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JOHN O'BRIEN BUSH FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR 2018

The John O'Brien Bush Festival is set to return to Narrandera Shire in 2018 with a bang! After a break in 2017 the John O'Brien Festival Committee has arranged a stellar line up of performers and activities over the 16-18 March 2018 weekend.

The festival is a celebration of the poetry of Australian bush poet John O'Brien where lovers of the Irish-Australian tradition can enjoy three days of bush poetry, music and song. The festival is held around St Patrick's Day acknowledging the poet's connection with our pioneering Irish heritage.

Events will take place at venues throughout Narrandera including the John O'Brien Hall, where community members will have the chance to kick up their heels and enjoy a spin around the dance floor at the Bush Dance or attend an Irish Luncheon. Marie Bashir Park will host "Brekkie in the Park" featuring poetry performances, both Saturday and Sunday. Lions Train Heritage tours will leave from the Visitors Information Centre. One of the most popular events, the street fair, including entertainment, and the street parade will make East Street the epicentre of festival activities on Saturday.

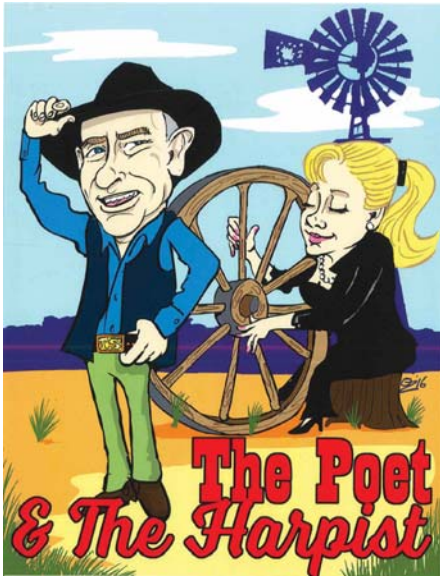
The weekend will feature an array of talented artists such as *The Poet and the Harpist*, Marie Forde, Grant Luhrs, and the *King and Queen of Green*. A host of champion poetry acts including Greg North, Brenda Joy, Robyn Sykes and John Peel will make you laugh and make you cry, while the ever popular Anzac Tribute will be compered by Noel Stallard. These performances are just some of the delights on offer during the Festival.

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka said "I am very pleased about the return of the John O'Brien Festival in 2018. It is hallmark event for Narrandera Shire, bringing people from many parts of Australia to join in the festivities of the weekend. Come along and become immersed in Australian, and Irish, word and song."

Wristbands and tickets are now on sale.

For the full program and the link to purchase wristbands or tickets visit www.johnobrien.org.au or the John O'Brien Facebook page www.facebook.com/johnobriefestival or phone the Narrandera Visitor Information Centre on 02 6959 5545.

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The Poet and the Harpist



Robyn Sykes



The King and Queen of Green

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