

GLENGALLAN NEWS

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Spring Markets coming up

make it a date

DEUCHAR DINNER

Saturday 18th October 2008

colonial fare with modern flair

BLACK TIE TICKETS \$125 (ALL INCLUSIVE) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PHONE 07 4667 3866

REMEMBER - REMEMBER

7TH SEPTEMBER

(FIRST SUNDAY)

MARKETS

House celebrates 140th birthday

The 140th anniversary of the opening of John and Eliza Deuchar's Glengallan House will be celebrated this year with the Deuchar Dinner on Saturday 18th September.

The fifth annual Deuchar Dinner, a concept that has grown to become a fixture on the social calendar, will feature all things Australian both in menu and entertainment.

By putting the event back a month, we hope to foil the weather but who could surpass last year's hail, rain, thunder and prolonged blackout - all of which added uniquely to the event.

Feedback from nevertheless delighted patrons suggested we should promote the mixing of guests thus afforded so a new format this year will use both upper and lower verandahs.

This year again, a bus will be available from Warwick and Allora and return. Intending guests should indicate on their RSVP if they require pick-up.

A party of Gillespie family descendants will travel from southern states and descendants of the Deuchar, Lee and Slade families are planning to join the 140th birthday celebration.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Glengallan Homestead Trust Limited will take place at Glengallan Homestead 18515 New England Highway Warwick Qld 4370

10am

Sunday 28th September 2008

Renewed emphasis on core business

The past few months have brought major changes with the move to commercial operation of the coffee shop. This has enabled your Board to concentrate on our core business, heritage tourism, and to move forward with plans for the Glengallan Family History Centre.

We recently installed new database software. Archives co-ordinator/director Fr Brian Sparksman, volunteers John Murphy, Clare Cotton and myself attended a training module at USQ (Toowoomba) following introduction to *Mosaic* at Toowoomba Grammar School where archives staff and volunteers have been using the museum/collections program for some time.

With gardens maintenance under the care of dedicated Centrelink volunteers, assisted by

Best Employment/Work for the Dole program participants, we are able to move forward there also, with a plan to establish a children's maze as a garden attraction.

Bill Goddard and volunteers completed fencing of the old cemetery site of unmarked pioneer graves which was dedicated in a moving ceremony conducted by Fr Brian.

It has been an invigorating and productive time for your Board (Doug Roulston, Col Smith, Ross Fraser, Bill Goddard, Gary Hayes, Fr Brian Sparksman, Helen Judd, Joy Mackay and myself, as chair).

We look forward to seeing this cohesive and hardworking team continue, just as we continue to enjoy the guidance and support of our Patron, John Barnes.

There is no doubt that the professionalism and standing of members of this Board in the wider community has greatly enhanced opportunity to have meaningful discussion in critical areas.

In the meantime, we continue to operate "on the ground" with the hands-on approach that has achieved so much for Glengallan in the past.

We look forward to seeing you at all or any of the upcoming events: the Spring Markets (7th September) Annual General Meeting (28th September) and Deuchar Dinner (18 October 2008).

- DONNA FRASER, Chairman

Looking for long-term solutions

The perennial problem of what happens to Glengallan in the long-term has been addressed yet again over the past few months with a deputation to Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and approaches to the new Southern Downs Regional Council.

Both have proved fruitful with the Premier appointing a member of her staff to look into ways in which the State Government might assist and SDRC councillors receiving our deputation and accepting an invitation to attend a site meeting on issues such as return of the Glengallan Gates, access road upkeep and a proposed tourist information service.

In the meantime, we have secured \$13,000 funding under the State Government "Living Buildings" program to address movement and re-pointing of external stonework and repairs to interior plaster in the dining room and entrance hall.

Your Board remains acutely aware of the need for longer-term solutions, given the level of volunteer effort required to keep Glengallan open to the public. A trial commercial operation of the Coffee Shop has just been extended with Ms Glynis Stretton handling reception and admission to the House on our behalf. These moves have significantly reduced our costs and the need for employment of casual staff. We continue to appreciate voluntary assistance with tour guiding in the House, gardens and archives.

NEXT

**GLENGALLAN
MARKETS**

**SUNDAY 7TH
SEPTEMBER**

8AM - 1PM

FIRST SUNDAY SPRING - SUMMER - AUTUMN - WINTER

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