



**WILLIAM & ISABELLA JOHNSTON
FAMILY REUNION, BATHURST
30TH & 31ST March 2013**

**REUNION INFORMATION
NEWSLETTER**



TO BE HELD AT THE KELSO HOTEL/MOTEL FUNCTION ROOM (BATHURST)

SATURDAY 30 March 2013

Please note that tea/coffee will be available all day for our gathering.

- 9.00am: Display of family material set up
- 10.00am: Registrations/Meet & Greet
- 10.30am: Morning tea: (Request..... **"Please provide slices/biscuits/cakes"**)
- 1.00pm: Hotel Bistro Lunch (own cost)
- 2.15pm: Official welcome/weekend program discussion:
- 3.00pm: Dedication of plaque in honour of William & Isabella & family
- 3.30pm-5.00pm: Group photos in park
- 5-6.00pm: Free time
- 6.00pm: Pre dinner drinks/savories - Hotel
- 6.30pm: Buffet dinner/or pre-order Bistro - **Bookings essential with payment, please**".
- 8.15pm: Family Discussion/Entertainment - **Are there any volunteer family singers/musicians/entertainers?**
(The Function Room is available until midnight for those who are night owls!).

SUNDAY 31ST March 2013

- 9am: Church
- 10-10.30am: Quick Morning tea at Church of Kelso Hotel – to be decided
- 10.45am: Tour various areas of family interest in & around Bathurst
- 1.00pm: Lunch: – Bathurst Uniting Church Hall – BYO/share
- 2.00pm: Continue tours of places of interest

Please note: The Kelso Hotel/Motel still has a number of rooms available for Johnston family bookings until 30th November. The Motel is basic, clean, good beds and convenient to the Reunion activities, so hurry and get your bookings here or elsewhere in the Kelso/Bathurst area as there are other large group activities booked in for Easter in Bathurst.

THE PLAQUE recognising the epic journey made by William, Isabella and 4 very young children across the Blue Mountains in 1823 has been ordered so could all family members please consider a payment of \$20 to cover the cost of this plaque, plus additional out-of-pocket expenses incurred in organising the 2013 Reunion. For those unable to attend, a donation would be greatly appreciated towards the plaque. Direct payment can be made to the **Johnston Reunion Account – BSB 732 576 Account No. 696825** by 30th November please. **IMPORTANT:** Please send Registration form and confirm payment by email to judy.henderson@tpg.com.au OR post to: Judy Henderson, 1 Bailey St., Repton. NSW 2454.

Reunion Commemorative items will be available but pre-orders and payments need to be received by 30th November 2012, as at present there are NO working funds available other than a small loan from five organisers, which has to be returned as soon as possible. Payment to Reunion account with details to Judy Henderson as above. Please see Registration Form for orders

TWO BIG REQUESTS Do we have a Minister in the family and are there any Pipers in the Johnston family? We would like to have our Scottish heritage brought to the fore by having available one/some pipers for special parts of our weekend plans and would like a family Minister if possible to dedicate the Plaque. Please advise Margaret Bottom (byronspares42@hotmail.com) if you can help in this way.

MEALS – KELSO HOTEL BISTRO

Bistro food will be available for Saturday lunch at your cost.

Evening dinner: The "Buffet Menu 1" has been chosen with variation to cost by removing "Assorted Danishes and Cakes". \$30 per head with pre-payment to Judy Henderson please.

There should be enough variety for people with special dietary needs to find suitable choices we think. Please advise us if you do have unusual requirements. The Hotel management are happy to work with us.

BUFFET MENU

Menu 1
Platters Of Cold Ham & Chicken
Hot Roast Beef
2 Wet Dishes With Rice (Choice of Honey Mustard Chicken, Beef Goulash, Sweet & Sour Pork or Beef Stroganoff)
3 Assorted Salads (Choice of Spiral Pasta, Potato, Caesar, Garden or Coleslaw)
Fresh Bread Rolls
Assorted Fruit Platter
Assorted Danishes
2 Cake Trays (Choice of Chocolate, Carrot, Banana or Citrus)

\$35 per head
 Minimum 50 people

Menu 2
Platter Of Cold Ham & Chicken
Tossed Garden Salad
Hot Roast Beef
Roast Potato & Pumpkin
Steamed Vegetables
Oysters Natural
King Prawns
Mussels With Tomato & Onion Dressing Served Cold
1 Wet Dish With Rice (Choice of Honey Mustard Chicken, Beef Goulash, Sweet & Sour Pork or Beef Stroganoff)

Fresh Bread Rolls
Assorted Fruit Platter
Assorted Danishes
2 Cake Trays (Choice of Chocolate, Carrot, Banana or Citrus)

\$45 per head
 Minimum 50 people

You are welcome to bring your own cake for your function. We are happy to cut and serve this cake for no extra charge.

An urn and tea and coffee facilities will be provided for guests to help themselves to tea and coffee. Espresso Coffees are available from the Bistro for an additional charge.

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Stables Bistro Kids Menu

HENNY PENNY
 6 chicken nuggets & chips

FLIPPER
 1 battered fish fillet & chips

RAPPER
 1 chicken wrap & salad or chips

CARTWHEEL
 5 calamari rings & chips

All Kids Meals Served With Fruit Popper & Lollipop

\$8.90

Kid's Dessert
 (NOT INCLUDED with meal)

ICE CREAM & TOPPING
 Caramel, Chocolate or Strawberry

\$4.00

Tea, coffee and will be available all day in the Function Room. Biscuits/slices/cakes would be appreciated for morning tea if family members are able to assist in this way.

"A BRANCH OF THE JOHNSTON FAMILY" by Margaret Garside. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of Margaret's great record of our Johnston family, there is a limited number available. Please advise Margaret Bottom – byronspares42@hotmail.com if you want to order in advance. Cost \$20 each (postage extra if not attending – payment to Johnston Reunion Account please.

We are also working on creating an Index for this book and need to have EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST in obtaining a copy of this booklet so an over-supply isn't produced. This limited edition will be sold at cost price but this is unknown at this stage as a final decision is yet to be made in format and whether it will be photocopied or professionally printed. It has been very difficult to do due to the many duplicated names in

different generations, so we have to say that accuracy may not be 100% but every effort has been made to get it accurate and it will certainly make use of Margaret's valuable book easier.

Another publication that may be available (time permitting) for members of the Lyon family, is a small booklet about Lyon families pre Australia. Please advise Margaret Bottom by email if you would like a copy.

Hopefully all family members who have expressed interest in this long overdue Reunion have passed the information onto other family members. At this stage there has been interest from the Atherton Tablelands right through to Melbourne, as well as some overseas interest, so we are very hopeful the Reunion will be well attended and much enjoyed by all present.

We have been very fortunate to have two beautiful albums of photographs of early Johnston family members plus many separately framed photographs (some named, some unnamed) from the 1800's, early 1900's made available for copying/rehoming. These have been lovingly cared for by possibly 3 generations of our huge Johnston family and their connections. We are hoping to display some of the unnamed photos and also make copies available of others. These photographs will be a really special part of our Reunion. Anyone with a photograph of Allan Begbie Johnston would make Margaret Bottom very happy and there are probably others who have missing photos of ancestors, so don't forget to bring any early family photos you might have, please.

Enquiries to:

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Registration & Payment Advice:

Judy Henderson – Ph. 02 66 55 4237 OR email: judy.henderson@tpg.com.au

We look forward to meeting, and getting to know, many previously unknown relatives, and renewing friendship with those we have met before. We look forward to a happy, fun filled Reunion, and hope there are many younger family members present who might have an interest in planning another Reunion in the not too distant future.

Wishing you all well for Christmas, the New Year and safe travel to and from the 2013 Johnston Family Reunion.

Jean, Judy, Lyn, Margaret & several advisors/assistants