

# Butter Factory Banter



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Spring is in the air and the *Roma Plough Day & Tractor Pull* is over for another year. What a cold and windy day it turned out to be, although not as bad as last year's event. Over 400 people attended the day held at the Roma Polocrosse grounds with many favourable comments. The *Roma Historical Motor Club* showcased their vehicles along with Mac trucks, tractors, stationary motors and a chainsaw display. *Matt Stanford* was also a popular attraction with his Bullock Wagon promoting the *Cobb & Co* festival next year. Tractors came from St George, Dalby and Croppa Creek as well as our local enthusiasts. The canteen was well supported along with the camp oven meals, thanks to Mark Beitz and his specially made cooker named 'Shirl', after his Grandma Beitz who was always cooking treats for her grandchildren.

We take this opportunity to thank the *Roma Historical Motor Club* for manning Gate 2 and directing display vehicles and market holders. Also to RHMC ladies who provided baking. To all **members and non-members** of the Roma Butter Factory, of which there are quite a few, thank you for your invaluable help in the setting up of the Polocrosse grounds prior to the event, helping on the day, and the clean-up the next day. It is a huge task but well worth the effort to raise the funds needed for the Butter Factory. A big thank you to our sponsors, *Santos, Rollers Queensland, RDO Equipment, Brown and Hurley, Taylors Parts, Amor Motors, Roma Home Improvement Centre, Crawfo Tyres*.

This thank you is a bit late but we would like to thank Hazel Beitz for organising the fundraising event at the Maranoa Team Penning competition back in April. This followed on from our successful fundraising over the Easter weekend.

The *Austin Motor Vehicle Club of Qld* visited the Butter Factory on Friday morning of 28<sup>th</sup> July. They were joined by members of the Roma Historical Motor Club for morning tea and a tour of the Butter Factory. The 10 Austin Club vehicles then continued on their week-long tour to Surat, St George, Nindi Gully and Goondiwindi before finishing in Toowoomba. Comments were made that the visit to the Butter Factory was the highlight of their visit to Roma.

The factory upgrades have now been completed with the amenities block finished, concrete floors in the factory and workshop and the workshop is now fully lockable. A set of stairs has been installed to gain access to the mezzanine floor in the factory. Hand rails are to be built around the mezzanine floor – thanks to Dick Thomas for putting his hand up for this job. Jim Robinson has

also been busy painting doors inside the factory – thank you and a thank you to everyone else who works tirelessly behind the scenes.

The Factory continues to be hired out to different groups. A well-attended day was had for the Permaculture Home Cheese Making and Sour Dough Bread by Elisabeth Fekonia who is an Award-Winning Accredited Permaculture Teacher from the Sunshine Coast. Over 40 enthusiasts attended both the morning and afternoon sessions. A photography session has been held and Emma White will hold a Lifeline Mental Health Painting Workshop in October and November.

Les Reis has a **3xl RHPI shirt** to give away. Contact Les if you are interested.

A successful Saturday morning **Sausage Sizzle** was held at *Roma Tools* in August. This is an ongoing fundraising morning with all items donated by *Queensland Country Meats and Roma Tools*. Different community groups will benefit from these mornings. Thanks to Donna Sutton for organising this fundraiser.

A **big welcome** to new members of RHPI: David and Susan Rowbotham. We look forward to seeing you at one of our gatherings in the near future.

**Memberships** are now overdue for the 2023-2024 year. Payments can be made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, the membership records will then be updated. Membership fees are only \$10 pp per annum. Thank you to everyone who has paid. Don't hesitate to give us a call if you are unsure whether you have paid or not.

The September meeting has been postponed to 28<sup>th</sup> October as both the President and Secretary are away. The August meeting was held in the morning after a working bee at the Butter Factory. It has been decided to trial run future meetings at 11am following the working bee.

**Next meeting** will be on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 11am** at the Butter Factory.

### ***Thank You!***

We gratefully thank the following people/organisations for their donations, be it items or their time. Apologies if I have missed anyone

Noel Dillon – Assortment of books, boxes, cans.

Dick Thomas – Assortment of hair clippers and cameras.

Noel Kerr – Display cabinet, bits and bobs.

Laurie Marsh - Tractor

And to all of those people who continue to support our ***Containers for Exchange*** program. It is one of our ongoing fundraising events.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Twilight Markets – 4pm to 8pm.

These events are a major part of our fundraising efforts. We would love your assistance, let us know if you would like to help!

## Other Events

1<sup>st</sup> Monday's

*Meals on Wheels Roma* General Meeting is usually held on the first Monday of each month starting at 2pm.

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Emma White – Lifeline Mental Health Painting Workshop

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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# help

We are searching for volunteers to help us with the following tasks:

Sorting cans for our fundraising efforts

Markets catering or bric and brac stall

Mowing the butter factory grounds



Austin Club Appreciation Certificate.



Austin Club cars at the Factory.



Phil Harvey on tractor, Ken Dawes driving sled.



RHMC display at Plough-day & Tractor Pull.

# ROMA BUTTER FACTORY MARKETS

18-20 STATION ST, ROMA

Saturday 11th November

4:00pm to 8:00pm

Camp Oven Meals

BBQ & Cold Drinks

Hand Made Goods from local artisans

Plant stalls

Bric & Brac

Bookings Essential: Donna Sutton 0488 144 115

\$10 standard site, \$20 powered site,

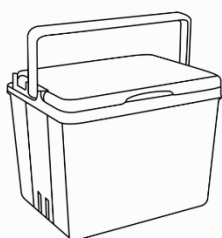
\$15 shaded site under bottle trees (powered & shaded sites are limited)



## Multi-Draw Raffle

\$2.00 PER TICKET

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DRAW 1 - ESKY



DRAW 2 - CHILDREN'S  
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TRACTOR / FARM  
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