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MINTARO 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Fri 25 & Sat 26 October 2024

The Mintaro Progress Association are hosting Mintaro's 175th Anniversary Celebrations with events on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October 2024.

Mintaro has had an important part of many people's lives since 1849 when Henry Gilbert recognised the area as a resting and watering stop on the Gulf Road route and purchased sections 187 and 316 in the Hundred of Clare and subdivided them as the township of Mintaro. Along with the official opening and afternoon tea there will be the Memories of Mintaro dinner, sporting events, markets, heritage walks and an Antique Fair and Roadshow at Martindale Hall.

Proceedings will kick off at 4.00 PM on Friday 25 October. Local Mayor, Allan Aughey OAM, will open the celebrations and former Heritage Officer, John Hawke will speak on the history and heritage of Mintaro. A light afternoon tea will be provided. A Mintaro 175th Commemorative Fortified Shiraz, produced by Reillys Wines Clare Valley, will also be launched and available for tasting and sales.

The anniversary dinner 'Memories of Mintaro' to be held in the evening will include stories told by three local identities and a slideshow with contributions from current and former residents of Mintaro and their ancestors. The dinner will be catered by local townfolk and supported by local regional wineries.

Saturday the 26th is set to be a big day out, with a country market at the Institute and in the surrounding streets, a display of old Farm Bits and a Sports Gala at Torr Park—featuring old fashioned sports and games—and heritage tours of Mintaro, historic farms, Martindale Hall and the slate quarries available.

Complementing the activities in the township, the stunning lawns of Martindale Hall will be the setting for the first-ever Martindale Hall Antique Fair & Roadshow. Regional antique, vintage, and retro dealers will sell their wares on the lawns outside the grand hall, while antique experts from Small and Whitfield will be appraising items from selected applicants every 15 minutes during the event.

(Applicants can apply at <http://mintaro.au/antique-roadshow-appraisal-application/>)

Round out the day with the tour of the Mintaro Slate Quarries or the presentation by the Flinders University Martindale Hall Archaeology & Community Heritage Project at the Institute. The aim of the project is to help better understand the remarkable and sometimes misunderstood Martindale Hall, its families, objects, and legacy.

At the close of the day gather at the Magpie and Stump Hotel between 5.30 and 7.00 PM to enjoy tales by past and present publicans. Stay for dinner to savour your own memories of the celebrations.

Throughout the weekend Reillys Wines and Restaurant will be presenting a heritage lunch menu, prepared by Head Chef Luke Smith, between 12 PM and 1.30 PM.

Chair of the Association, Rebekah Holland, invites you to "Join with past and present Mintaroites to celebrate 175 years of this very special township of Mintaro."

The full program can be found at <http://mintaro.au/175-anniversary>

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