

GLENGALLAN NEWS

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Spring Markets coming up

make it a date

DEUCHAR DINNER

Saturday 22nd September 2007

colonial fare with modern flair

BLACK TIE TICKETS \$120 (ALL INCLUSIVE) EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PHONE 07 4667 3866

REMEMBER - REMEMBER
2ND OF SEPTEMBER
(FIRST SUNDAY)
MARKETS

It's Deuchar dinner time again

It's that time of the year again - Deuchar Dinner on Saturday 22 September, followed by the Annual General Meeting the following morning.

Plans are well in hand for the fourth annual Deuchar Dinner, a concept that has grown from a celebratory recreation of the 1868 house-warming party to become a fixture on the social calendar.

It's amazing how quickly traditions become established - like the Heritage Highlanders piping of guests in procession from the Heritage Centre pre-dinner drinks to the 100-foot-long table laid on the lower verandah of

Glengallan House (in 1868, the finest house in the colony, and today one of Australia's heritage icons).

This year, for the convenience of guests, a complimentary bus will be available from Warwick and Allora and return. Intending guests should indicate on their RSVP if they require pick-up from a central point (to be advised).

A sumptuous multi-course menu of colonial fare with modern flair will be complemented by selected wines and followed by coffee and port in the Drawing Room.

Don't miss out as numbers are limited.

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 23rd September 2007

Tourism and visitors growing apace

Winter influx of visitors boosts hopes for stronger drive-market.

An increase in mid-week visitors during the winter months has been a welcome boost to trading with hopes high for a trend towards more tour groups later in the year.

Under the management of Helen Judd, the Heritage Centre is performing well with weekend casual team-leaders Dawn Mawhinney, Margaret Darr, Christine Barbierato and Clare Batterham and Helen in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Vicki Greer has taken over function and events catering which saw an impressive range of offerings from the barbecue stall at the last Markets.

Libby Blomfield has offered to take on the Trash and Treasure stall and welcomes your donation of goodies for sale at the September

Markets. Items can be left at the Heritage Centre or with any of our volunteers.

Under stalwarts Stephanie and Alan, Jean Purvis, Judy Mobbs and Work for the Dole participants, the gardens are holding their own, despite the drought and treacherous frosts of the worst Winter in years. We look forward to the return of Jenny Smith who is enjoying good health and send our best wishes to Margaret Waldegrave who is much improved.

Major works at Glengallan this year include the access road which has been significantly improved, widened and re-surfaced. Board Member Bill Goddard has been busy supervising new fencing and resident caretaker Terry Weier has had his hands full with work on a new catering clean-up facility serving the verandah cafe and Homestead.

The archives group, Fr Brian Sparksman, Jane Morse, John Murphy, Clare Cotton and Moira McKee, are working on our extensive collection of documents and photographs, but now in the comfort of the re-furbished "storeroom" which has been ceiled and air conditioned and now has carpet (donated by Ron & Chris Munro of Carpet One and laid by Ken O'Dea).

- DONNA FRASER, Chairman

Looking for long-term solutions

The recent visit to Glengallan of Member for Maranoa Bruce Scott, together with the Speaker of the Federal Parliament Mr David Hawker, provided opportunity for Board Members Donna Fraser, Bill Goddard, Gary Hayes and Brian Sparksman to take up the issue of long-term sustainability for the project enabled six years ago by the Federal Government's \$2 million Centenary of Federation funding.

While we have been successful, in recent times and over past years, in securing funding for minor projects, we are acutely aware of the need for longer-term solutions, given the level of volunteer effort required, even at currently limited levels of operation, to keep Glengallan open to the public. Mr Scott has agreed to meet again with the Board and we look forward to further input from Warwick Shire Mayor Ron Bellingham (who joined our recent frank discussions with visiting Federal politicians).

In the meantime, we have been successful in obtaining general-purpose funding under Grants to Environment & Heritage Organisations and have been invited to re-submit our application to the next Round of the Australian Tourism Development Program. We are still waiting to hear from the State Government's "Living Buildings" program to which we applied early this year for funding to repair cracked plaster and paintwork in the Homestead entrance hall and Dining Room.

NEXT

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MARKETS**

**SUNDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER**

8AM - 1PM

FIRST SUNDAY SPRING - SUMMER - AUTUMN - WINTER

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