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I LOVE Mt Perry! Its beautiful scenery, its hidden attractions, its rich history and, of course, its welcoming people. Come for a day or stay for a while, either way you will leave relaxed and refreshed. There is a chance, however, that you will be so overcome by the magic of the mountain you, like many others previously, will decide to stay forever. See you soon in the North Burnett, it truly is a spectacularly beautiful region.

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# WELCOME TO MT PERRY

### A TOWN STEEPED IN RICH HISTORY

NESTLED within the Boolboonda and Normanby Ranges, a Mt Perry is a quaint town with several attractive parks for relaxing and enjoying the abundant wildlife including black cockatoos, galahs, king parrots and wallabies.

Settlement began in the late 1840s with two large sheep grazing stations. Sheep gave way to cattle due to the spread of spear grass after the big mobs ate out the natural grasses.

Mining activity began in the 1860s. The discovery of rich copper deposits led to a boom as news of the strike spread. In its heyday, Mt Perry boasted 25 hotels.

These did not last, and by 1876 the town had settled down to six regular hostelries.

As the land was cleared for mining operations, it spawned another industry - timber, which was used by the mines and for housing. Good stands of pine, cedar and hardwoods attracted many timber getters who used their horse and bullock teams to snig out and haul the logs that had been cut from the ranges.

Traces of gold have been found since early

settlement, but for years the main mining income came from copper ore. Copper mining ceased in 1913, but the remains of smelters can still be seen.

Today, a statue of a miner stands in Maynard Park. The cast image acknowledges the long history and contribution of the mining industry in Mt Perry and commemorates Queensland's 150th birthday in 2009.

The Pat Augustine Cultural Centre houses a historical display, art gallery and the public library. It includes photographs of the district dating back to the late 1800s, and information about businesses and families.

The Art Gallery is operated by the Mt Perry Arts Group and artists from around Queensland regularly hold exhibitions, with an annual art exhibition now in its 21st vear

Reflect on the past at the Mt Perry Bicentennial Museum, which features a working blacksmith's shop and memorabilia including an old fire engine, cart and other pieces of local historical significance.

Next door is the historic Madsen's Kitchen, which shows just how different life used to be.

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# **SEASONAL EVENTS**

# WINTER (JUNE TO AUGUST)

### **JUNE 12**

Charity concert at Mount Perry Race Course.

### **JUNE 25**

ACDC concert at the Mount Perry Race Course.

# **AUGUST 12-14**

Mt Perry Annual Arts Exhibition.

# AUGUST 13

Family Fun Day (dump truck pull).

## **AUGUST 27-28**

Catch a Catty annual family fishing competition.

# SPRING (SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER)

# **SEPTEMBER 24**

Mount Perry Rodeo.

### **SEPTEMBER**

Home of the Wide Bay Sand Green Championships, the Mount Perry Golf Club Men's and Ladies' Carnival.

### OCTOBER 8

Mount Perry Woodchop.

### OCTOBER 27

Evolution Mine Tours - Mt Rawdon Site.

### **NOVEMBER 12**

Annual Mount Perry Cup Race Day.

# SUMMER (DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY)

## **3RD SATURDAY IN DECEMBER**

Annual Carols by Candlelight, Monster Cent Sale and Santa arrives on the fire truck.

### **JANUARY 26**

Australia Day awards and celebrations. Camping, boating, canoeing, paddle boarding at Mingo Crossing.

# AUTUMN (MARCH TO MAY)

### **APRIL 25**

Anzac Day service.

### **APRIL 15, 2017**

Mount Perry and District Show Day, normally the third Saturday of April.

# **MAY 2017**

Mount Perry Campdraft.

Axeman's and Sawyers Annual Charity
Auction, first weekend in May.









# MOUNT PERRY BI-CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

The Mt Perry Museum proudly boasts a restored and working three pole stamper and curvilinear concentrator table, one of only three known in Queensland. The main museum building was the original council chambers, when Mount Perry was in Perry Divisional Area. Next to the museum there is Madsen's Kitchen, which depicts life as it used to be. There

Image courtesy of Imageworkx

is a working blacksmith's shop and a variety of memorabilia, including an old fire engine, German cart and other pieces of local historical significance. The museum has markets on the second Sunday of every month and the museum is open every week day and weekend by appointment. Call Beppie 07 4156 3185 or Brian 07 4156 3916.

# **MOUNT PERRY MARKETS**

FIND arts and crafts, fruit and vegetables, hairdressing, garden equipment, jewellery, women's hats and old farm equipment.

The markets are on the second Sunday of each month at the Mt Perry Museum from 7am-1pm.

# TAKE IN THE VIEW OF THE VALLEY WITH A STROLL UP THE HILL

START your tour of Mt Perry at the Normanby Lookout and you will be able to see the entire valley below and hills beyond.

The lookout is situated to the west of the township and is a simple drive to the top where picnic tables and a site marker are waiting. A site marker will tell you what lies in each direction and how far you have to go.

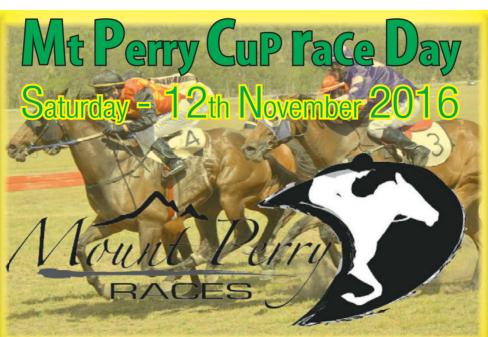
The Heritage Walk in Mt Perry is designed for tourists and passers-by to stop and take a little time walking the streets of this fine township. A series of plaques are positioned along the main road of Mt Perry that describes what once stood in that location. The local museum hands out pamphlets which contain photos of the buildings lost to time so that the wanderer can immerse themselves in the town's history.

Being able to stand at the road's edge, look down at the plaque then up again with the photo in hand is an experience in itself. Anyone with true appreciation of history will love the 'walk through' element of the heritage walk.

To stand in the same spot 100 years or more after those in the pictures draws out a sense of perspective rarely felt.

To know that in that very spot someone else will stand in another hundred years with the same thoughts is an overwhelming concept that holds your attention and imagination. A little further south along Gayndah-Mt Perry Rd is the Good Night Scrub National Park. A serene bush retreat with ancient hoop pine rainforests and breathtaking views is considered a great location for birdwatching and wildlife in general. The One Tree Hill lookout is the perfect spot to view the park from. According to folklore, the scrub was once so thick it was near-impossible to walk or ride through and is the location of the last known sighting of the extinct paradise parrot.





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# MT PERRY POWDER MAGAZINE

THE Mt Perry Powder Magazine is a rare surviving example of mining infrastructure built in Mt Perry's heyday.

The brick-and-stone gunpowder magazine was constructed by the Queensland Government in 1874.

It is in a paddock to the east of Sandy Camp Rd, which is about 3.5km north of the town.

Queensland Heritage Council chair Professor Peter Coaldrake said it was used to store gunpowder for use in the local mine and was one of only three known surviving 19th-century government powder magazines in Queensland.

"Despite lacking floors and roof and therefore incomplete, the solidly constructed walls, narrow windows and remnant copper fittings of the Mt Perry Powder Magazine are all standard features of Queensland Government powder magazines of the 19th century," he said.

"The isolated location of the structure demonstrates the practice of locating gunpowder at a safe distance from population centres."

The structure represents the first copper mining boom during the 1870s.

"The former Mt Perry Powder Magazine is an evocative structure, which stands alone in a grassy field and the peace and solitude of the site provides a contrast with the hectic activity which would have accompanied copper mining at Mt Perry."

The Mt Perry Powder Magazine was identified through the state-wide heritage survey conducted by the Department of Environment and Resource Management's Heritage Branch.



# HISTORIC SITE

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### **BOOLBOONDA TUNNEL**

RENOWNED for being one of the most interesting sights in the North Burnett region, the Boolboonda Tunnel is a beautiful, abandoned railway tunnel near Mt Perry.

The heritage-listed tunnel extends 192m into solid granite and is unlined and unsupported, making it the longest unsupported man-made tunnel in Queensland.

It took two years to dig and was officially opened on November 2, 1883.

It was originally built for the railway line between Bundaberg and Mt Perry to service the copper mines.

As the miners slowly faded away, the railway was used for agricultural freight until the 1960s.

Today, a gravel road runs through the tunnel and it is now home to a colony of bent-winged bats and is also used to access residential properties.

The Boolboonda Tunnel is accessible by cars, walkers and bike riders. This historic place does create an eerie feeling and, because of its depth, has a cool temperature.

# POST OFFICE HISTORY

The first official Post Office commenced operating on 31 July 31, 1872. The electric telegraph line to Mount Perry was opened on May 1, 1873.











# \$150,000 SKATE PARK PROVES A BOON FOR YOUTH OF THE REGION

THE new Mt Perry Skate Park was officially opened in May

North Burnett Regional Council sponsored and supported Mt Perry Sport and Recreation Inc., which received a total of \$86,452 from the Queensland Government Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing - Qld Sport and Recreation, through the Get Playing Program to construct the skate park.

Other elements in the overall project, including landscaping, shade covers, drinking fountain, security lighting and signage was made possible through sponsorships and community partnerships, which greatly contributed to the total project cost of \$150,000.

The new park is great for skaters and bikers to use, whether they are just starting out, or are looking to improve their current skills. The park has good natural flow and contains a variety of equipment including half pipes, banks, flat rails, return, launch pad, grind rail and grind box.

The North Burnett Regional Council would like to thank the following sponsors for their assistance with the

construction of the Mt Perry Skate Park: Qld Department of Sport & Rec: Mt Perry Sport & Rec: Evolution Mines: Bendigo Bank - Gin Gin; Axeman & Sawyers Club Mt Perry; Mt Perry State School; Mt Perry Deb Ball Committee; D J Steel & Concrete; Mt Perry Community members.

The Mt Perry Skate Park opening was made possible through funding supplied by: Qld Department of Communities - Community Recovery Brokerage Funding; BLANK; Girls Skate Australia; Mt Perry Community Members; Red Frogs.

Construction of the skate park was made possible through funding support from the Queensland Government under the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing Get Playing Program and various community services/organisations/individuals and the council. Funding for the opening has been provided by the Australian Government under the Community Recovery, Community Development Initiative as agreed with the Australian Government under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.



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# CATCH SIGHT OF DECOMMISSIONED LEOPARD BATTLE TANK AT MT PERRY

THE Leopard Main Battle Tank is mounted in Huesman St, opposite the memorial park. The 42-tonne armoured monster is nearly 10 metres long and came with a 105mm main gun capable of firing armour-piercing shells.

The tank, which was in use by the Australian Army from 1977–2007, carries a call sign of 'C' for Coal and was responsible for firing the last shot by a Leopard Tank: It was on a firing

range though. These tanks were never used in action by Australia.

The tank was gifted and located by the Commonwealth Government after extensive selection process involving the Mt Perry RSL sub-branch and North Burnett Regional Council.

On September 10, 2011, the tank was dedicated as a memorial to all men and women who have served their country since the Second World War

and those who continue to serve.

On the 11th day of the 11th month, 2011, a time capsule was sealed inside the tank by the Mt Perry community, to be open in 2036.

The foundation on which the tank rests was donated by Valerie Dingle in honour of her father, Private Alfred Ernest Foley, who served with the 9th Battalion from March 1942 to November 1945.

Rod Gear donated a Lone Pine Tree

that was planted on November 11, 2011.
Jayden McKay was selected by
students and peers to receive the honour
of planting the tree.

## **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

- The tank is a Leopard 1 Main Battle Tank. These were first manufactured in 1963 by Krauss–Maffei for the German Ministry of Defence.
- The Leopard 1 was superseded by the Leopard 2 in 1979.
- A total of 101 Leopard tanks were bought by the Australian Defence Force in 1976 for more than \$600,000 each.
- The Leopard Tank 1 weighs just over 42 tonnes and was powered by the 37.4 litre Daimler-Benz V10 engine.
- They had a range of more than 450km and a top speed of 62kmh.
- Its main armament is a 105mm rifled gun and 59 rounds could be carried on board. The secondary armaments are two 7.62mm machine guns with 5500 rounds carried.
- The tanks' main armour is steel up to 21mm thick.

Photo: Contributed

# DID YOU KNOW...

The Turkish mountain gun housed at Mt Perry Memorial Park was brought back with the troops after the First World War and has been located at Mt Perry since 1918. History of how it arrived is unknown.



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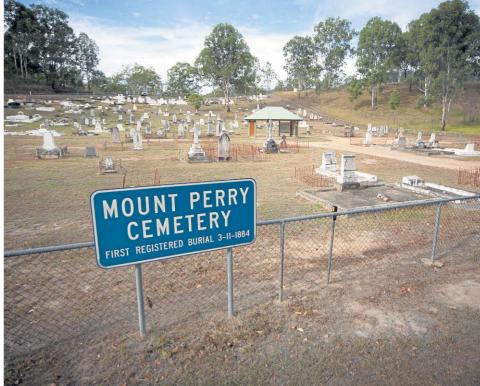
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# GO ALONG AND HAVE A HIT AS EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT MT PERRY GOLF CLUB

A nine-hole sand green course of 5375 metres with a par of 70, a scratch rating of 64 and a slope of 105, the very picturesque and well maintained course offers a satisfying golfing experience.

Conveniently located at Smokers Gully Rd, the Mount Perry Golf Club has a long and proud history, dating back to 1963 when the new nine-hole course was

The club offers members and visitors a very rewarding golfing experience. The club house was built in 1976 by volunteers with electricity and septic.

Home of the Wide Bay Sand Green Championships, the Mount Perry Golf Club Men's and Ladies Carnival is held in September each year.

Go along, and enjoy the Mount Perry Golf Club. Please phone the clubhouse on 07 4156 3021 for further information.

Have a game or come in for a chat, everyone is always welcome.

PICTURED: Local resident Keith McKay enjoys a round of golf using his buggy.

# **MOUNT PERRY CEMETERY**

MOUNT Perry Cemetery is a wealth of genealogy and history, situated on the outskirts of town, set on the side of a hill.

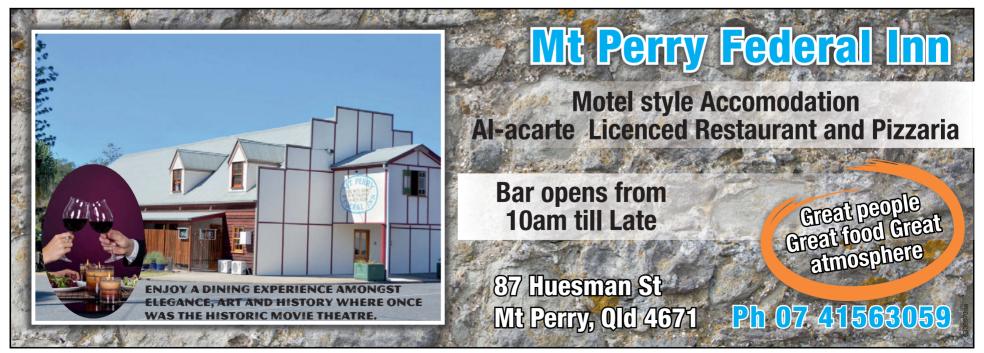
The first official cemetery records started on November 3, 1884. The old rose garden is now covered with a rotunda. The rotunda is home to the survey plan and burial information complied by the Perry Shire Council, Ron Cash (deceased) and Pat Smith of Mt Perry, with the help of the Bundaberg Genealogical Association.

All care has been taken to make the index as accurate and complete as possible. There are still 114 children under the age of two never allocated a number. Mt Perry Cemetery is non-denominational.

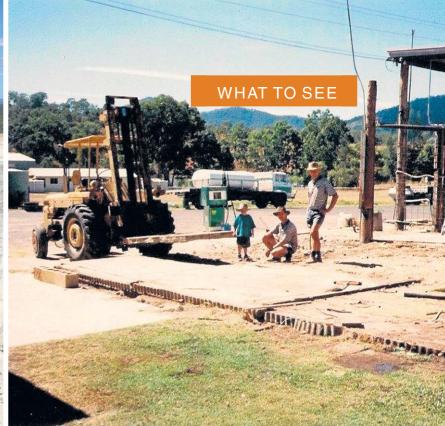
You will be amazed as how many families are buried there over the years. If you would like more information on family or friends check out the Pat Augustine building, open most days.

Pat Smith is the genealogy person in Mt Perry and surrounds; she has a wealth of knowledge from school records, mining records and the cemetery, as well as historic town photos and from settlement to 1950s.

If you have information you'd like to share you can email Pat on patshistory@hotmail.com







# THE MT RAWDON OPEN CUT GOLD MINE IS AN AWESOME EXAMPLE OF METAL EXPLORATION

MINING has been a foundation of the Mt Perry economy since the town began and continues today with the Mt Rawdon gold mine out outside if town

The Mt Rawdon open pit gold mine started in 2001 and the area contains some of Queensland's richest gold mines.

The mine produces about 100,000 ounces of gold annually as well as silver.

The mill capacity averages 3.5 million tonnes of gold-bearing on a year.

Since commencing production in January 2001 the mine has produced close to 1.5 million ounces of gold and 2.5 million ounces of silver.



The mine is a major supporter of local business and community events within the region

It has organised tours for schools and other groups throughout the operations life.

Each year an information evening is held in Mt Perry with formal tours of the mine occurring over the following two days. In 2016 this is scheduled for October 27.

# MCKAYS FUEL & RURAL SUPPLIES

MCKAYS Fuel & Rural Supplies is a business with a heap of history. Keith's stepfather Jock started a small carrying business in 1945.

Keith did the mail run to Yarrol after getting his licence and also local carting from the train businesses in town.

Barbara worked at the post office on the switchboard. Their romance started and they married in 1956. They built their home beside the business where it stands today.

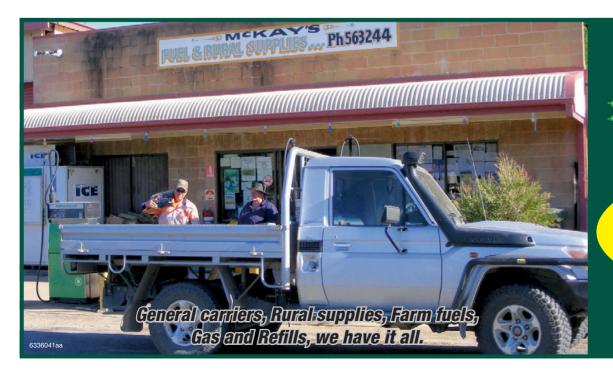
beside the business where it stands today.

In 1964, Keith and Barb bought their first semi trailer to cart cattle to the sales and the abattoirs. In 1979 they sold the semis to the Dingle family. In 1995 McKays Fuel & Rural Supplies ended its 45 year relationship with Shell and moved to BP, which they still sell today.

With times changing so too did the McKay business.

In later years their son Robert joined the family business after finishing his fitter and turner apprenticeship.

Today, McKays employs seven people – some only part-time. The business has four body trucks, a dog trailer and fuel tanker.





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# FAMILY FUN DAY OUT WITH A TWIST AND A PULL

IT CONJURES up images of the strong-man competitions from across the globe as teams of people gather to use nothing but manpower to haul a multi-tonne truck.

Evolution Mining and Mt Rawdon
Operations will again combine to organise the
annual Mt Perry Fun Day and Dump Truck
Pull.

This event is an important fundraiser that brings together the region to support youth.

This year's event will be on Saturday, August 13, and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy everything that Mt Perry has to offer.

There will be market stalls and free camping sites for visitors as well as live entertainment.

A host of prizes has been organised and an art exhibition is also being put on for the event.

The truck pull has become a Mt Perry institution with people flooding the streets to watch the action.

The Mt Perry Fun Day and Truck Pull raises money for youth suicide prevention in the region.

So if you feel like testing yourself against local miners or just fancy a weekend in a sun-soaked hinterland town, then look no further

For more information on the event and how to register for the truck pull, call Jasmine on 07 4156 2222.

### OUR REGION OUR ART OUR CRAFT

VISIT the artbeat of the Mt Perry Arts Group in the charming Art Gallery and Studio at the Pat Augustine Cultural Centre in Heusman St, Mt Perry.

Enchanting Gallery exhibitions offer something new to captivate or purchase every six weeks.

The gallery was converted from one of the patient wards of the historic Mt Perry Hospital building, after being moved from Windy Hill to the current location. The excitement of the building move back in 1998 was colossal as this large building was moved in one piece on two big sticks by the Herbener Brothers.

The gallery is always on the hunt for new exhibitors, artists and collections for showcase in the Main Gallery or just join in on the fun and appreciation of the arts.

Florence Broadhurst designs from Signature Prints have recently been on display and are available for viewing on request. Florence was born in Mt Perry and was an internationally successful designer.

Not to be missed is the annual exhibition, from August 12-14. More than 80 artists and crafters unite to present more than 275 pieces of their original and unique work. Artists flock from near and far to display their incredible talents, and give you a chance to secure your own piece of the magic over this annual weekend.

Inquire now for discounted accommodation in and around Mt Perry for this Festive Arts weekend. Phone Shelley 07 4156 3321 or Patty 07 4156 3190 for details.





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# WET A LINE AT PARADISE DAM AND MINGO CROSSING TO WIN GREAT PRIZES AT CATCH A CATTY

PROMOTED as a family fishing weekend, the popularity of the annual Catch a Catty competition grows each year.

This event is organised by the Paradise Stocking Association at the Mingo Crossing Recreation Grounds.

The event is about basic fishing allowing everyone to get involved. All you need is a rod or hand-lined and some bait.

The annual Mingo Crossing "Catch a Catty" Family Fishing Competition is on again. Queensland Boating and Fishing rules apply.

Competition hours: Saturday 5am to 6pm and Sunday 5am to 11am.
Continuous weigh-in from 6am until closing times on both days. Must be in the line at closing times to qualify for the weigh in.

Competition is a preferred catch and release and fish must be live to be weighed. Fish to be kept must apply to size and bag limits.

There will be a barbecue available from Friday night through to Sunday lunch. Bring your own alcohol. Camping at Mingo Crossing Grounds – powered sites for caravans and unpowered sites, hot showers and toilets. Nominations

(adult, junior and family) will attract an entry fee. Anglers will have no problem assessing Paradise Dam thanks to the boat ramp. There's also prizes, including cash, up for grabs for the longest barra as well as heaviest catfish in a range of categories.

For more information phone Beppie Stanley 4156 3185.

Catch a Catty is on August 27-28.

# FIND PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY AT THIS UNIQUE LOCATION JUST DOWN THE ROAD

ON THE road to Mt Perry you will find a slice of paradise at Mingo Crossing. The water's edge is the perfect place to cast a line and relax while waiting for the fish to start biting. An easily accessible boat ramp offers access to the beautiful waterways and pristine views of the natural surrounds.

The caravan park is right on the water and offers 12 powered sites as well as a large camping area on either

side of the park.

The peace and tranquillity offered by this unique location makes Mingo Crossing Caravan Park a must for travellers passing through. Even if it's just a stop for a quick break on your way to Mt Perry, make sure you take the time to check out this wonderful part of the North Burnett.

For more information and bookings please phone Reg and Rita on 0408 758 413.

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# TEST OF WOODCHOPPERS

THE first woodchop in Mt Perry was held in 1994 and it has been held every year since bar one.

The woodchop got its start as a game of one-upmanship when, at the end of a hard week, woodchoppers would test each other.

After felling trees and cutting up logs all week it was only natural for men of the axe to see who was the best at their trade craft.

From these contests, the Mt Perry Woodchop was born

The event is held on the grounds of Mt Perry Hotel with a barbecue usually put on afterwards.

The Mt Perry Woodchop takes place on the second Saturday of October each year.

# AXEMAN'S AND SAWYERS ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

EACH year the Mt Perry Hotel holds a fundraising auction for local charities. The auction has raised more than \$82,000 in 14 years. The auction is usually in October or November. Phone 4156 3259 for more.

# MT PERRY COMES ALIVE FOR ANNUAL RACE MEETING

ON Saturday, November 12, the town will come alive for the running of the Mt Perry Cup at the annual Mt Perry Thoroughbred Races.

The Mt Perry Cup is held on the second Saturday in November, attracting hundreds of happy race goers, many of whom travel great distances to enjoy the relaxed country atmosphere at this unique racecourse located at the foot of picturesque Mt Perry.

The racecourse also caters for aircraft enthusiasts who, if the weather is fine, can land on the runway in the centre of the track.

This annual event is country racing at its best.
A spectacular day of fun and colour for the whole family features a five-race program,
Fashions on the Field and the infamous Jock's
Plate novelty event that has to be seen to be believed – a 50m sprint for the bravest of the male

A licensed bar and canteen are available throughout the day and, for those wanting

something a little more, we offer a High Tea Under the Marquee on booking.

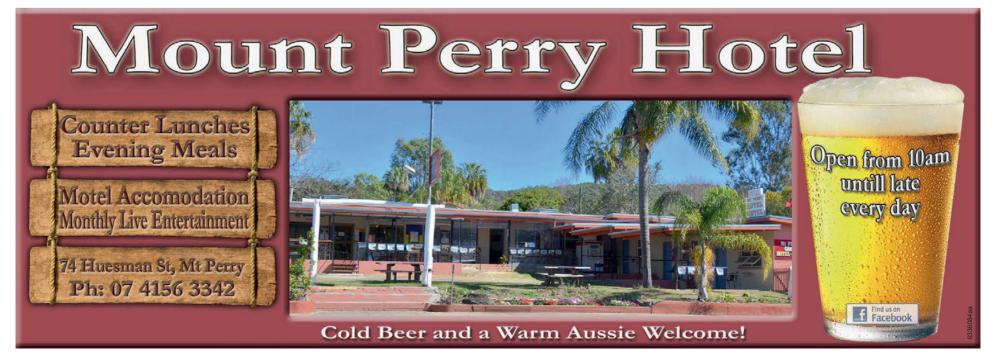
Bookmakers are on hand for betting on local and metropolitan races and a jumping castle will be on site to entertain the kids.

If that's not enough, stay on after the races to enjoy the live music.

The Mt Perry Race Club holds records from as early as 1872 of race meets being held in the area. The success of these early meetings led to the building of the current Mt Perry racecourse prior to 1904, a success that continues today.

The Mt Perry races attracts crowds from throughout the state and beyond. Free camping is available at the racecourse, providing an opportunity for people to take the full weekend to enjoy the races and all that the North Burnett has to offer. Predictions are for a great day of racing in 2016 so mark your calendar now.

Photo: Imageworkx





# ANNUAL SHOW DRAWS COMPETITORS FROM FAR AND WIDE

MOUNT Perry's population grows each April when people pour into town for the annual agricultural show.

Mt Perry and District Show Society brings together a range of events including cutting and team penning, prime and stud cattle judging, a young judges competition, working cattle dogs and show dog competitions.

The pavilion is a hub for local cooking and talented crafters alongside market stalls and exhibits.

The show provides food and show stalls all day as well as a barbecue dinner.

A licensed bar operates from noon until late and with special nightly entertainment it's a great reason to stick around.

General agricultural shows also have competitions related to the industry ranging from show jumping to bush poetry and just about anything in between.

The show attracts competitors from far and wide including those who make a living out of travelling from show to show.

Agricultural shows provide a new perspective for children who can learn about what life on the land is all about and where their food comes from and how.

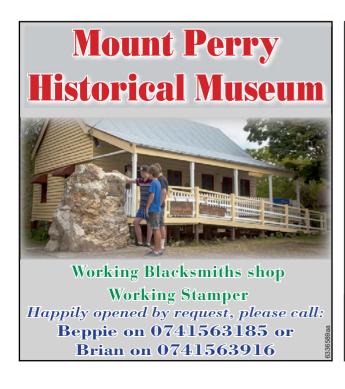
The showground is at 5222 Gayndah–Mt Perry Rd.

The Mt Perry Show takes place in April of each year.

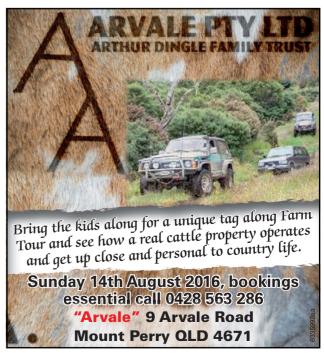


















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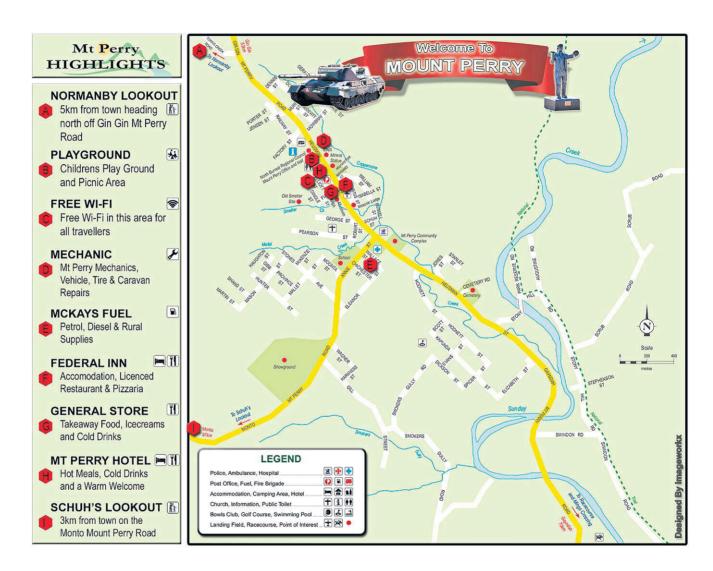
JUST because you'll have a change of pace at Mt Perry, doesn't mean you'll have to disconnect completely from the outside world.

Free public wi-fi can be accessed at a touch-screen kiosk at Memorial Park.

Free wi-fi is also available at all public libraries in the North Burnett.

Funding for the North Burnett Wi-Fi Infrastructure project was made available through North Burnett Regional Council and the Tourism Demand-Driver Infrastructure program funded by the Commonwealth Government.

Photo: Queensland Government.







# FORMER PICTURE THEATRE TRANSFORMED

THE picture theatre was open-air in its hey day, with only part of it being roofed when Harry Skepper bought it. In 1941, Harry had constructed walls, floor and a higher roof.

Weekly movie night was Saturday until the invention of the television: In 1967 Harry decided to close the picture theatre. In 2002 Robert and Helen Gilbert bought the picture theatre with a vision.

The original façade was kept and the timber reused to create the Federal Inn. The once open-air picture theatre was a dilapidated building which had been transformed into six tranquil rooms, bar and restaurant with beautiful high ceilings with a glorious chandelier.

Sit on the back veranda with its breathtaking views and take in the wonderful surrounds.

Bob won the 2006 Master Builders Housing and Construction Award Refurbishment/Renovation up to \$2 Million. The former Member for Hinkler, Mr Paul Neville, officially opened the Federal Inn on July 2, 2005.





### UNIQUE FARMSTAY EXPERIENCE AT MARCHIONESS

MARCHIONESS B&B Farmstay (pictured above left) provides a unique homestyle stav.

Our family is fifth and sixth-generation graziers running 500 head of droughmaster and brahman cattle.

It is not a traditional bed and breakfast style accommodation, but rather a mix of homestay, farmstay and B&B. The homestead is a unique pole house, built and designed by the owners, from timber milled from the property. You can choose the level of interaction and participation in everyday farm life, it's totally up to you.

Our motto, arrive as a guest, leave as a friend, says it all. You can kickback on the veranda and relax or join in some everyday farm activities.

The property is pet friendly and caters for groups and camping, caravans and RVs are welcome. With spectacular views and peace and quiet, Marchioness is a great place to escape.

# USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION TO KNOW ABOUT

SEVERAL MT PERRY BUSINESSES AND OFFERINGS

# MT PERRY POST OFFICE (AUSTRALIA POST)

Address: 78 Heusman St, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671 Phone: 07 4156 3169

### MT PERRY POLICE STATION

Address: Heusman St, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671 Phone: 07 4156 3211 MT PERRY GOLF CLUB

Address: Smokers Gully Rd, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671 Phone: 07 4156 3021

# MT PERRY HEALTH CENTRE

Address: 150 Heusman St, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671 Postal: PO Box 7, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671 Phone: 07 4156 2300 NORTH BURNETT

REGIONAL COUNCIL Address: 66 Heusman St, Mt Perry, Qld, 4671

### Phone: 1300 696272 www.northburnett.qld.gov.au MT PERRY SHOWGROUNDS -CAMPING

Phone: 1300 696 272 Camping (other than 7 days prior to and after a show or rodeo). Maximum period of 7 days. Non-powered Site and Powered Site

# WOLCA RESERVE – CAMPING

Phone: 1300 696 272 Maximum period of 2 weeks in any one period. Non powered Site and Powered Site

### MINGO CROSSING CARAVAN PARK

Phone: 07 4161 6200 Non powered Site and Powered Site

# RURAL FIREBRIGADE

OR SES

Phone: 000

# ST. PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Times: Mass-1st Sunday of the month 10.30am Christmas Day – 10.30am Easter Sunday – 10.30am ST ANNE'S ANGLICAN

# CHURCH Times: 2nd Sunday

and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**Council - 1300 696 272

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- Side Show Alley Filled with Stalls and Rides
- Team Penning and Cutting Events from 7am
- Day and Night Woodchop Events
- Working Dog Trials and Champion Dog Show
- Food, Drink and Family Fun
- Hacks, Sporting, Show Jumping and Pony Events
- Ring Events, Exhibits and Nickleby the Magic Chef
- Stud and Prime Cattle / Young Judges Competitions

# FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

# Mt Perry Showgrounds 22nd April 2017

Fireworks 8pm | Bar & Music till 11pm



# Mt Rawdon Gold Mine

Mt Rawdon Gold Mine is 100% owned by Evolution Mining and is situated 75km south west of Bundaberg within the Mt Perry community. It is surrounded by the traditional lands of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People.

Mt Rawdon commenced operations in 2001 and has produced close to 1.5 million ounces of gold in that time. Mining production is derived from a single open pit, utilising conventional drill and blast, load and haul methodologies. The mines reserve as at the end of December 2015 were 0.86 million ounces.

Evolution strives to build relationships with our community stakeholders based on trust, mutual respect and genuine partnership. We understand that the success of our operation is closely linked to the way which we interact with our community.

We want our communities to be better off for us having been there and we strive to always leave a positive legacy in the communities in which we operate. To this end, we have been working closely with Mt Perry community stakeholders to share ideas and actively seek opportunities to collaborate on projects that provide long term, sustainable outcomes for the community that last beyond the mine through local economic development, education and training outcome or sustainable health projects.

One of our community principles is to consider our community impact with each decision that we make. This is made easier due to the majority of Mt Rawdon's 230 employees and contractors residing in our local communities.

