Welcome! Heritage MAKERS FAIR

With its rich golden history, Gympie is the perfect location for the Heritage MAKERS FAIR, a tribute to the heritage trades of our past and a celebration of the artisans that keep these trades alive.

Come along and meet the makers - join us for a weekend - or a day - to enjoy this event! Over 65 skilled artisans of heritage crafts will be demonstrating continuously over the weekend - a collective expo featuring makers of the traditional trades and domestic craft of yesteryear, once the foundation on which our communities were built and integral to daily living.

MEET THE WOODIES: Woodworkers & Carvers; Spoonsmiths; Luthiers; Whittler, Harpmaker; Penmakers; Sawscrollers; Pyrographers

MEET THE SMITHS & FORGERS: Blacksmiths, Silversmiths, Coppersmith, Gensemith, Lampworker

MEET THE WEAVERS: Weavers of wheat, cane, leather, wool, weeds and reeds; spinners; lacemakers; inkle loom weaver

AND MEET MORE: Saddler, Blacksmith; Papermaker; Whipmaker; Mosaic artist; a Leadlighter; a Ceramicist; a Shingle Splitter; Candlemaker; Leatherworkers; a Signer; Beekeepers; a cordwainer; a Ropemaker - even a meadmaker, with tastings!

MEET THE BREWERS: Experience this celebration and sharing of knowledge of age-old brewing, handed down through generations, perfected by cultures world-wide. Say g’day to Your Mates Brewers!

PLUS VINTAGE VEHICLES, MOTORCLES, MACHINES

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+ GOOD OLD-FASHIONED CAMARADERIE.......... EVERYWHERE!

Follow the highway to Gympie, and turn into Exhibition Road to cross the bridge over the Mary River. Watch for the parking signs on your left.

**ARRIVAL AT THE MAKERS FAIR:**
1. Queensland Hydro HERITAGE LANE over 20 artisans
2. Carbatec WOODCRAFT ARENA meet all the woodies
3. Stan’s BUSHCRAFT SHOWS heritage woodcraft Community Bank Gympie & District, Bendigo Bank
4. VINTAGE VEHICLE DISPLAY trucks, vehicles, motorcycles
5. DOMESTIC ARTS over 20 artisans
6. WHEELWRIGHT ARENA daily shows, meet the Clydesdale

**IN THE PAVILION - QUILT & CRAFT SPECTACULAR:**
Quilts! Contemporary, traditional, artquilts galore
Guest Quilter Michelle Hill
The Extreme Sport of Craft in Street Art
Fibres & Textiles - ATASDA

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR EVENT TICKETS [www.trybooking.com/CfJYT](http://www.trybooking.com/CfJYT)
FAST-TRACK YOUR EVENT ENTRY!! AND - YOU COULD WIN A 2-NIGHT HOLIDAY AT KINGFISHER BAY RESORT!

By pre-purchasing tickets, you will go into the draw and could WIN A 2-NIGHT PACKAGE TO KINGFISHER BAY RESORT on world heritage-listed Fraser Island (K’gari)!!! Idyllic white beaches, endless sunshine, World Heritage wilderness to explore, spectacular sunsets....
BIG NEWS FOR THE HERITAGE MAKERS FAIR 2023!
THE ADDITION OF MORE VENUES IN AN EXPANDED SITE HAS ENABLED HEAPS MORE ARTISANS TO MEET!

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1 - 2 JULY, 2023
GYMPIE SHOWGROUNDS
77 EXHIBITION RD
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MEET THE MAKERS: MASTERS & ARTISANS OF HERITAGE CRAFT & TRADES

65+ MASTERS, ARTISANS & MAKERS
40 + UNIQUE HERITAGE CRAFTS & TRADES
ALL DAY DEMONSTRATIONS | MAKERS MARKETS | QUILTS

MEET THE WRIGHTS
MEET THE TURNERS
MEET THE SMITHS
MEET THE ARTISANS
SHOWS, DEMOS
MEET THE LEATHERWORKERS
MEET THE WEAVERS
VINTAGE DISPLAYS

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Gympie & District

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HERITAGE MAKERS FAIR MEET THE MAKERS

Meet the:
- Blacksmith
- Saddler
- Leatherworker
- Whipmaker
- Harpmaker
- Whittler
- Papermaker
- Glassworker
- Caneweaver
- Shinglesplitter
- Ropemaker
- Silversmiths
- Gemsmiths
- Ceramicists
- Coppersmith
- Mosaics
- Leadlighter
- Signwriter
- Beekeepers
- even a Meadery!

TAKE A WALK DOWN HERITAGE LANE

Securing Queensland’s clean energy future

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Say g'day to the Makers!

Over the event, catch up with over 50 traditional artisans of heritage craft, who gather to showcase their skills, share their knowledge, and their passion in their craft. They will be demonstrating throughout the event.

Plus Craft Beer: A range of craft beer to discover, taste, and enjoy!

Plus Artisan Heritage Markets: Most of the exhibitors will have their handmade wares for sale on-site—a chance to pick up a unique, handcrafted and quality gift—straight from its creator. Support our artisan community!

Presented by Carbatec, Home of Woodworking

In the Woodcraft Area, meet woodworkers, carvers, spoonsmiths, luthiers, scrollsawers, pyrographers...
Rick Stanfield, one of the few remaining traditional wheelwrights, learned his trade from his grandfather.

In the early 1800s, when animal power gave way to wind and steam power in the wake of the Industrial Revolution, the need for hand forged wheels for carts (cartwheels), wagons (wains), traps and coaches became less and less in demand.

“It’s a lot of work to prepare for each wheelwrighting demonstration. Before each show, the hub, the spokes and the wooden felloes (outer rim) need to be prepared, taking many long hours to hone, shape and precision dowel them strongly together.”

During the show, a fire is built and stoked, ready for the steel rim. When the hot coals are just the right temperature, Rick and his team begin an almost choreographed “ballet” around the fire, masterfully rendering the rim malleable enough to be able to fit it tightly and permanently to the wooden wheel. The tossing of water starts and a constant cloud of steam billows. The sight and sounds of the wheelwright, working frenetically with his hot metal rim, the “chink, chink” of his smithy’s tools, the hiss and smell of the rising steam, are indeed evocative of another time in history.

“Like any history, in order to appreciate it you have to preserve it. We try to educate people at the show about what the Clydesdale is all about, and to pay respect to the history and heritage of these magnificent horses.”

**PROGRAM: SATURDAY**

- **9.00am** Meet the Clydesdales! Meet’n’greet this massive work horse
- **10.00am** Harness Demonstration
- **11.30am** Wheelwright Display – Exciting display with fire, iron & wood, with an educational and informative delivery explaining this rare trade
- **1.00pm – 1.30pm** Lunch time for the Horse
- **1.30pm** Harness Demonstration Demonstration of harnessing and driving a Clydesdale
- **2.30pm** Wheelwright Display - Exciting display with fire, iron & wood, with an educational and informative delivery explaining this rare trade
- **4.00pm** Meet the Clydesdales! Public interaction with the horses.

**PROGRAM: SUNDAY**

- **9.00am** Meet the Clydesdales! Meet’n’greet this massive work horse
- **10.00am** Wheelwright Display – Exciting display with fire, iron & wood, with an educational and informative delivery explaining this rare trade.
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Our Club, the Rotary Club of Gympie, has just received a grant of $8500 from the RACQ Foundation to organise a display of vintage, veteran and classic vehicles and motorcycles as part of this year’s HERITAGE MAKERS FAIR.

With your help, we can do this - and the $8500 will be forwarded on to Gympie Gold Mining & Historical Museum to assist in the restoration of vintage and rare motors and machinery damaged during the devastating 2022 floods.

Can you or your Club showcase your vintage, veteran and/or classic vehicle(s) or historic motorcycle(s) for the day or weekend?

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GYMPIE ROTARY MAKERS FAIR 2023

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Beautiful quilts are being diligently catalogued; artisans are carefully packing jawdropping showpieces; market traders are gearing up in all the latest, the must-have’s; Rotarians are finalising logistics and liaising with masters and makers, demonstrators and more - all in preparation for what will be the one of the largest quilting/ crafting/makers events in SE Qld. Come along, immerse yourself in a delightful showcase of quilting, stitching, textile, fibre arts, explore the makers markets.

Whether by stair or by lift, when you reach the upper floor, you will be greeted by the vision of a sea of lovely quilts, created by quilters of all levels. It’s a tapestry of colour, a labyrinth to be wandered through leisurely.

**Quilts + Artisan Exhibits:**

**GUEST QUILTER Michele Hill**
Award-winning quilter, author, designer Michele Hill will present an outstanding showcase of her Morris-inspired quilts.

**FIBRE FORUM:**
The Extreme Sport of Textile Crafts in Street Art: yarnbombing on an new level

**TEXTILE & FIBRE ART: ATASDA**
Australian Textile & Surface Design Assoc Qld, will showcase exploratory fibre arts, unexpected relationships between textiles, fibres, fabrics and other creative mediums.
With thanks to our Fair Sponsors:

Heritage Makers Fair Craft Beer

Presenting the age-old craft of brewing, the Gympie Rotary Heritage Makers Fair and its Craft Beer Open Door are a celebration and a sharing of knowledge of centuries old skills, perfected by cultures world-wide.

Come and meet your mates:

Larry: Pale Ale
Flavours: Mango & Passionfruit

Tilly: Ginger Beer
Flavours: Refreshing Ginger Beer

Sally: India Pale Ale
Flavours: Grapefruit, Melon & Pine

Eddie: Session XPA
Flavours: Citrus Zest, Lime, Melon & Paw Paw

Macca: Aussie Lager
Flavours: Sweet Biscuit & Malt

Donnie: Dark Ale
Flavours: Smokey, Roasted Coffee & Chocolate

Catering to both the already-devoted lovers of craft brews and those who are curious to discover some new flavours, start with a tasting paddle, refer to your Tasting Notes... and enjoy!
Many of our exhibitors are masters of their trade, others are hobbyists, learning, and in that way, keeping their craft alive. All are keen to promote and demonstrate their craft, to share their knowledge, to inspire, to educate - to ensure the longevity of our heritage trades into the future.

They attend the event voluntarily, donate their time and rely on sales of their wares to be able to continue their craft.

Woodcrafted items: toys, pens, bowls, “comfort birds” and more; whittled animals; handcrafted spoons; baskets; raku, sagger and smoke-fired ceramic pots; forged silver and gem wares; individually hand-forged glass beads; mosaic decor; copperware; leadlight suncatchers - even meads to try.

Please purchase to support the Makers!
There’s so much to see at this year’s event... but save some time to explore the markets, on the ground floor of the Pavilion.

A plethora of diverse traders offer wonderful artisan handmade wares - from exquisite weavings to handcrafted crochet hooks and wooden birdhouses.

ALL THINGS QUILTING & PATCHING
FOLD IT, STICK IT, STAMP IT - CREATE IT!
WOOLS & YARNS, FROM FLEECE TO FINISH
HANDMADE WITH WOW FACTOR
MACHINES & ACCESSORIES
HEALTH, LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY
HERITAGE MAKERS FAIR

A PROGRAM FOR OUR MINI-MAKERS

Our artisans and makers are keen to preserve their heritage craft and trades - what better way than to inspire the children. Bring your family for an adventurous and fun day out! Details soon on website www.ancientcrafts.org

TAKE HOME A MOMENTO!

BUSHCRAFT WITH STAN

Bring your children along for some hands-on activities, including “have-a-go” with the shaving horse and draw knife, cross cut saw with a 100-year old saw – carve a pair of music sticks from specially selected timber species. Along with this unique experience and treasured memory, your kids will take home a memento of their time with Stan!

HANDS-ON WITH THE MAKERS

HAVE-A-GO!!

A hands-on “have-a-go” program for kids! So many of our exhibitors are passionate about teaching children their craft – onsite, there will be a number of diverse “have-a-go” activities for children – along with Stan’s Australian Bushcraft Show, there’s “have-a-go”:
- weaving
- knitting
- lapidary
- signwriting
- leadlighting
- papermaking
- mosaics

Bring your family to try their hand - and have-a-go yourself!

MARY VALLEY RATTLER

ALL PLAYERS GET A PRIZE

TREASURE HUNT

A journey of discovery, for your family to learn and be inspired as they are guided around the MAKERS FAIR solving clues on the Treasure Hunt! Each day, clues will be available, each player will receive a small prize and one lucky hunter will win a FAMILY PASS on one of Queensland’s most iconic heritage experiences!

MARY VALLEY RATTLER
CRAFT BEER, MEAD TASTINGS..... AND DELICIOUS COUNTRY CATERING

An abundance of catering options await you at this year’s Gympie Rotary MAKERS FAIR. You will be well dined and well watered while supporting a number of charities and community groups. Offering light snacks to hearty meals, this is definitely not the place for diets!

A HAMMER & TONGS RESTAURANT
Dine in or take away, at the Hammer & Tongs Restaurant you can choose from a menu of hearty country meals - and wash it down with a wine, or cold craft beer. Set4Life, who raise funds to support the wellbeing of more than 1000 people in 17 remote communities, will be working alongside the Gympie Freemasons.

B CRAFT BEER

C LITTLE HAVEN CAFE
On the lower floor of the Pavilion, Little Haven Palliative Care’s catering crew will be working their magic, serving a feast of gourmet delights. The menu includes selections of sweet and savoury house-made muffins, cakes and tarts; melts, grills, rolls, more, herbal and leaf teas, coffees and cold drinks.

D IMBIL CWA CAFE
Imbil CWA is renowned for their scones, boasting being the winners of a recent “Scone-off” Challenge! On the upper floor of the Pavilion, they will be delighting you with not only their scones, but also a wonderful selection of their home-cooking, savoury platters... and a cool glass of wine!

E DOMESTIC ARTS HERITAGE CAFE
Housed in the Domestic Arts venue, simple selections of wholesome food will be served with great coffees and teas for a quick fix R&R!
The Gympie Region’s a place of big hearts, big spaces and big ideas and we’re proud to call it home.

With beautiful beaches, unspoiled coastlines, majestic hinterlands, lush rolling hills and stunning nature all around us, this is a region of contrasts, a region to be proud of.
The main beneficiary of the Gympie Rotary MAKERS FAIR is Little Haven Palliative Care. Little Haven Palliative Care is one of Queensland’s leading providers of community based palliative care nursing services for patients with a terminal illness. Little Haven is a not for profit organisation, providing compassionate and professional palliative care and cancer support to people with an incurable illness, and their loved ones, in the Gympie and surrounding area. Partially funded by QHealth, they rely on donations and the generosity of the community to continue to provide a comprehensive range of Palliative Care services and 24/7 support to all who needs them - without fee to the patient.

Of all life’s challenges, a diagnosis of incurable illness and loss are the times when we are most in need of answers and support.
DISCOVER OUR REGION

Ours is a region of contrasts – powdery, white-sand beaches, unspoiled coastlines, majestic hinterlands, lush rolling hills and stunning nature all around us.

What connects us all is our pioneering spirit and our deep love of the land and, the pride we take in sharing it with you.

So take some time to get to know us better and then you’ll understand why we wouldn’t trade it for the world.

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HERITAGE MAKERS FAIR

1 - 2 JULY, 2023 GYMPIE’S PAVILION, SHOWGROUNDS, SOUTHSIDE GYMPIE

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WHEN
Saturday, July 1, 2023   8.30am - 5.00pm
Sunday, July 2, 2023   8.30am - 3.00pm

WHERE
The Pavilion, 77 Exhibition Rd,
Southside Gympie Q 4570

COST
Just $15 per adult per day.
includes catalogue

BENEFICIARIES
Profits assist major beneficiary Little Haven Palliative Care and community charities through the Rotary Club of Gympie

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