



“Hear the Bush Beat” Festival - Condobolin 26 – 27 September 2009

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority takes great pleasure in being a major sponsor of the inaugural “Hear the Bush Beat” Festival, which is to be held at the Condobolin Showground on 26 – 27 September 2009.

Hear the Bush Beat is a celebration of life in the bush for all farming families across NSW affected by the drought and economic downturn. It is a positive approach to rebuilding communities and providing an opportunity for rural families to be entertained and made aware of what information is available.

The two-day event is designed to give drought-weary farmers a break from reality. The coordinator, Diana Parsons, says the event's designed to offer some temporary relief.

"[The aim is to] put some positivity back into the bush and promote good health," she says.

"We all know that the drought is ongoing and it's all very negative.

"So we decided that we needed to do something that was positive and fun and light hearted and make people feel good over a weekend."

The event offers free admission and many free activities for all age groups from educational stalls, relaxation activities, face painting and treasure hunts, animal nursery and AWI Fashion Parades. A free concert with Jon English, Jonah's Road, the Noll Brothers and Jayne Denham is on site at the Showground on the Saturday evening commencing at 6.30pm.

“This is not a fundraiser; it’s a free celebration of life in the bush for all farming families struggling with drought,” says Ms Parsons.

“We hope it will remind them of the vitality and viability of rural areas and allow them to escape the reality for a little while and enjoy some old-fashioned fun.”

An Event program has been produced by the Condobolin Progress Association and is attached.

The Authority congratulates all parties involved in co-ordinating and supporting such an important community event and is proud to be associated with what will be a successful and most worthy occasion for Condobolin and the NSW Rural community.

SUNDAY PROGRAM

TIME	ACTIVITY
9.00-10.00am	BBO Breakfast
10.00-11.00am	Church Service

A Special Thanks to all our sponsors who have made this event possible...



The Condobolin Progress Association would like to thank everyone for celebrating Hear the Bush Beat and wish you a safe trip home!



HEAR THE BUSH BEAT
26 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

EVENT PROGRAM

Hear the Bush Beat is a celebration of life in the bush for the entire family. The event is **ALCOHOL FREE**. Everyone is invited!!

Jon English & Jonah's Road

Pit Stop Health Check

Fashion Parades

John Harper

Noll Brothers & Jayne Denham

Quilting

Face Painting

World Record Attempt

Bring a Teddy Bear & a Chair

Free Event!!



MEN'S SHED – SATURDAY

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
2.00pm	GUEST SPEAKER Brendan Hedger from GWAHS	Staying Healthy
3.00pm	GUEST SPEAKER John Harper from Mate Helping Mate Program	An inspirational speaker talking about taking care of self, family and mates
4.00pm	GUEST SPEAKER Matthew Johnstone author of "I had a black dog"	Mental health and how to stay well
All Afternoon	Display of motor bikes	
All Afternoon	Display of vintage tractors	
All Afternoon	Display of vintage and veteran cars	
All Afternoon	Brief presentations will be given throughout the afternoon by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Wall, Workcover • Jan Bruce, Drought Support Officer, NSW DII (formerly NSW DPI) • Representative from Centrelink 	
All Afternoon	Men's Shed activities	
All Afternoon	Pit Stop Men's Health Checks	
All Afternoon	Tea and coffee available all day until 5pm	

TEENAGERS – SATURDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
1.00-1.30	Fashion parade at the Woolshed
2.00-3.00	Old Fashioned Carnival Activities on the oval
3.00-3.30	Fashion Parade at the Woolshed
4.00-4.30	Old Fashioned Carnival Activities on the oval

KID'S STUFF – SATURDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
1.00-1.30	Karate Demonstration
1.30-2.00	Lachlan Arts Council – Children's activities
2.00-3.00	Circus Group
3.00-5.00	Bike Safety Check & Treasure Hunt
5.00-5.30	Lachlan Arts Council – Children's activities
All Afternoon	Story Time/Face Painting with Learning Ladder
All Afternoon	Face painting by Country Energy
All Afternoon	Jumping Castle with Rotary ***Animal Nursery

WOMEN'S INTERESTS – SATURDAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
1.00-1.30	Fashion Parade
1.30-2.00	Female Guest Speaker from the Black Dog Mental Health Institute
2.00-2.30	Quilting Workshop
2.30-3.00	Healthy Eating Workshop
3.00	Line Dancing Demonstration
3.00-3.30	Fashion Parade
3.30	Belly Dancing Demonstration
3.30-4.00	Bowen Workshop
All Afternoon	Garden Talks ***Massages ***Mosaics
All Afternoon	Bush Poet Cill Van Der Velden
5pm	World record attempt for the most Teddy Bear's in one place - the Oval

Free Evening Concert
Commencing at 6:30pm

Jon English, The Noll Brothers,
Jonah's Road and Jayne Denham