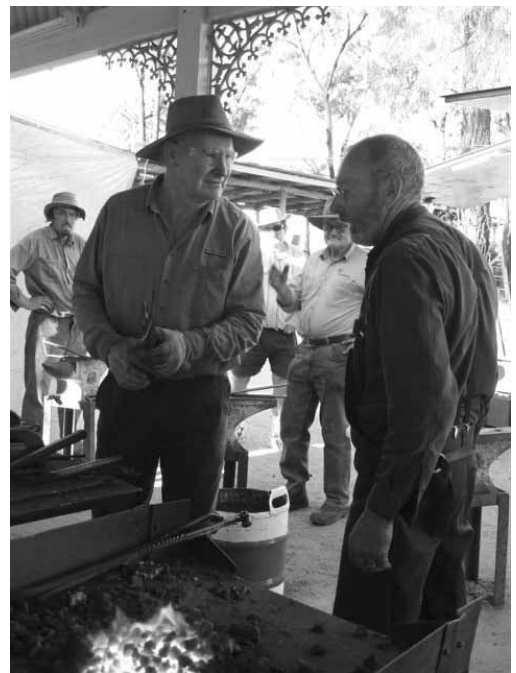




Charlie Chaplin and friend...



George Moore receiving dual trophies from Kylie Bourne



Learning the art of Blacksmithing

DATE CLAIMER

Miles Historical Village and Museum

presents...

Carols by Candlelight

A progressive procession through the Village celebrating Christmas, featuring supporting musicians and singers.

DATE: Sunday December 19, 2010

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: Gold Coin admission

LED Candles for sale (no naked flames please)

Join us for light refreshments and nibbles following the Carols (please bring a plate to share!)

