

## Apex Club of Gympie's Music Muster

For most, living in Queensland would provide many stories about the advantages of being so close to the best that outdoor life has to offer. (*The words "God's own country" are often quoted!*)

However, one of the statistical stories that Queenslanders lead the way on – and one which they are not keen to boast of – is the alarming rate of skin cancer.



This is becoming an increasingly pertinent topic as 'climate change' takes hold and the seasons become hotter. The key components to the reduction of such frightening statistics are the safe sun practices and the education awareness of those who love the sun.

Couple that with the critical support and financing of research being conducted by the Melanoma Foundation and you have some realistic ways to help ourselves reduce the problem. One that truly must be a real concern to all in Australia who love the great outdoors!

One of the major contributors in this valuable research is the Apex Club of Gympie through one of Australia's most renowned outdoor events: The Music Muster.

This event occurs like clock work in August each year. Die-hard followers of everything that's good about Australian country music congregate to celebrate in the great Australian outdoors in the beautiful Amamoor State Forest Park.



The Apex Club of Gympie realise that they (as well as fellow Apex members around the state and across our beautiful 'sunburnt' country) have a civic responsibility to provide assistance to the Melanoma Foundation. The researchers and experts then do everything they can towards reducing the rate of skin cancers being experienced within our country.

The Apex Club of Gympie felt so passionately about this that the Club dedicated all of the profits generated from the sale of 2006 Muster merchandise to advancing the valuable research that the Melanoma Foundation facilitate.

Apex Australia is extremely proud of the responsible 'big picture' approach that the Apex Club of Gympie has adopted when taking care of the patrons of the Music Muster – and to the community that this Club serves at large.

Congratulations Gympie Apex on another great job well done and donating over \$93,000 to the Melanoma Foundation at the same time!

