



***Where else
would you be in
2021?***

Ready to rock'n'roll in October 2021

G'day campers! Who's ready for the 2021 Clarence Valley Country Muster from October 25-31? We are – and we hope you're just as excited as us!

The King of Country Rock'n'Roll, Jade Hurley OAM will play the main stage on Saturday night, October 30 and he won't stop until you're all up and dancing.

Some might have seen him making his TV debut on Six O'Clock Rock in 1960, or perhaps on Bandstand, The Mike Walsh Show, at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.



You could have caught him at your local club or entertainment venue. If you did, you wouldn't forget it; his concerts are always memorable – a real toe-tapping experience. Jade's been playing to packed houses since the start of his long and distinguished career. Like a fine wine, Jade just gets better with age and he's excited to be making his Clarence Valley Country Muster debut with us in a few short months.

The best value self-contained festival in the country

Where else could you park your van for the week for \$140 per person – and enjoy up to 60 hours of fabulous entertainment ... bush poets, balladeers, fancy pickers and some of the best singers around?

This year's Clarence Valley Country Muster line-up is a cracker. Terry Gordon OAM, who organises the entertainment always chooses the best. The 2021 roster features Kiara Rodrigues, Dennis Morgan, Gina Timms, Graeme Hugo, Ged and Trudy Hintz, Tracy Coster, Justin Standley, Owen Blundell, Terry Gordon OAM, Glenn Jones, Doug Stuart, Keith Jamieson OAM, Alisha Smith & Caitlyn Jamieson, Ken 'Chainsaw' Lindsay, Lindsay Waddington, Kross Kut Showband, the McKay Brothers, Pete 'Smokie' Dawson, Darrel Maher, Rob Breese and the 2019 walk-up winner, John Lynch.

Then there's our fabulous bush poets, Gary Fogarty and Ray Essery, with surprise guests. Starting your day with a good belly laugh will leave you smiling for the rest of the day. Introducing the acts throughout the weekend is a man who knows his way around a microphone. John Nutting, the now retired host of Saturday Night Country on our national broadcaster, ABC, is MC, ably assisted by award-winning bush poet and compere, Gary Fogarty.

The entertainment begins at 6pm on Monday, October 25 on the Tex Morton Stage. Each evening you can enjoy three hours of surprise guests, up until Thursday, as the main stage entertainment kicks off first thing Friday.

Your chance to walk up and shine

The Clarence Valley Country Muster offers great entertainment – and some is of the DIY variety.

From 1pm on Tuesday, October 26 on the main stage, you get your chance to be the star. That's when the walk-up competition begins, with a \$2000 prize package to be won courtesy of Lindsay and Reegan Waddington of Kross Kut Records.

From Tuesday to Thursday from 1pm till 5pm, walk-up artists take their turn at the microphone, backed by local band, Suburban Country. The winner will be announced on Saturday and can make arrangements with Waddo to record their single record release.



Waddo recently got some good news to make that smile even broader than usual. He's a finalist in Musician of the Year (Guitar) at the 7th Annual Josie Awards, held at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, USA. By the time the Muster rolls around, he'll know if he's the successful nominee, as the winner will be announced in late September. What an honour for our fine picking friend.

Retail therapy and so much more

There's always something to see and do at the Clarence Valley Muster. There's a range of stallholders selling everything from camping equipment to giftware and everything in between, as well as something completely different this year.

Transport NSW will have a caravan safety awareness information stall in the market area – for one day only (TBA). Caravanning is more popular than ever in Australia. There are now nearly 154,400 caravans registered in NSW with caravan registrations rising 53% in the seven years to 2019. Over the same period, there were a total of 2318 crashes involving caravans/ trailers, of which 19.1% were serious injury or fatal crashes.

From previous caravan safety checking days and from discussions with police, caravanning educators, caravan groups and industry, they've found that some caravanners could be unaware they were overloading their vehicles/vans and that more education, awareness could encourage attitudinal change and improve safety.

When you're not browsing the market stalls, or taking in the entertainment on stage, stretch your legs and take a stroll around the beautiful gardens created by Muster mistress, Wendy Gordon.

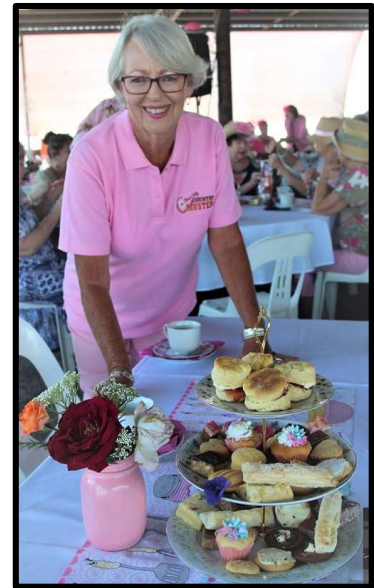
A busy lady, Wendy runs her property as a working cattle farm throughout the year, but still finds time to create beauty wherever you look. Bursts of colour, lush green lawns and that "Wendy Gordon" touch are evident at every turn.

For the sweet tooth

If you're a fan of home-cooked cakes, biscuits and slices, you'll have a fat time at the Clarence Valley Country Muster this year.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service will have a cake stall on Wednesday, October 27 from 10am selling some tasty treats. While you're making your selection from the goodies on offer, don't forget to buy a raffle ticket. You could be taking home a boat, which is the major prize.

Ulmarra Public School will have a cake stall on Thursday, October 28 from 10am with a huge collection of sweet and tasty offerings. This is a big fundraiser for the little school and your purchases will help them buy new equipment that's not in the Education Department budget.



Muster fun to be broadcast right around Australia



Community radio man Kevin Walsh will be at the Clarence Valley Country Muster, broadcasting from 5am to 9am on Wednesday, October 27 and Friday, October 29.

He'll do a wrap-up of the event on Monday for his Good Morning Country audience, which goes out to 70 stations Australia-wide on the Community Radio Network.

There's a chance for one lucky Muster attendee to don the headphones and play DJ, with a competition organised by Big Kev. The lucky winner gets to choose the music and spin the discs. Now that would be fun, wouldn't it?

Ian's the man with the sought-after vans

Clarence Valley Country Muster mate Ian Grant will be on site with a couple of you-beaut Ian Grant Caravans on display. In the past, he's sometimes gone home to Victoria a lot lighter than when he came, as he's sold the display van/s during the Muster.

The proudly Australian-made Ian Grant Caravans are in high demand as was evidenced at the Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Super Show in May. Ian's red-hot sales team were flat out all weekend, selling on average, one caravan every 12 minutes! Holy dooley – now that's a top effort.



Make sure you inspect Ian's latest van at the Muster this year and you'll see why they're such a sought-after home on wheels.

Queen of the kitchen

When you come to the Clarence Valley Country Muster, if you don't feel like cooking, you don't have to. Wendy's sister, Kerry is queen of the kitchen, and boy, can that girl cook!

The kitchen operates from early till late, with fast, fabulous, home-style meals prepared by Kerry and her trusty team. Beautiful hot breakfasts, delicious lunches and hot diggety dinners are served with a smile – and you don't have to rob a bank to pay the bill.

All meals are affordably priced and excellent value for money. Did we mention the ice creams? There are usually quite a few flavours on offer and they're just the shot to finish off a great meal at Kerry's Kitchen. Food and produce at Kerry's Kitchen is all locally grown and sourced, so you can guarantee the freshness.

Hats off to our mate, Kelly Dixon



We are delighted to give a big shout-out to Clarence Valley Country Muster mate, Kelly Dixon.

At the 2021 Toyota Country Music Awards of Australia, Kelly won a Golden Guitar for a song he co-wrote with wife Marion, truck driver Ryan Garland and

singer-songwriter Dean Perrett, who recorded the chart-topping hit.

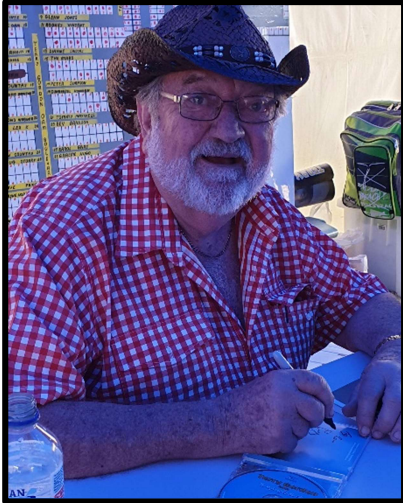
It was a proud moment for the much loved 94-year-old bushie when Six Decks To Darwin was named Bush Ballad of the Year. Kelly's way with words have secured countless awards for a whole host of country music artists over the years.

There was hardly a dry eye in the house as he humbly took the stage to accept the coveted award. Kelly and Marion have already booked their site and can't wait to come back to the Muster in October.

We look forward to seeing this Golden Guitar-winning couple back in the Clarence Valley. Kelly will often pop up on stage and share some of his wit and wisdom in the morning shows with the bush poets.

We might encourage him to do the same again as his stories are always entertaining. When you've lived the extraordinary life he has, how could it be otherwise?

Muster music man Terry Roy hits a rough patch



You may have heard or seen on social media that Clarence Valley Country Muster music co-ordinator Terry Gordon OAM has had a stint in hospital. Terry was diagnosed with bowel cancer and underwent an operation earlier this year to rectify the situation.

After a long hospital stay, he's now back at home and being cared for by his lovely wife, Nan. It's going to be a long road for TG before he's back firing on all eight cylinders, but he is keen to get back on stage and catch up with all his friends at the Muster in October.

We're sure getting back to live music is just the tonic for him – and for all of us, for that matter.

Now's the time to share the good times

It's been a tough year all round, but let's get back on track and enjoy some fabulous live music and fun in safe surroundings with good friends.

Book your site now on 0432 741 947 or visit www.cvcmuster.com.au Look forward to seeing you all in the Clarence in October.

Wendy