

## The Mogo Event Committee Report 2017

The Committee comprised of Janine Adams; Lyndell Allen; Gisela Foote; Teresa Horsburgh; Kim McLennan; Theresa Mathews; in 2016, and Vicki Pamount-Reid has joined the Committee for 2017. Theresa Mathews has had to withdraw from the Committee due to family and new business commitments and we sincerely thank her for her fabulous contribution to the Gala in 2016 and hope that she will be able to join us again in the future.

We the above Committee met over a period of 10 Weeks at the end of 2016, and organised the first Gala Event held on the evening of 16th of December 2016.

The Christmas Gala Event was a success as the Give Away Draw provided an increased traffic in the lead up to the Event, as people purchased to go into the draw.

The participation on the night could have been higher but the weather was against us, with extreme rainfall in the previous 24hrs, continuing until 4 pm on the day!

The Community participation and the feeling of celebration was uplifting and provided a good base for the Christmas Period.

Following consultation with traders, we have made changes for the 2017 Christmas Gala Event.

The Committee has now been meeting regularly since March to work on two Events.

1/ The Christmas Gala.

This is now going to be held on Saturday the 9th of December 2017 from 11am - 6pm.

This year the event will involve the participation of the local traders, Buskers, the community - School and Service Organisations etc; Market Stalls and Family Activities- Games and Competitions

The Mogo Business Chamber Events Committee will be operating a Sausage Sizzle (Mogo Chamber Sausage Sizzle) as a fundraiser to support the organisation of the Gala. As an estimated \$6000.00 is required for purchase of BBQ Setup; hire of amenities, products for making stalls, advertising, prize purchases and lollies.

Some of these purchases will be available for ongoing events. However going forward we will require funds for the provision of amenities that cannot be purchased and have to be hired at the times required.

These Sausage Sizzles will be on Sundays between 11am & 2pm in the back of Charles St Car Park during September, October and November or until the required funds are raised. The Sausage Sizzles will then commence in Feb March and April to fund the Heritage Fair and Car Show.

Could we have a show of hands please to Vote on the commencement of the Fund Raising BBQs. All in Favour?

2/ The Mogo Village Heritage Fair and Car Show

Is planned to be held on the Long Weekend in June 2018.

This is going to be promoted as Mogo's Event on the Regional Events Calendar and we are going to apply for grant support to hold this as an ongoing annual event.

The plans for this Event are well underway with the focus on The relevance of Heritage to the Village of Mogo in the Modern World.

This is hoped to become a popular tourist and community draw, that will promote Mogo as a vibrant, interesting Retail and Cafe destination.

The whole Heritage of Mogo and district will be featured to allow families to participate in and interact with things from the past, old fashioned games, foods ect.

The Heritage of Country will also be featured with display and activities.

The Car Show will be an added feature for the Fair, with vintage and classic cars on display.

This Event will be a draw card for the Village of Mogo and the surrounding area, as there will be an increase in visitors and they require food and accommodations.

Both of these Events have required an enormous amount of research and planning work before they can be submitted in the form of Event Management Plans to Eurobodalla Shire Council.

The Christmas Gala has been Submitted and the Heritage Fair is ready to be submitted.

We now have to await approval.

In the meantime the fundraising has to go ahead as we have to have the funds to support the development of the events.

We will require the good will and support of the Retail and Resident Community to ensure that these events will be successful.

We thank all of the traders who have already indicated their commitment to contribute to this years Gala Draw, and hope that we will also be able to have volunteers to cover the day on a roster basis, many hands make light work!

A successful day will be a successful start to our Seasonal Trading, for us all!

Anyone wishing to contribute some time for the Sausage Sizzles or for the Gala please contact either myself or any of the Committee Members.

Thank you