



Give some thought to celebrating with us
over the weekend of 1 and 2 May 2010.

The sesqui-centenary of Coonabarabran celebrates 150 years since Coonabarabran was first proclaimed a village. Since those early years the town has grown to become renowned for its hospitality. The changes that have occurred over time reflect the contribution of people and climate to the landscape we fondly call home. Throughout the growth of our community there have been changes; changes in ownership of our landmark properties and businesses, changes in demographics and changes in industry. But in the end .. we still have a thriving, friendly town – one that welcomes strangers and new ideas.

The logo we chose for our sesqui-centenary depicts the things that are enduring, the landmarks by which our area is identified; the majestic Warrumbungle Mountain Range to the west, the trickling Castlereagh River with its beginnings in the foothills of the Warrumbungles, the magnificent Clock Tower – a lasting memorial to those Coonabarabran men who fought for their country in the both WW1 and WW2.

The dynamic nature of our town is what drives us all, our resilience in the hardtimes, our celebrations and our supportive nature have placed us in a position where we can comfortably predict and plan for a future for our families .. *Coonabarabran is in fact a community .. still living on.*

Join us and celebrate our birth and our growth

Draft Program of Activities

Friday 30th April

Best Shop Window Presentation Judging

(Coonabarabran District Chamber of Commerce)

2pm

Heritage Tour..

Join a half day tour to take you back in time – take this chance to observe the changes to our local landscape – natural, built and cultural. To add to that nostalgic feeling your transport will be an old restored Greyhound Clipper and tour numbers are limited to 20 passengers per tour; tag-along cars are welcome to book on. Bookings at Coona' Visitor Information Centre – phone 6849 2144 to book on – please note this tour will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers. Price to be confirmed

Saturday 1st May

Reunions around Coonabarabran

- wanting to contact others for your reunion?
- have you registered your reunion with the Visitor Information Centre?
- check out www.warrumbungleregion.com.au/events.cfm for details of locations, year groups, family gatherings etc

Check out the *Streetlong Gallery of Community Profiles*

Check out the *photographic displays depicting the story of Coonabarabran* – Coonabarabran Library, Town Hall, Coonabarabran Public School Hall, Shire Chambers and Visitor Information Centre.

9.30am *Heritage Tour..*

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6pm *Book Launch and Film*

- *Pictorial History of Coonabarabran*

(compiled by Joy Pickette and published by the Coonabarabran DPS)

- *Coonabarabran on Film*

a film depicting significant events (still and moving footage) in Coonabarabran's history

- light finger food will be served

- *Recovery of the Coonabarabran Time Capsule* - placed in the Town Hall in 1971 - Mayor, Cllor Peter Shinton and Past Shire President John Knight assisted by past Councillors and Senior Executive Staff of Coonabarabran Shire

- *Loading of the Sesqui-Centenary Time Capsule*

The Orbital Swing Band and Coonabarabran Strings and the students from the Coonabarabran School of Music will provide entertainment throughout the evening

The formal part of this evening has been restricted to 2 hours to allow visitors time to attend reunions in the evening; guests may stay on at The Town Hall to share stories and pictures.

The Coonabarabran DPS will have a photographic display and will take orders for re-production of photographs as required.

Sunday 2nd May

11am *Street Parade*

- John Street to No 1 Oval

Commencing at council carpark in Cassilis Street - behind Commonwealth Bank and opposite the Orana Credit Union.

Led by the *Orbital Swing Band* - Quirky floats, horses and sulkies, vintage, veteran and classic cars and motorbikes, Marching Girls, Physi and Sporting Teams, schools and much more

Float Entries and intending participants should contact the Visitor Information Centre on 6849 2144 before 15th April. All participants should marshall at the Carpark at 10.30am.

12.30pm *Arrival of all floats at Number 1 Oval*

- judging of floats

Family Picnic on the Footy Field .. No 1 Oval

- bring your own picnic lunch or purchase from the on-site stalls, entertainment.

1pm *Official Opening*

- ✚ *Welcome* by Mayor, Cllor Peter Shinton,
- ✚ *Re-enactment of Proclamation of Coonabarabran*
- ✚ *Cake Cutting*, Mayor, Cllor Peter Shinton, supported by past Shire Presidents
- ✚ *Bush Poetry Presentation* -
- ✚ *Parade Winner presentation* - Rotary Club of Coonabarabran
- ✚ *Shop Window winner presentation* - Coonabarabran District Chamber of Commerce

Time to party on with friends and relatives

Sunday 2nd May

3pm

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5pm

Conclusion of days events ..

Drive safely as you leave .. Remember to return often

The Coonabarabran DPS would be happy to receive photographs for scanning or help you to access photos .. **please contact them in John Street (in their Bakery building office) while you are here or call them on 02 6842 5000**

Have you purchased a Coonabarabran Family Tile ?

Glass tiles are available by contacting Aileen at the Visitor Centre on 6849 2140.

The glass tiles will feature the sesqui-centenary logo and the central part will be engraved with the family name and detail of the period of their time in Coonabarabran. Completed tiles will be installed in public spaces throughout town .. the new Council Chamber Building, the Library, the Schools, the Town Hall etc.

As an example .. the tile may be the family Knight .. and will feature the time of the arrival of John Knight and instead of recording the date of John's death, and because the descendants are still living here, the tile will record .. *still living on* to acknowledge the continuous link the Knights have with Coonabarabran. Another example may be a more recent family arrival .. eg: Weatherall 1967 .. still living on ; or maybe a family that no longer has descendants living here so it may be .. eg: Smythe .. 1968 - 1977 .

Please note this means you do not have to be currently living in Coonabarabran to be a featured family in our family tile project .. just to have been here .. or even have your family or a member of your family live here at sometime.

Cost for a family tile will be \$75 .. ask your family to pool their funds to contribute to leaving a mark in Coonabarabran!!! Advanced purchases welcome .. advanced purchased tiles will be on display over the weekend .. and we hope it encourages others to purchase a tile as well.

The www.warrumbungleregion.com.au website will be updated regularly with reunion and activities information .. please check it out often .. from here on the program may change rapidly.