

MILES BACK TO THE BUSH *Festival*

11-14 September 2025



**Live music ★ Vintage Aircraft
Whip Cracking ★ Kids Zone
Heritage displays ★ Country hospitality
Tough Bugger ★ Fork to Feedlot Ball
Beard & Mullet Competition
Tours & more!**



For more info, visit
backtothebushfestival.com.au

WELCOME

We would like to welcome and thank you for being here in Miles to share this year's festival, which has been sewn together with laughter, sweat and a good dash of stress.

Our festival aims to be a celebration of living in the bush and it is with great joy that we are able to deliver this unique bush experience to our community and visitors.

This committee has volunteered countless hours behind the scenes. Many more amazing volunteers have stepped up to coordinate events or simply give a hand.

We are all driven by a shared love of Miles and we hope the people and natural beauty of this part of Australia captures your heart a little too before you leave.

Have a memorable festival!

Rachel Kerwick
Festival President



Message from the Minister for Environment and Tourism and the Minister for Science and Innovation, the Honourable Andrew Powell MP

It's a pleasure to welcome you to the Miles Back to the Bush Festival, an event that truly captures the character and charm of Queensland Country.

Supported by the Queensland Government through Round 29 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program, this event showcases the unique connection between our state's vibrant communities and the diverse regions they call home.

Events like the Miles Back to the Bush Festival bring people together, celebrate local culture and contribute significantly to the community's pride and economy.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore all that the Queensland Country Region has to offer – whether it's its scenic beauty, local flavours, or the warm hospitality that makes this part of Queensland so special.

A big congratulations to the organisers and everyone who worked hard to bring this wonderful event to life. Thank you for being part of the thriving Queensland Destination Events Program.

Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Tourism



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Our festival is all about celebrating and sharing what our community loves about living in the bush. Coinciding with the anniversary of the Miles Historical Village Museum adds a special layer of vintage style and activities to the celebrations.

The event has deep roots in our region, dating back to the 1950s with the **Miles Wildflower Festival**. Over the decades, it evolved into the **Beef, Bells and Bottle Tree Festival**, before becoming the **Back to the Bush Festival** in 2018. With a refreshed name and an expanded program, the festival continues to grow – celebrating our heritage, our people, and the simple joys of life in the Bush.

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Back to the Bush Festival acknowledges the Barunggam people as Traditional Owners of Country and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, culture, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future.

INFORMATION

CONTACT THE FESTIVAL

Miles Back to the Bush Festival

PO BOX 161, Miles Qld 4415

info@backtothebushfestival.com.au

Message us via Facebook for a quick response

[Facebook.com/milesbacktothebushfestival](https://www.facebook.com/milesbacktothebushfestival)

Festival queries: 0427 545 902

TICKETS

Tickets remain on sale in the online ticket box office right up to the opening of most events.

BUY NOW AT:

www.backtothebushfestival.com.au

Festival ticket support: 0447 250 821

MILES VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Miles Historical Village Museum

141 Murilla Street, Miles | (07) 4627 1492

SHUTTLE BUS

Thursday

5:30pm – 7:00pm to Dinner Under the Stars

9:00pm – 10:30pm from Dinner Under the Stars
and drop back to accommodation

Friday

4:30pm – 6:30pm to Sunset Tour at Historical Village

6:30pm to Art Gallery from Historical Village

6:00pm – 8:00pm to Feedlot to Fork Gala Ball

10:00pm – midnight from Feedlot to Fork Gala Ball
and drop back to accommodation

Saturday

2 buses - 10:00am – 2:30pm

Pick up and drop off at Main Event

1 bus - 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Pick up from Main event and drop back to accommodation

Times subject to change

Pick up locations: marked on map page 14/15

FESTIVAL STORE

Opening Monday 1st September to Friday 12th September

9:30am to 4:30pm

Drop in and say hello in our festival pop-up store where you will find festival information and merchandise.

Find us in the little brick building between Anzac Park and Golden West Motel in the town centre.

WHILE YOU'RE HERE

MILES SOUND TRAIL

Download the free SOUNDTRAILS app onto your phone and listen to the Miles Sound Trail. It takes you on a 1.5hr walk around Chinaman's lagoon and town, learning what makes this town tick, what happened on the Dogwood Creek on a fateful day, and more local stories. www.soundtrails.com.au

VISIT GIL WEIR

Gil Weir on Dogwood Creek is 6km south of Miles and a lovely place to stop for a picnic, have a wood-fired BBQ or take the dog for a walk (on a lead). Suitable for small vessels and paddle craft. Throw a line in and try to catch the elusive Murray Cod.

SEE THE WILDFLOWERS

The wildflowers around Miles are in bloom in September – while our festival is on (in fact years ago this festival was the Miles Wildflower Festival)! The Gurulmundi area (about 45 mins northwest of Miles) is one of southern Queensland's most significant wildflower hotspots, with over 200 species of plants flourishing. See a striking array of grevilleas, hakeas, wattles, bush peas plus much more.

Pick up a self-guided Wildflowers Tour brochure at the Miles Visitor Information Centre and drive yourself (unsealed roads suited to high-clearance vehicles) or join one of our Wildflower Bus Tours with a Boobook Tours' Botanist who will help spot the rare and threatened species like the Gurulmundi Heath-myrtle and plants such as tiny ground orchids that you might otherwise miss. See the Thursday and Friday program for more info.



Experience Western Downs

**It's the
people that
make it.**

Find more to explore across the Western Downs at
www.westerndownsqueensland.com.au

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THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Courtesy Bus available – see map on page 14-15

GUIDED TAG-A-LONG ADVENTURE RIDE (DAY 1)

Departs 7:30am
Miles Historical Village
\$70 | Register online

Explore the Miles district with our local guide on your on-road, off-road motorbike. Adventure through open downs, grazing country, and forestry tracks.

SELF-DRIVE TAG-A-LONG WILDFLOWERS TOUR

Departs 8:30am
Miles Tennis Club | FREE

Join Murilla Garden Club as they enjoy a day out travelling through the wildflowers in the Gurulmundi Forestry, stopping where wildflowers are in full bloom. BYO morning tea and lunch.



WILDFLOWER WANDER WITH BOOBOOK TOURS

Departs 8:30am
Miles Dogwood Crossing Centre
Adults \$135, Child \$70 |
Register online

Join us for a special half-day botanical experience. With Boobook Tours' Botanist, you will travel to Gurulmundi where you will see a striking array of wildflowers, including rare and threatened species like the Gurulmundi Heath-myrtle.

WILDFLOWERING BY DESIGN EXHIBITION

9:00am – 5:00pm
John Mullins Memorial Gallery,
Dogwood Crossing | FREE Event

Wildflowering by Design presents works by Queensland artists exploring contemporary responses to our botanical and wildflower heritage. The exhibition celebrates our botanical heritage through a design lens, exploring materiality, hand-crafting, and the digital realm, extending the scope of an Australian environmental design culture.

BUSHWALK & SWAGMAN'S BILLY TEA

9:30am – 11:00am
19 Pound Road, Miles
Bushwalk: FREE

Billy tea & damper with our Swagman and souvenir enamel mug: \$15/person
Register online

A self-guided walking trail is marked on a bushland property. Along the trail awaits our swaggy with refreshments and a few yarns. Choose the short direct route to the swaggy, or take the longer, but easy 5km (1.5hr) bushwalk through the property.

HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHTS

From 1:00pm | Bookings phone
0418 309 788

Enjoy the festival from a different perspective with a scenic helicopter flight over the Miles area with Great Ocean Helicopters. Check out the stunning town, farmland, and festival from the sky!

GOLF CLUB SPORTERS DAY

Register from 2:00pm.
Tee off 2:30pm
Miles Golf Club,
Leichhardt Highway
Enquiries: Alex 0402 653 861

Experience the sand green with a 9 holes Sporters Day. BYO golf clubs.

NATURE LANTERN WORKSHOP

3:00pm – 5:00pm | Murilla
Room, Dogwood Crossing

Lead by Dr Sue Davis co-curator of the Wildflowering by Design exhibition, you will create your own handmade, nature inspired lantern using rice paper and watercolour paints. Working from wildflower and botanical images as inspiration, design and decorate your unique

lantern with intricate patterns, or in a freeform style of your choice under the guidance of the hosting artist.

SOCIAL BOWLS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

4:00pm | Miles Bowls Club,
15 Eleanor St | \$10 to play with
free loan of bowls.

Club opens at 4pm with games starting from 6pm

DINNER UNDER THE STARS

6:00pm
Miles Historical Village
\$60 per person | Book online

Special dining experience in the streets of the village. Be entertained with an old-style radio play *"Shelter from the Storm"* and live music by Silver Comets.



*Dinner Under Stars,
Miles Historical Village*

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Courtesy Bus available – see map on page 14-15

VINTAGE WARBLER ADVENTURE FLIGHTS

All day | Bookings
Phone: 0401 493 999

GUIDED TAG-A-LONG ADVENTURE RIDE (DAY 2)

Departs 7:30am
Miles Historical Village
\$70 | Register online

Explore the Miles district with our local guide on your on-road, off-road motorbike. Adventure through open downs, grazing country, and forestry tracks.

WILDFLOWER WANDER WITH BOOBOOK TOURS

Departs 8:30am
Miles Dogwood Crossing Centre
Adults \$135, Child \$70
Register online

A special half-day botanical experience with Boobook Tours' Botanist.

ORIGIN OF GAS TOUR

8.30am & 12:30pm

Exploring a local gas production facility for an insight into the gas industry on the Western Down, in particular the Miles gas fields

Presented by festival sponsor Origin Energy as Upstream Operator for Australia Pacific LNG.

OPEN GARDENS SELF- GUIDED TOUR

9:00am – 4:00pm | FREE

You are invited into the yards of locals to view their beautiful gardens and yards! This is a self-guided tour, printed maps available at the festival pop up shop.

OPEN HOMES COLLECTIONS SELF-GUIDED TOUR

9:00am – 4:00pm | FREE

Come along to view some fascinating, quirky and/or vintage collections of Miles locals. This is a self-guided tour, printed maps available at the festival pop up shop.

WILDFLOWERING BY DESIGN EXHIBITION

9:00am – 5:00pm
John Mullins Memorial Gallery,
Dogwood Crossing | FREE

QCWA QUILT SHOW

From 9:00am
Miles Showground Pavilion
Admission price \$5

Hosted by the QCWA State Patchwork committee, come and admire the beautiful quilts at the Quilt Show! Morning Tea will be provided by the Miles QCWA branch from 10.00am.

BUSHWALK & SWAGMAN'S BILLY TEA

9:30am – 11:00am
19 Pound Road, Miles

HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHTS

From 7:00am
Miles Racecourse
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SUNSET TOUR AT MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

5:00pm - 6:30pm | Miles
Historical Village | \$20

Experience the charm of the Miles Historical Village Museum after dark with a guided twilight tour led by a local expert. Enjoy stunning Western Downs sunsets, insider stories from passionate volunteers, and a complimentary drink with nibbles as you explore this unique walk through history.

FAMILY BUSH DINNER & DANCE

6:00pm | Miles Showgrounds,
Bourne St | Enquiries:
Richard Steel 0407 897 465

AUSSIE HOTEL PIG RACES

From 6:00pm | For further
details phone 07 4627 1106

THE GALLERY AFTER DARK

6:30pm – 9:30pm
Dogwood Crossing, Miles
FREE

Visitors can enjoy light refreshments and live local music before exploring Wildflowering by Design – a curated exhibition celebrating native wildflowers through contemporary art and design, including works by regional artists inspired by the beauty of Gurulmundi and the Western Downs.

Gala Ball

FEEDLOT TO FORK

6.30pm @ Leichhardt Centre, Dawson St, Miles
\$130 includes dinner & drinks package

A formal/black tie celebration of local beef sourced from Miles & District Feedlots.

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COLLECTIONS TOUR

9am – 4pm Friday

The Collections Tour is completely unique to our Festival! You are invited into the homes and backyards of local residents to view their fascinating, quirky or vintage collections. Self-guided at your own pace. See town map on page 14 & 15 for locations.

1 Garden Ornament Collection

Lorraine Howard: 128 Murilla St, Miles

Lorraine's Garden Ornament Collection is a whimsical reflection of adventures around Australia and overseas. Each piece tells a story - from cheeky meerkats, pink flamingos and regal elephants recalling African adventures, to cow bells echoing the Swiss Alps. Farm animals ground the collection in rural life at home, while Chinese lanterns spark memories of travels through China and Vietnam. A miniature R2-D2 nods to the magic of Disneyland, USA. This vibrant display transforms the garden into a journey across continents and cherished moments.

2 Island Bags & First Nations Art

Robyn Derksen: Kennedy Garden - Miles Hospital, Marian St, Miles

Robyn is a proud local elder, with a collection of traditional first nations art, as well as a unique collection of bags from her travels to Fiji where she assists the poor in island communities. A must-see collection with a warm and generous story behind it.

3 Military Paraphernalia

Ray Granbower: 19 Constance Street

Ray is an avid collector of Army/Airforce/Navy establishments. This year he is showcasing his extensive collection.



4 Collection of Collectibles

Jan Mullins: 41 Edith St, Miles

A lifetime passion for fashion has seen Jan acquire one off designer outfits, including wedding and debutante dresses from throughout the eras. She is well known for her quintessential collection of anything and everything, from old records and diaries to pigs in the garden. Jan invites you to bring your lunch and enjoy the garden.

5 Craft Collection

Linda Pomerence and Penny Earner: 100 Butlers Road, Miles (1km off Highway)

From a very young age, Linda Pomerence was encouraged to pick up needles, hooks, yarn, and fabric, even keeping her very first attempt at traced embroidery. With the aid of books and the internet, she has significantly advanced her skills across various textile arts. Her current passion lies in knitting, and she boasts an extensive collection of craft and needlework books and magazines.

Penny is a professional artist with a solid grounding in both art and photography, thriving on variety across a wide range of mediums and skills. Her adaptable approach allows her to seamlessly transition between different creative outlets. Since moving to the Bush, she has dedicated herself full-time to her art and craft, focusing on creating unique works rather than competing, and enjoying the freedom to pursue her passions.



6 Richard's Pipes

Richard Shaw: Kennedy Garden Miles Hospital, Marian St, Miles

Richard's lifelong passion for collecting pipes began over seventy-five years ago, driven not by a desire to smoke them, but by an appreciation for their craftsmanship, materials, and the unique stories each held. Over decades, he amassed a diverse collection from various sources, encompassing pipes made from clay, bone, wood, plastics, brass, and alloys, and featuring designs ranging from



simple bowls to complex water-filtering mechanisms, each considered a cultural artifact. Although much of his cherished collection was tragically destroyed by white ants while stored, his beloved Wiener Kaffeehauspipe, or Viennese coffee house pipe, remarkably survived. This elegant piece, along with his remaining quirky pipes, will be featured in his collection, offering a tangible narrative of memory, loss, and the enduring beauty of treasured objects.

GARDEN TOURS

When: Friday 12th September, 9:00am – 4:00pm

You are invited into the yards of locals to view their beautiful gardens and yards!

This is a self-guided tour – printed maps can be picked up from BTTB Festival Pop Up shop at Miles Senior Citizens Centre, Murilla St Miles.



*Open 8:00am to 10:00am
Saturday 13th September*

“Avington” Judi-Ann & Phil Young

Avington is a garden of rooms and intrigue, leading visitors on a journey of discovery; from its formal deciduous trees and hedged plantings spattered with delicate colour, through to a young developing fruit orchard and wicking bed vegetable garden. There is much to glean from Judi and Phil’s gardening journey in a country setting.



*Open 8:00am to 10:00am
Saturday 13th September*

“Bethel” Lois & Richard Roberts

Take the time to ‘stop and smell the roses’! The Bethel garden is one for the rose lovers! Heritage roses and cottage plantings surround the house and lawn areas. Lois has a wealth of knowledge that is worth tapping into for those looking to learn about all things ‘roses’.



“Dogwood Bend” Sharron & Anthony Colley

Colour kaleidoscope in every sense! Sharron’s rambling cottage garden at Dogwood Bend is set in difficult soil conditions and is a great example of what can be achieved over time with soil improvement and gardening commitment. She employs permaculture techniques to enhance the gardens offerings from a sensory and culinary perspective.

“Condabri” Kylie & Simon Drury

An exquisite driveway leads visitors through to the Condabri garden. A relatively young garden with expansive lawns, formal plantings and developing shade trees looking out over the property’s grass and farming paddocks. Kylie’s art studio is snugly nestled within the garden, providing the opportunity to pursue her artistic creativity when time permits.



“Dogwood Retreat” Kim & Rick Palmer

Dogwood Retreat is proof that with green thumbs, patience and perseverance gardening success can be achieved, despite harsh conditions. Kim and Rick have weaved their magic in only a few short years; with the garden’s glorious heritage roses and hardy perennials packing a punch.

“Sunnyview” – Kylie & Steve Bourne

Grand old girls! Set on the banks of the Dogwood Creek the Sunnyview garden has been shaped and nurtured to encapsulate the exquisite 100 year old jacarandas and original property cottage (now Kylie’s art studio and gallery). Bring along your picnic and rest up under the jacas for a cuppa, chat and art gallery visit! Kylie will have the billy boiling all day!



TOWN MAP

MILES, QUEENSLAND



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Courtesy Bus available – see map on page 14-15

HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHTS

All day | Miles Racecourse
Bookings phone 0418 309 788

MILES PARK RUN

7:00am | Moraby Park on
Dogwood Creek
FREE, register at
parkrun.com.au/miles

PILATES IN THE PARK

7:30am | Miles Historical Village
FREE, register online.
Please bring your own
mat / towel

FARM TOURS

8:00am – 10:00am
\$20 per vehicle | Book online.

Book a farm tour experience
and visit a local Miles farm
with your choice of theme
from crops, farm-yard animals,
big machinery, and farms
that co-exist with renewable
gas infrastructure.

ST LUKE'S MARKETS

8:00am – 12:00pm
St Luke's Anglican Church
cnr Marian & Dawson St

CHINCHILLA CONCERT BAND & MORNING TEA

8:30am – 11:00am |
ANZAC Park, Corbett Drive

Enjoy a cuppa and scones
listening to the band whilst
waiting for the Steam
Train arrival.

WILDFLOWERING BY DESIGN EXHIBITION

9:00am – 12:00pm
Dogwood Crossing

NATURE DRAWING WITH JOLIE GIBBS

9:00am – 11:00am
Dogwood Crossing

Inspired by Joolie's 4m artwork
in the Wildflowering by Design
exhibition, this workshop will
take participants through some
of the foundations and basics to
enjoy drawing, using botanicals
as the subject.

STEAM TRAIN ARRIVAL

ETA 10:00am
Miles Railway Station

The Downs Explorer
steam train is pulling
back in to Miles for the
festival weekend!
Welcome the train and
do a walk through after
passengers disembark.
Join the atmosphere,
vintage cars and horse
& carriage all welcoming
the train's arrival.



STREET PARADE

11:00am - 12:00pm
Miles Main Street
2025 parade theme
"Our Flora and Fauna"

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

INSIDE THE MAIN EVENT

LIL BUGGER CHALLENGE

\$10 registration on the day.
From 1:00pm.
**Come with a change of clothes
and a towel!**
Age groups: 2-4yrs, 5-7yrs,
7-9yrs, 9-12yrs

TOUGH BUGGER COMPETITION

Watch the action of this outdoor
farmer-style obstacle course
(think hay bales, truck tyres,
fence posts and more). *Come
and watch the excitement from
2:15pm, or register your mixed
team of four adults online to
compete! \$20 per person.*

KIDS ZONE

11:15am – 5:00pm
There's lots of fun for the kids,
including: Sand Sculptures,
Kids Mini Rodeo, Face Painting,
Petting Zoo, Coal Dig and
Cultural Song & Dance Workshop

HAY BALE TOSS

12:30pm | Main Arena
Register on the day

DOGWOOD DERBY BILLY-KARTS

2:00pm Saturday | Main Arena
Register on the day

BEARD & MULLET COMPETITION

**Join us at 3:00pm on the Main
Stage for the Beard & Mullet
competition – cash prizes to be
won! Registration on the day.**

Categories:

- ▶ Start Up Beard
- ▶ Manicured Beard
- ▶ Wild & Free Beard
- ▶ Beard at the Back (Mullet)
- ▶ Junior Mullet (under 18s)
- ▶ Creative or decorated
beard (*homemade craft
faux beard or real beard
with added decorations*)



THE TRACTOR PULL

Kerwicks Earthworks presents the excitement of the Tractor Pull - see
the modified, re-powered tractors roll into Miles for the motorsport of
the bush! - **The objective: pull the weighted sled the furthest... and
it gets heavier as it moves along.**

INSIDE THE MAIN EVENT

MAP

Entry/Tickets - Accessible Drop Off

CENTENARY AVENUE

EDITH STREET

EDITH STREET

RACECOURSE ROAD

Entry/Tickets



WARREGO HIGHWAY

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INSIDE THE MAIN EVENT

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

TIME	MAIN STAGE		ARENA	KIDS ZONE + WORKSHOPS	OBSTACLE ZONE			TRACTORS & PLANES	DISPLAYS	IN THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE											
11:00am	MAIN EVENT GATES OPEN AT 11AM					MAIN EVENT GATES OPEN AT 11AM															
11:15am				Sand Sculptor come & try sand sculpting Song & Dance Cultural Workshops "Let em Buck" Mini Rodeo Games Petting Zoo Face Painting Arts & Crafts Coal Dig plus more activities		Helicopter Scenic Rides at the Racecourse		Warbirds Flyover	Emergency Services Static Display & Information (SES, QPS, QAS, QFS)												
11:30am																					
11:45am										Tractor Pull											
12:00pm			Cilla Perhouse with Stock Dog Demo														Poet Gregory North				
12:15pm	Acknowledgement and Dance Presentation		Hay Toss																		
12:30pm																					
12:45pm		Bluey Meet & Greet <i>Beside Main Stage</i>												Devonshire Tea / Food	Emerging Artist Performance	Static Motors Demos Blacksmith Demos Lepidary Demonstrations Whip plaier Children's Activities					
1:00pm																					
1:15pm	Film Premier				Little Buggers																
1:30pm																					
1:45pm	Smashing Bumpkins		Horsemanship Demo							Warbirds Flyover									Poet Gregory North		
2:00pm			Dogwood Derby																	Whipcracker Jackson Kerkow	
2:15pm																			Cross cut Sawpit		
2:30pm	Bluey Performance				Tough Bugger					Tractor Pull <i>Tractors operate in regular sessions throughout the day</i>											
2:45pm																					
3:00pm	Beard & Mullet Competition		Cilla Perhouse with Stock Dog Demo																	Quart Pot Boiling	
3:15pm																					
3:30pm																					
3:45pm		Bluey Meet & Greet <i>Beside Main Stage</i>																		Condamine Bell Toss	
4:00pm																					Kookaburra Calling
4:15pm			Horsemanship Demo																		
4:30pm			Whipcracker Jackson Kerkow																		
4:45pm			Dog High Jump																		
5:00pm												Warbirds Flyover									
5:15pm	Smashing Bumpkins																				
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8:45pm	The Rhythm Road Band <i>Finishes at 10:45pm</i>																				
9:00pm																					

VILLAGE GATES
CLOSE AT 4.30PM

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

INSIDE THE MAIN EVENT

THE WET WHISTLES

7:00pm Saturday

The Wet Whistles is what happens when four Brisbane musicians start up a band purely as a convenient way to have fun and spend more quality drinking time together. The Wet Whistles' 'stomp and holler' country live shows have become synonymous with Big Nights and Sore Heads around South East Queensland.



RHYTHM ROAD BAND

8:30pm Saturday

Rhythm Road is Queensland's premier live party band, made up of some of the country's finest musicians. With a killer live sound and serious stage presence, Rhythm Road know how to bring the party!



THE SMASHING BUMPKINS

1:45pm & 5:15pm

From classic Australian bush dances to crowd-favourite grooves, this isn't just a dance – it's a floor-stomping, boot-scootin' celebration!

You don't need to know the moves; you just need to be ready to groove. The Smashing Bumpkins will guide you through easy-to-follow circle, line, and partner routines.



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

INSIDE THE MAIN EVENT

CILLA PERSHOUSE'S BORDER COLLIE BOOGIE

12:00pm & 3:15pm Saturday & 8:00am Sunday

This is a one-of-a-kind show, complete with cute animals, vibrant music and all the fun of the farm! The Border Collie Boogie combines Cilla's experience as an entertainer with her life as a grazier and stock dog trainer to create a spectacular show for the whole family. Meet Axel the Kelpie, as he shows off his skills as a working stock dog. Get to know the beautiful Ash Barky as she joins in with the singing numbers.



LAUGHING STOCK PRODUCTIONS HORSE SHOW

Horsemanship Demos: 1:45pm & 4:15pm | in the main arena
Live Equine Show & Entertainment: 6:15pm – 7:00pm
in the main arena

BLUEY LIVE INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

2:30pm Saturday

See Bluey and her little sister Bingo during their Live Interactive Experience on the Main Stage. Get ready to play Magic Asparagus, Magic Xylophone, Keepy Uppy and more with your favourite Heeler duo! You can also come and meet Bluey & Bingo in person for smiles, photos, and plenty of flossing of course!

Meet & Greet sessions available
12:45pm & 3:45pm Saturday,
book online.



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

VINTAGE WARBIRDS

Keep your eyes on the sky as the fleet of vintage warbird aircraft complete a formation flypast spectacle on Saturday, and see them up close on the tarmac and hear from the pilots at the airport on Sunday. Experience flight in one of these warbirds yourself with an Adventure Flight, taking place across the festival weekend. To book call 0401 493 999



AT-6 Harvard

MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

It's an honour to celebrate the 54th Anniversary of the Miles Historical Village Museum during Back to the Bush Festival. Look out for the traditional anniversary celebrations inside the Village on the Saturday program, including the traditional Condamine Bell Toss, the Quart Pot Boiling Competition and the Kookaburra Calling Competition.

Around the village there's also the new Emerging Musical Talent Competition, whip plaiting, blacksmithing, and demonstrations of the old saw pit in action!



Condamine Bell Toss

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

VINTAGE WARBIRD ADVENTURE FLIGHTS

All day | Bookings Phone: 0401 493 999

BUSH POETRY

From 7:00am | Centenary Oval | Free

Come along and enjoy breakfast as you listen to Gregory North.

CILLA PERSHOUSE'S BORDER COLLIE BOOGIE

8:00am | Main Arena

CAR CLUB SHOW AND SHINE

9:00am | within Main Festival Precinct

A free family friendly event with a judged Show and Shine – Top 15 cars and Top 5 other. Come and enjoy some of the best cars this region has to offer.

CHAINSAW RACING

9:30am & 1:00pm | Demonstration Event

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT ON THE TARMAC

10:00am – 1:00pm | Miles Airport, Leichhardt Highway

\$5 Donation entry

Visit the Vintage Aircraft Display at Miles Airport to get a closer look at the planes that buzzed the sky above the Festival on Saturday. See the aircraft on the tarmac at Miles Airport.

(Subject to weather conditions)

EMERGING MUSICAL TALENT FINALISTS

10:00am | Main Event Precinct – Main Stage

See the winners of the Emerging Musical Talent Competition perform on stage – organised by Miles Historical Village Museum.

KATELANN MAREE

11:30am

See local talent Katelann Maree entertaining you with her own music.



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