

Gather in the Glen

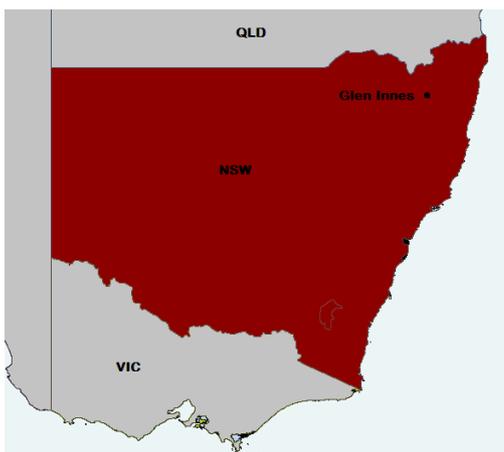
2015 NSW Rural Women's Gathering

Programme: 9-11th October

Friday 9th October

- 3-6pm Registrations** This is your chance to enjoy the boutique shopping Glen Innes has to offer, including the pop-up-shops throughout the street. Show your Gather in the Glen name tag to receive discounts at local shops. Enjoy a taste of the bagpipes from the Town Hall Piper hourly.
Glen Innes Town Hall and Town Square, Grey St
- 6pm Official opening** Gather in the Glen Chair, Mary Hollingworth
Welcome to Country, Fred Blair
Welcome to Glen Innes, Mayor Col Price
Glen Innes Town Hall
- 7pm Dinner** Carnival celebration featuring local wines, a selection of gourmet meals, and entertainment. Includes a complimentary drink.
Glen Innes Town Hall and Town Square
- 8pm Mary "Effie" Coustas** "Effie" will entertain Gathering attendees for the evening, with her unique take on life.
Glen Innes Town Hall

Glen Innes is in the beautiful Northern Tablelands of NSW, 7.5 hours from Sydney and 4 hours from Brisbane.



Mary "Effie" Coustas

Mary Coustas is a Logie Award-winning actor, comedian and writer, better known as her alter ego Effie - the 'trash-with-flash' Madonna of the western suburbs. With a wonderful combination of naivety and clarity, fuzzy logic and shrewd intelligence, Effie is a suburban superstar.

Mary is the star of *Out of Work*, *Acropolis Now*, *Wogarama*, *Hercules Returns* and *Greeks on the Roof*, to name but a few. An icon of Australian comedy, she has won two awards for Best Comedy Performer, a Logie Award as voted by the Australian public and a Variety Heart Award from her industry peers. Get ready to laugh and be charmed by the unique Effie!



Saturday 10th October

7-8am	Breakfast	Registrations will be available during this time. <i>Tea Rooms, Glen Innes Showground, Torrington St</i>
8:30am	Welcome and launch of 2015 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll	MC: Mary Coustas Official opening <i>Centenary Pavilion, Glen Innes Showground, Torrington St</i>
9am	Gail & Roger Fletcher	
10am	Dr Donna Quinn	
10:30am	Morning Tea	Time to visit the exhibitors' stands in the Old Pavilion. Service providers including government, non profit, and other organisations, will have displays, resources, and staff to talk to.
11am	Michael Crossland	
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30-5pm	Interactive Workshop Tours	Please choose a first and second preference
6:00pm onwards	Gala Dinner	Enjoy a delicious dinner featuring local produce. Local entertainer Grant Newsome will share some highlights of his international musical and dance career, featuring a performance finale. Followed by the band 'Reload' to dance the night away. Dress in 'Gathering' colours of red, black, and white for the chance to win a prize! <i>Showground</i>

Gail & Roger Fletcher

Roger Fletcher is a local Glen Innes self-made success story. From droving sheep in 1967, he and wife Gail now own and direct one of the most successful abattoirs in New South Wales, Fletcher International Exports Pty Ltd at Dubbo and Fletcher International WA near Albany in Western Australia.

Hear the Fletchers' story from their grass roots beginnings, Gail's side of managing the dream, and how they have worked together to make Fletcher International Exports the largest sheep meat processor in Australia today, exporting to more than 95 countries, and employing over 1,300 staff.

Dr Donna Quinn

Donna was born and raised in Glen Innes, where she worked in the local pharmacy as an assistant. Hear how Donna achieved her dream of becoming a doctor, and why she returned to work in a rural town.

Michael Crossland

One of Australia's most sought after inspirational speakers, Michael was diagnosed with cancer before the age of one, and has spent over a quarter of his life in hospital. Defying the odds, he has gone on to build his life of exceptional achievements, including a successful professional and sporting career.



Using his experience to make the world a better place, Michael is a national ambassador for Camp Quality, and recently featured in a humanitarian documentary about the countless lives saved through his orphanage and school in Haiti. Hear Michael's story about dreams and determination, and be inspired to achieve ongoing positive change in your own life.

Sunday 11th October

6:30-7am	Ecumenical fellowship service	<i>Yarraford Hall, Glen Innes Showground, Torrington St</i>
7-8:20am	Breakfast	<i>Tea Rooms, Glen Innes Showground, Torrington St</i>
8:20-9am	MC Jean Kittson	Jean Kittson <i>Centenary Pavilion (MC: Jean Kittson)</i>
9-10am	Rural Women's Network	The 2015 Glen Innes Rural Women's Gathering aims to provide NSW rural women with an opportunity to voice their issues and explore ideas to address these through a special session facilitated by DPI's Rural Women's Network. The outcomes of this session will be presented to key government decision-makers and used to build knowledge that improves programs and policy.
10-10:30am	Morning Tea	Time to visit the exhibitors' stands in the Old Pavilion.
10:30-11:30am	Georgina Dent	
11:30-12:00pm	Annabel Dulhunty	
12-12:30pm	Official Handover and close	
12:30pm	Lunch	Provided as a takeaway pack

Jean Kittson

As a performer and scriptwriter for stage, television, and radio, Jean is well known for her comedy debates on the ABC, Channel 9, and Channel Ten, plus features on 'The Big Gig', Let the Blood Run Free, Good News Week, and The Einstein Factor. She is also a regular guest on ABC 702 radio drive programme, Thank God It's Friday. Writing for magazine and newspapers, she has been a regular columnist, and is the author of *Tongue Lashing* and *You're Still Hot to Me*, a look at 'the joys of menopause'.

Jean was a founding Director of the National Cord Blood Bank, the inaugural Chair of the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation (AGCF) and a founding Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer Australia. Jean is passionate about rural Australia and health. She will entertain and educate you with her experiences and learnings as a woman in today's society.



Georgina Dent

Georgina is a journalist, an editor, and a passionate advocate for gender equality.



She was appointed editor of Women's Agenda in October of 2014, Australia's leading website for working women. In March of 2014 she was recognised as a finalist as 'Journalist of the Year' in the inaugural Women's Empowerment Journalism Awards in Singapore. Georgina is a regular television commentator and public speaker on women's advancement in the workplace and gender equality. Georgina will bring to Gather in the Glen the perspective of a young, professional woman working hard to make the world a better place for both her contemporaries and those who will come after her.

Annabel Dulhunty

Annabel lives between Glen Innes and the Southern Highlands and is passionate about rural and regional renewal and the potential of philanthropy. She is a former Director of the Vincent Family Fairfax Foundation (VFFF), having served for eight years, and is now a board member of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Registration

To register for Gather in the Glen go to: <http://tks.im/gather-in-the-glen>. You will need to enter your details (as below) and pay by credit or debit card. On completion of this, you will be emailed a confirmation and a tax invoice. If you are unable to access the internet, please fill out the form for each person attending and follow the instructions below. Please complete a registration form for every attendee. We especially encourage you to bring a carload of friends, your daughter, or your mother.

Registrations are fully inclusive of meals and interactive workshop tours. Early bird registrations close on Friday 28th of August. All other registrations close at 5:00pm on Friday 18th of September. All ticket prices are GST inclusive.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Special needs (diet, access etc.): _____

Your interactive workshop tour first preference: _____

Second preference: _____

- ♦ I would like to take advantage of the 'Early bird' registration. I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$225 per person
- ♦ It is after the 28th of August, and I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$250
- ♦ I would like to register for Saturday only. These tickets are limited, and will not be available for purchase until the 4th of September. I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$160
- ♦ Please check this box if you would not like your contact details passed onto next year's committee

Please make cheques payable to Gather in the Glen. Post this completed form to:

Gather in the Glen, PO Box 660, Glen Innes NSW 2370

ABN: 22 494 686 391 ~ Refunds will be considered upon request in writing

Childcare

Attendees requiring childcare are able to organise it independently with KCL Family Day Care provider Kristy Partridge on 02 6721 1811.

Accommodation information:

- <https://www.gleninnestourism.com/glen-innes-accommodation/>
- Glen Innes tourist information: <https://www.gleninnestourism.com/>
- Glen Innes is accessible by car and bus, or via Armidale with daily planes and train

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Interactive Workshop Tours

Choose your first and second preferences for Saturday afternoon.

Afternoon tea will be served at each.

1. Rangers Valley Cattle Station

Visit one of the world's most respected producers of premium marbled beef. Rangers Valley beef is produced for both Australian and overseas markets in over 20 countries, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, USA, and China. The station has a 34,000 head capacity feedlot plus 5,000 cattle currently being grazed on the 4,700ha property. Gain an understanding of how Rangers Valley delivers beef from paddock to plate, while using modern technology. Afternoon tea will be served at the homestead, built in 1848.

2. Gardens of the Glen

Visit three of the New England's most acclaimed and renowned gardens, displaying a diversity of landscaping styles and imaginative plantings. 'Glen Legh Station' retains its Edwardian era layout, sensitive restoration and additions of an ornamental pond, wisteria walk, and shrub border of colourful foliage. 'Neridah East' builds on an established framework of mature trees with defining hedges, attractive paved outdoor areas, and mass plantings of roses, all designed to frame magnificent views. Afternoon tea will be served at 'Brandon', a 1.5ha contemporary landscaped garden with formal hedges and sweeping vistas. Internationally acclaimed floral artist, local Irene McIndoe, will present a hands-on floral workshop.

3. Creativity in the Glen

Visit the Glen Innes Art Gallery, which will be displaying 'Wonderful Women', an exhibition by local artists celebrating our rural women. Tour the Chapel Theatre, home to the Glen Innes Arts Council; the oldest continuing operating arts council in Australia. Built in 1893 as a church, the Chapel Theatre now shows popular and art house films, as well as musicals and stage plays. Local residents, Max Powell, a recent winner at Frost Over Barraba art festival, will demonstrate his unique style of pottery, and Trish Turner will enlighten you on how art is used as therapy in many government institutions, schools, and hospitals.

4. History of Glen Innes

Travel back in time with a visit to the historic Glen Innes. Learn about the many iconic federation-style buildings, discover what makes the local cemetery unique, and understand why Glen Innes is now the Celtic Capital of Australia. Build your skills in this workshop to research your own family history, and discover how to understand and recognise information from headstones in the cemetery. Visit the Land of the Beardies History House Museum and Research Centre, widely acclaimed as one of the best local museums and research centres in NSW. Occupying the original Glen Innes Hospital, the History House now has exhibits in over 25 rooms and outdoor areas, plus extensive grounds.

5. Small Business in Glen

Meet people with a vision: hear how our local business owners followed their dreams from inception through to reality with international success. Our small businesses include hospitality, commission-based selling, goat farming, and what it takes to open a bed and breakfast. Experience Grey St to visit some businesses in person, learn about the multiple award winning business The Super Strawberry Patch, then visit the nationally recognised Ausgoat goat farm to learn about renewable energy and organic farming.

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6. Fossicking

Glen Innes is part of the most prolific sapphire region in NSW and has the world's richest mineral diversity belt. Internationally famous for the deep rich, royal blue sapphires, hundreds of visitors flock to Glen Innes every year for our unique fossicking opportunities. We have created our own fossicking reserve at the Showground to teach techniques involved, so you will have the skills to find your own treasures.

7. Creative Writing

Learn about the fundamentals of writing with author Nicole Alexander. A passionate writer with over twenty-five years experience. Her novels, poetry, travel, creative writing, and genealogy articles have been published internationally, and two of her books have been chosen for the Australian '50 Books You Can't Put Down' campaign. Learn the craft of writing in this lively, interactive session which will introduce you to both the fundamentals of writing and the joy of storytelling. By the end of this workshop on-site at the Showground, you will have been introduced to the elements of plot, theme, setting, character, conflict and voice, as well as the various techniques used to stimulate the imagination.

8. Woodwork

Visit the Men's Shed on-site at the Showground and tour the purpose built shed in this interactive workshop. The Glen Innes Men's Shed is renowned for their wood turning and marquetry skills, and they will have some of their work on display during the workshop. Learn about the equipment and the techniques used in woodworking by hand. Build your practical skill set and have the opportunity to create a unique woodturned article to take home with you.

9. Health & Wellbeing

This workshop will empower you to take control of your health by building your knowledge of and confidence in your own wellbeing. Held at the Showground, the workshop will include sessions on nutrition and women's health, an introduction to mindfulness, and a yoga session. Take home strategies for better nutrition and wellbeing, and leave inspired to be a healthier version of yourself.

10. Free time

You may choose to explore and experience Glen Innes at your leisure. Enjoy our unique Glen Innes: discover the World Heritage rainforest areas, visit the nationally accredited Australian Standing Stones, or relax in our beautiful parklands.

All workshop materials are supplied.

Numbers are limited for some interactive workshop tours, so register early!