



Seventh annual Clarence Muster set to be a little ripper

About this time each year, diehard country fans start counting the sleeps to the Clarence Valley Country Muster.

Held in a picturesque rural setting at Ulmarra, near Grafton, in seven years the Muster has become a must-see on every country fan's agenda.

With its reputation as "the friendly festival" for self-contained campers who love their country, it's THE place to be in October each year. Gates open 7.30am on October 19 for earlybirds and bookings are rolling in - just like the vans and motorhomes that will follow.

Event organiser and property host Wendy Gordon works tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the Muster grounds are at their colourful best.

The lush green Muster grounds come alive with a blaze of colour - predominantly pink - but that's for a very special cause close to all of our hearts - it's for High Tea in the Gardens to benefit the McGrath Foundation.

Tea and scones? Don't mind if I do ...



The first major event of the muster is a colourful one - pretty pink, in fact. It's High Tea in the Garden, which raises funds annually to help train and place the McGrath Foundation's breast care nurses throughout regional Australia.

Why not get together a group of friends and co-ordinate your outfits? Perhaps have your own theme for your table? You could win some great prizes along the way!

Wendy has been fortunate to have secured some great sponsorship from Good Price Pharmacy Grafton, which is providing gift packs to the first 400 people who book for the function.

With more than 300 already set to take their seat at the table, it's advisable to get in quickly, as numbers are limited.

It will be held from 9.30am to noon on Thursday, October 24 and is sure to be a fabulous event, so book your tickets today.

What a line-up of talent

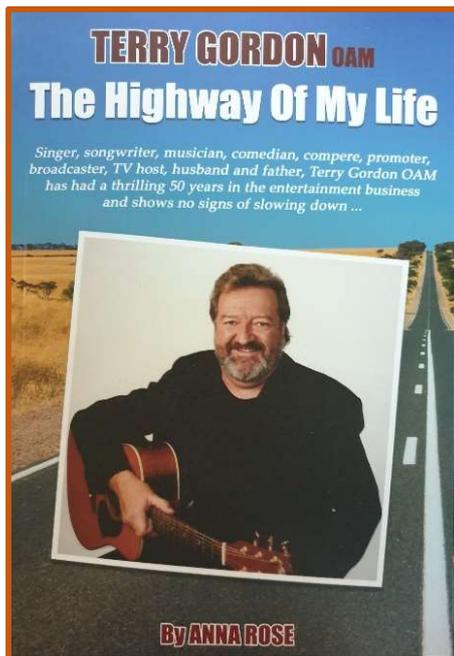
This year's Clarence Valley Country Muster program is impressive, boasting an all-star cast.

How about country superstar Adam Harvey for starters? With his brilliant new album, *The Nashville Tapes*, Adam has been touring the country - and further afield - to promote his pure country style.



Then there's guitar treasure Lindsay Butler and his wife, Shaza Leigh, along with Runaway Dixie, Reg Poole OAM, Owen Blundell, Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters, Chris Callaghan, Rodney Vincent, Johnny Greenwood, Peggy Gilchrist, The Gunbarrel Highwaymen, Dave Prior, Lindsay Waddington and the Kross Kut Showband, bush poet Ray Essery and lots more.

Mates gather to roast Terry and toast new book



One of the must-see events of the seventh annual Clarence Muster is being saved till the last ... or close to it.

To launch Terry's long-awaited biography, **The Highway Of My Life**, there will be a Sunday Morning Roast ... straight after the bush poets get things rolling.

Friends like Adam Harvey, Dave Prior and Ray Essery will toast, roast, salute and generally take the mickey out of the bloke who organises the mighty Clarence Muster talent each year and officially launch his new book, written by Anna Rose.

Terry will gladly sit and sign copies of the book after the official launch.

New music to wrap your ears around

The winners of last year's walk-up competition, Wayne Sullivan and the Reilly Boys (Lewis and Patrick), did one better when it came time to collect their recording prize at Kross Kut Studio.

Instead of recording just a single release, the boys opted for the full treatment from Lindsay and Reagan Waddington and made a full album, which they will be more than happy to share with friends and fans in October at the Muster.

Also bringing new music to the muster are several other established artists including South Australian singer-songwriter John O'Dea. His new disc, **A Dream and a Song**, with 11 tracks of pure storytelling magic is a must-have and is JohnO's finest album to date.

Tamworth's Golden Guitar-winning songbird, Jodie Crosby will bring her new self-titled album to the Muster. No promises, but word has it, her Golden Guitar-winning, red-headed sibling, Kelly will also be on hand to showcase the pure country sound you'd expect from artists of this calibre.

Lindsay Waddington, one of the hardest-working entertainers around, has a brilliant new album to share with Muster mates, **Desert Storm**. You won't want to go home without a copy of this.

What are you waiting for?

This festival is about so much more than just the music. It's more like a gathering of friends.

Festivalgoers can experience various aspects of country life on this working cattle property.

A popular spot is the blacksmiths' tent, where these traditional craftsmen can be watching plying their age-old trade and creating all types of implements throughout the event.

Kerry's Kitchen works tirelessly to ensure the masses are fed and watered, preparing tasty home-style meals served with a smile.

A variety of market stalls carrying a range of goods and services will be a bonus for those seeking a little retail therapy. And if you're looking to take home some musical memories from the Muster, the merchandise tent has a huge selection of albums from all artists who perform there.

So, what are you waiting for? Phone Wendy Gordon today on 0432 741 947 to make sure your site is reserved for this stunning event in the heart of the Clarence Valley.

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