



NEWSLETTER – July 2018

Keen as Mustered ...



With only three months to go, excitement is building for the staging of the sixth annual Clarence Valley Country Muster. Bookings are coming in thick and fast, with 400 patrons securing their spot before they'd left last year's Muster! The numbers are growing daily as more and more people hear the good news about the "friendly little festival on the Clarence".

It's the ideal event for campers, caravanners and motor-homers. Sites are well marked with easy-to-read street names featuring all your favourite country music artists and bush poets who've graced the Muster stage over the past five years.

The grounds are an absolute gardener's delight, with manicured lawns, flowering shrubs and established trees giving shelter and providing an endless vista of vibrancy and lushness on this magnificent country property.



Impressive line-up

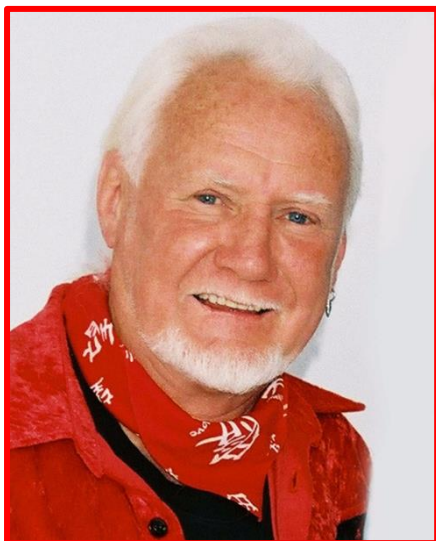
There's so much to look forward to on this year's program, which has been put together by a bloke who really knows his stuff – Terry Gordon OAM. Terry works hard creating a roster of artists with wide-ranging appeal ... real entertainers. I suppose it takes one to know one!

Our headline act was born to entertain ... If you've ever seen Beccy Cole's mum, Carole Sturtzel in action, you would know where she gets all that talent from! Beccy and her smoking-hot band will knock your socks off on the big Saturday night concert, with favourite songs from her repertoire and others from her new album, *Lioness*.



Along with Beccy, you will be treated to performances by all artists travelling with the Aussie Road Crew – Libby O'Donovan, Bec Hance and Pete Wilson, Amber Joy Poulton, Allison Forbes, Kelly Brouhaha and Dan Murphy. How spoilt are we! If you want to know more about these beaut tagalong tours of Beccy's, visit www.aussieroadcrew.com

Did we mention entertainment? I'd say more than a few of you would be familiar with a bloke who's been around the showbiz scene since the 1960s. Some might even have seen him on Brian Henderson's *Bandstand*, or on the *Johnny O'Keefe Show*.



The one and only Digger Revell, ageless and still rocking hard in his mid-70s, will be our special guest for the big Friday night concert, along with a fabulous band that's guaranteed to get you up and dancing!

Digger started out as a rocker, and then was embraced by the country music scene, but he still knows how to make you shake your tailfeather.

Work off your dinner when Digger and his band take the stage from 8pm on Friday, October 26. But don't miss it. It's his only Muster appearance.

But wait, there's more ...

You already know about Beccy Cole and the Aussie Road Crew and Digger Revell starring at the 2018 Clarence Valley Muster, but, like they say in those pesky TV ads: "But wait, there's more!"

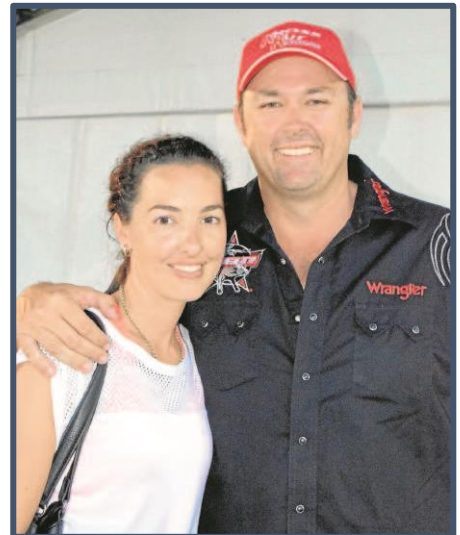
There's the fabulous Wayne Horsburgh, Col Finley, Kiara Rodrigues, Charmaine Pout, Samantha Bellamy and Ray Pratley (Show Pony Express), Owen Blundell, Terry Gordon, Jeff Brown, Justin Standley, Craig Giles, John and Christine Smith, Dale Duncan, Graeme Hugo, Laura Downing, Lindsay Waddington, Anthony Baxter and bush poet Bill Kearns with some of his poetic pals.

Each artist on the bill is a real crowd-pleaser. You can't get a gig on the Muster stage if you're not!

Short of a quid? Walk right up ...

One of the Muster's fabulous sponsors is Kross Kut Records, owned by Lindsay (Waddo) and Reagan Waddington. Each year Waddo works his tail off with the Kross Kut Band, backing Muster artists.

Waddo also offers a wonderful prize package, valued at \$2000, for the best walk-up artist. Each evening from Tuesday, October 23 through to Thursday, October 25, walk right in and have your shot at a little fame, and perhaps fortune! Backing for walk-up artists is supplied by Suburban Country.



Gospel album launch for Justin



Popular Aussie balladeer Justin Standley will launch his new gospel album on Sunday, October 28 at the Clarence Muster.

Justin received priceless national exposure in 2012 as a Top 12 finalist on Australian reality show, *X Factor*. Since then he's carved out a career in the industry, winning friends, fans and accolades along the way.

This year he's returned to the recording studio, making an EP and a full album with multiple Golden Guitar-winning producer, Matt Fell.

Be one of the first to grab your copy of this wonderful new offering from Justin.

Charity begins at home

One of the most popular spots people like to hang out at the Muster is with the blacksmiths, who ply their trade, showing how it was done in years gone by. Last year these good-hearted fellas auctioned off a bullock yoke, raising a total of \$5000.

From that amount, \$4000 was donated to the local branch of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and a further \$1000 was allocated to a little local girl, Maddie, who has spina bifida. This allowed Maddie's parents to purchase a special chair which enables Maddie to get into the water for hydrotherapy.



It's lovely to be able to give something back to your local community. The smithies will once again donate another bullock yoke, with the chopper service set to benefit from bidders' generosity. Nobody ever pays for that vital service which has given life and hope to so many people in need of urgent medical attention.

Claiming the date

It might sound like it's a long way off, but Sunday, May 5, 2019 will come around sooner than you think.

That's the date you need to reserve in your diary for the annual High Tea in the Garden at Ulmarra. This wonderful event raises money for the McGrath Foundation, to help train specialist breast care nurses for local communities.

Don't forget – make it a date and do your bit for breast cancer awareness.



I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting lots of new ones at the 2018 Clarence Valley Country Muster – Australia's friendliest little festival!

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