

Jacqueline does what grandmothers do best

Author says the little things are most important

BECOMING a grandmother has been a wonderful gift for Jacqueline Scott.

The initial shock of being a young granny was soon replaced by anticipation of the approaching birth of her first grandchild.

"Then came the dreaming – dreaming of the kind of grandma I wanted to be," she writes in her book *Making Grandma Memories*.

"I knew I wanted to make my grandchildren feel special and important as my grandma did for me."

The former Gympie woman, now a proud grandma to "six adorable angles", decided to write the book because she hoped it would inspire other grandmas to keep on doing what grandmas do best.

"The little things they do which might not seem much, actually are very important," she said.

A first time author, Mrs Scott is very excited about the launch of her book planned for April at Tin Can Bay.

Born in Gympie, Mrs Scott attended the Gympie West State School and spent three years at Gympie State High.

A retired customs officer, the notion of writing a book was a dream she wasn't sure she would ever realise.

"Many times I wavered, wondering what on earth made me think that I could do this but that still small voice kept guiding me on in spite of my self doubt and fears," she said.

Mrs Scott said her book is about the making of memories.

"I love being a grandma and hope that I can give my grandchildren a true sense that they are loved and special."

Without a background in writing or publishing Mrs Scott said she "simply held on to my dream".

And it seems her words are touching people. "I'm finding that my book is reminding people of their own grandparent memories, often bringing to the surface a buzz of memories. And of course, they are memories which bring a smile to the teller and to the listener alike."

A firm belief that positive actions make a positive difference for others, Mrs Scott said it might be a simple smile or a kind word that makes a difference.

"Whatever it is it can have a profound effect on those around us," she said.

"In truth I hope it can be an inspiration to all of



TURNING LOVE INTO WORDS: Jacqueline Scott loves being a grandma so much she decided to write a book about it. Renee Pilcher

us to be kind and remember that we can and do make a difference."

For more information about the book email grandmamemories@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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TODAY

Wolvi Hall Zumba

WOLVI and District War Memorial Hall holds Zumba classes Wednesdays at the hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Ladies, children and even gents are welcome to come along to this funky exercise dance craze. Cost \$12. Qualified instructors come out from Gympie each week. Inquiries Louise 0418 141 242.

50s and over

MEETS for fun and friendship on Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Centre from 11am to 3pm. Cards, indoor bowls, Scrabble and much more. Inquiries Olive 5482 3146.

QCWA

GYMPIE branch meets St John's Ambulance building, Apollonain Vale, 9am for a 9.30am start. BYO lunch if desired. Cost \$1. New members very welcome. Inquiries Elaine 5483 5343.

Safe and confident living

ENVIRONMENT in which older people have information, resources and support to participate fully in community life. Meets Uniting Church Community Hall, Elizabeth Street, Imbil, 9:30am-11:30am, first and third Wednesday of the month. Contact 5443 7281. Cost: \$3.

TPDSA (Gympie) Inc

THE Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association (Gympie) Inc meets Wednesday, March 2, in the Board Room of the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch, Mary Street, at 10am. Inquiries Bill 5486-7355. New members and visitors always welcome.

Dance classes

DORE'S dance classes Wednesdays at Albert Bowls Club from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Beginner and advanced old time and new vogue and Latin American. Inquiries 5486 4434.

Gamblers Anonymous

MEETS Wednesdays 4.30pm, Centreplace Cnr Lawrence & Myall St, Gympie. Inquiries Maureen on 54835505 or Steve on 54862086

TOMORROW

Older Women's Network

THIS meeting of the Older Women's Network will have a representative from Heartbeat to update members on resuscitation. Meeting at the Anglican Hall, Lady Mary Terrace at 9.15am. Visitors welcome. Inquiries Cathy 5482 4603.

Wolvi Hall yoga classes

WOLVI and District War Memorial Hall holds yoga classes every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm. Accredited instructor, cost \$12. Inquiries Mandy 5405 9305.

U3A Thursday classes: 9-11am: Spanish. Contact Maureen Botterill 5483 7059. 9-11am: Book Ends (2nd Thursday). Contact Jill Jones 5482 4518. 10am-noon: My Kind of Poetry (last Thursday of the month). Contact Joyce Lilley 5482 1796. 1-3pm: Cards. Contact Marion Aves 5482 6896. 2-4pm: Music for Pleasure. (1st Thursday). Contact Margaret Wilson 5482 1606.

OWN

MEETS Thursday, March 3, 8.30am, at Jay-Cee Way for a bus trip to the Silent Movies in Pomona. Inquiries Betty 5482 9933.

AP&SL

GYMPIE affiliate meets Senior Citizens Centre, 12.30pm, for cards and raffles. Afternoon tea to follow. Inquiries 5482 6738.

Country & Western Service

AT Imbil Uniting Church, Sunday, March 13, 5.30pm. BYO food for barbecue. Inquiries 5484 5290.

'Moore' Bollywood at festival

MOORE Street Masala is to be premiered in Australia at the 2011 Heart of Gold Film Festival and is one of the many international award-winning films in this year's program.

Directed by David O'Sullivan (Ireland), this is the story of shop clerk Baba who falls for the sexy estate agent across the street.

When he sells her lunch, she steals his heart. There is only one way there love can make it ... Bollywood style.

Funded by the Irish Film Board, Moore Street Masala is the first indigenous Bollywood film to be shot in Ireland and was filmed in Dublin over three days.

This film brings together the colour of Bollywood, the diversity of modern Irish culture and the talents of a dedicated cast and crew.

Heart of Gold

■ Where: Gympie Civic Centre

■ When: March 17 – 21

■ Tickets: Available now from www.heartofgold.com.au, phone 5483 7000 or in person

It won the Cork Film Festival's Best Short Film, as well as the Interfilm Berlin Short Film Festival last year.

Moore Street Masala will make its Australian premiere screening on opening night Thursday, March 17 at 7.30pm as well as closing night, Sunday, March 20 at 5.30pm as part of the Irish Shorts Program – a light hearted, fun filled and quirky program to warm the heart and enliven the spi-



rit. 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 are on sale now.