

# Gympie celebrated

Brochure to highlight all the Gympie region has to offer tourists

THE leading promotional brochure for Gympie was celebrated on Tuesday night at a special social function in the Mary River Motor Inn's new bar and restaurant, with more than 50 of Gympie's business and council representatives joining in the fun.

Presented by Gympie Cooloola Tourism, guests were treated to finger foods and drinks while surrounded by GCT's colourful exhibition display.

Brochure designer Simon Birks said it was great to see Gympie's businesses supporting GCT's tourism marketing activities.

"To have the support of the local industry means a lot to us," Simon said. "The least we could do is say thank you by putting on a party and spreading the good word about Gympie Cooloola Tourism's work."

Guests were keen to check out Gympie's new Mary River Motor Inn, with many impressed by the facilities.

Manager Monica Cannon said, "We are proud to host such a major tourism networking night for Gympie. It is an honour to have so many of Gympie's businessmen and women along for the night."

Forty thousand copies of the new Gympie brochure are now at the Lake Alford Information centre, ready to be distributed across Queensland and handed out from displays at major Brisbane exhibitions.

Gympie Cooloola Tourism general manager Amanda LePeilbet said the brochure was a great way to promote the attractions, events and businesses of Gympie.

"We print more of these maps than any of our other publications, such as the popularity of Gympie," she said.

"GCT is regularly posting them



**LAUNCH:** Gympie Regional councillor Graham Engeman with the council's economic development officer, Lynne Wilbraham, and Bendigo Bank Gympie chairman Elaine Thomson at the launch. Contributed

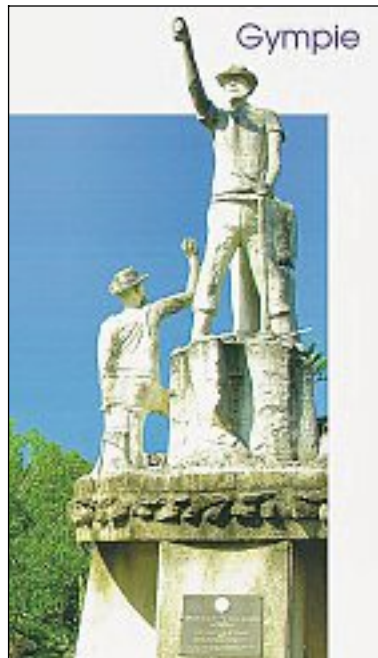


**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** Gympie Tourism communications officer Simon Birks and general manager Amanda LePeilbet with the new promotional brochure and map launched on Tuesday night. Contributed

out to people who say they are looking to visit the golden city."

The tourist brochure is only a part of GCT's much-wider marketing campaign for Gympie.

Copies of the map are available from information centres, Gympie Regional Council, local real estate agents or by free calling 1800 444 222 for a copy to be sent via post.



**PROMOTION:** A copy of the new brochure Gympie Cooloola Tourism released recently. Contributed

## COMMUNITY DIARY

email

community@gympietimes.com

### TODAY

**Gympie National Seniors MEETING**, 6pm for 6.30pm start, Orchid Room, Gympie RSL. Guest speaker Sven Gronbaekwill speak about his country Denmark. Inquiries Col Wessling 5482 1672 or Shirley Lund 5484 3129.

#### U3A Thursday classes

Spanish 9am-11am, Contact Maureen Botterill 5483 7059.

Book Ends (2nd Thursday) 9-11am. Contact Jill Jones 5482 4518.

My Kind of Poetry (last Thursday of the month) 10am-noon. Contact Joyce Lilley 5482 1796.

Cards 1am-3pm. Contact Marion Aves 5482 6896.

Music for Pleasure (1st Thursday) 2-4pm. Contact Margaret Wilson 5482 1606.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAYS room 2, Gympie Community Place, Lawrence St, 8pm. Contact 5481 1479. And Tin Can Bay Library (next to RSL in Tin Can Bay Rd) 6pm. Contacts 5488 0326 or 5486 2073.

### TOMORROW

#### Old time dance

ALBERT Bowls Club 7.30pm. Music by the Country Swingers. All welcome. \$10 includes raffle, lucky door, supper. Inquiries 5482 1095 or 5482 2521.

#### Swap deadline

THE annual swap will be held on Sunday, March 20, in the Maleny showgrounds. Grounds open to vendors at 2pm on Saturday, March 19. Camping Saturday night only is \$5 per person. Good available Saturday and Sunday. Outdoor site costs \$5 and no booking required. Indoor sites ar \$15 and bookings are essential. Indoor sites must be booked and prepaid by March 11. Bookings to Bob 0434 822 418.

#### U3A Friday classes

History 9.30-10.30am. Contact Iris Steenstrup 5483 6493.

Cryptic Crosswords 11am-noon. Contact June Firth 5482 6918.

Beginners MahJong 1-3pm. Contact Marion Aves 5482 6896.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

FRIDAYS Glenwood Community Hall (37km north of Gympie) 7pm. Contact 5485 7041 or 5485 7412.

### SATURDAY

#### Steaming Day

TODAY and tomorrow at the Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum, 215 Brisbane Rd, 9am to 4pm.

### SUNDAY

#### Kin Kin markets

KIN Kin School of Arts Hall, 10am-2pm. Come to Kin Kin to see what locally made products and produce are available from our hinterland town. Great live entertainment. Small charge per stall holder to cover hall hire costs. Contact Michelle on 5485 4228.

#### Garage sale

GARAGE sale at St Andrews Church Hall, Red Hill Rd, Saturday, March 12 from 7.30am until midday. Be early for the hundreds of bargains including household items, electrical goods, potted plants, toys, books, furniture, linen, cake stall. Inquiries 5482 2486.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAYS Room 2, Gympie Community Place, Lawrence St, 1.30pm. Contact 5483 7321.

## GPS will direct you to your happy place

THE popular Comedy Shorts program at the Heart of Gold Film Festival is on again and amongst a fantastic line up is an Australian gem, GPS.

GPS is the story of Thompson, a seven-year-old with a gift for direction, who has one dream in life - to be the voice of a GPS navigator.

However, he is devastated to learn he has a debilitating lisp.

For years he tries to forget his dream, but he can't get it out of his mind.

When he auditions at Gusto GPS Navigators, he embarks on an impossible journey that sends him into a spiral of despair - no one wants to hire a GPS navigator with a lisp.

Will his dream destroy him, or is there light at the end of the tunnel for Thompson?

GPS director Sam Bryant's innovative approach and effervescent visual styles in filmmaking have lead to Australian media labelling him as a "wunderkid" and earning him official selection for the Young Director Award at Cannes Lions Festival.



Other awards for GPS include Flickerfest Short Film Festival 2010 - Winner SBS Award and Winner Avid Award for Best Editing.

Screening in Shorts 10 - Comedy Shorts - Friday, March 19, 9pm.

Please note this is a popular session and will sell out - book your tickets now!

Heart of Gold International Film Festival, Gympie Civic Centre, March 17 - 21.

Tickets available now from [www.heartofgold.com.au](http://www.heartofgold.com.au) or phone 5483 7000.

The festival program includes an extensive collection of short films, select features and is partnered with a comprehensive series of workshops, seminars and master classes. Tickets on sale now.



**FUNNY FILM:** GPS director Sam Bryant. Contributed