



## ***Gatton Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Field Days Executive Committee & Members 2012 / 13***

### ***Executive Committee***

#### ***President:*** Ken Bowden

Ken steps up from the role of Vice President for 2012/13. Ken was the organising celebrity for the 2012 event doing regular radio spots with Jamie and Agro to promote the Gatton event. Ken has always been an active member of the Gatton event since 1992. His experience and involvement in organising other events such as Jondaryan WDHE is invaluable.

#### ***Vice President:*** Dianne Hodgson

Dianne joined the Gatton team as a member at the end of 2011 and quickly became a valued participant in the pre-event organisation as she was always there, sleeves rolled up, doing the jobs that just had to be done. Though Dianne does not own a horse she is a horse lover, with a real soft spot for the heavies.

#### ***Treasurer:*** Marilyn Borg

Marilyn took on the role of Treasurer at the end of 2011 and along with Ken was the driving force for the success of the 2012 event. Marilyn is an experienced heavy horse breeder, exhibitor and judge and her knowledge for how Gatton happens ensured new members had a sound knowledge of what needed to be done.

#### ***Secretary:*** Sharon Swan

Sharon also joined the team at the end of 2011 and soon filled the Secretary's role. Sharon brings administrative and business skills as well as experience on industry association boards. Sharon owns a heavy and has been a spectator at both Gatton & Jondaryan for many years.

### ***Members***

#### ***Competitor Entries:*** Dave Martin

Dave has many years' experience as a competitor with the Gatton event. Dave has first-hand knowledge of what forms and documentation is needed for and from competitors. It is Dave that handles all the outgoing packs and later he collates the received entry information for the administration of the event.

#### ***Horse Superintendent:*** Reg Hodgson

A long-time member and former President, Reg has managed the role of Horse Superintendent for many years.

#### ***Ring Master:*** Phillip Thompson

Phillip's association with the Field Days goes back to the early years of this event. He has been ringmaster for the recent shows and, wearing another hat, brings his bullock team along as part of the "Animals in Draught" theme.

#### ***Catering:*** Jill Hendley

For several years now, Jill has worked tirelessly throughout the weekend, keeping judges, stewards and workers "fed and watered" and occasionally she finds time to compete with her Australian Draughts.

***Farriers' Competition:*** Russell Roberts

An experienced heavy horse farrier and owner of Clydesdales, Russell has organised the horse-shoeing competitions and demonstrations for many years.

***Advisory Patron:*** Tom Hulett

Tom and his wife Carmel experienced the Gatton event for the first time in 2012 and did so by volunteering their time to help out with anything that needed to be done. After the 2012 event Tom offered his services to the executive committee as a Patron to assist with the arduous tasks of grants and sponsorships.

***Campsites:*** Mick Collins

Organising and allocating campsites as well as overseeing the plough ring keeps Mick busy but he can also be found doing all sorts of jobs that need to be done to make this event happen.

***Plough ring:*** Neville Schmidt

With a passion for Australian Draughts, Neville can usually be found helping Terry Herrmann with his big team or down in the plough ring with a couple of horses raking and levelling after each competitor.

***Mr Gypsy:*** Harry Howarth

Harry has swapped his passion for exotic birds for all things Gypsy. He has built an authentic ledge-style Gypsy wagon which was on display at the 2012 show and will be so again in 2013.

***Monique Lawton***

Monique's talents lie in finding people to do the things that need to be done, such as the ever popular face painting.

***Clare Gorwyn***

Clare is a very experienced competitor at Gatton and other major shows. Her first-hand knowledge is invaluable in regard to the needs of competitors.

***Troy Bowden***

Troy joined as a member in 2011 and his interest stems from assisting his dad, Ken, with his heavies. Need something done and Troy can be relied upon to make it happen – just what's needed in a tricky moment.

***Neil Hall***

A well known face in the Clydie world, Neil has recently returned from a sojourn in the Northern Territory. Neil is a long serving member of the CCHS Queensland branch with duties as treasurer and vice president and with an eleven year participation to the Jondaryan horse expo, having Neil as a member of the CHHFD is a real bonus.