

A celebration of storytelling, art, poetry and music

THE FESTIVAL OF A THOUSAND STORIES

BOURKE NSW SEPTEMBER 1- 4 2017

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

6:00 pm - to Late	Wharf Precinct	Mini-Music Festival	Festival artists perform separate sets at the Wharf Precinct – BYO drinks and buy a nibble plate to enjoy the opening festivities !!
8:00pm	Wharf Precinct	Book Launch The 'Could Be' Ring	Author Alexandria Nagy will launch and talk about her new work and her upcoming 'Bourke' novel.

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

7:00am - 8:30am	Wharf	Poets Breakfast	Join the Poets for an early literary feast, right before the markets on the Wharf. Brekkie provided by the Men's Shed.
9:00am - 1:00pm	Wharf Precinct	Festival Market Day at Wharf	A Festival atmosphere to the markets with The Festival Pop-Up Band, and numerous stall –holders.
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Back O' Bourke Centre	Outback Show	Animals, Skills, Stories and Songs by Lachie Crosser – the Original Outback Man
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Jandra	Blues Cruise with Frank Povah & Starlight Express	An afternoon paddleboat cruise on the Darling River with Blues music. BYO Drinks and Nibbles
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Port of Bourke	Saturday Sippers	Local Songbirds Fi and Andy play the lazy Saturday Afternoon songs to help you sip away the day.
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Diggers on the Darling	Henry Lawson's Wake	Locals and Lawson enthusiasts gather together on the 95 th Anniversary of Henry Lawson's death to discuss his legacy, poetry and stories. Music from Chloe and Jason Roweth plus the Festival Pop-Up Band.
8:30pm - to Late	Bourke Bowling Club	Just Us	Bowling Club favourites ' Just Us ' performing originals and pub classics well into the night.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Departs 8:00 am	Gather at Wharf	Annual Poets Trek 2017 Destination: Hungerford	The Festival Flagship – the Annual poets Trek. This year trekkers will venture in Lawson's footsteps to Hungerford, via Comeroo, for a campfire session. Trekkers return midday Monday. (\$350/head)
9:00 am - 11:00 pm	Anglican Church	Storytelling Service	The stories enter the church – non denominational service with a twist
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Back O' Bourke Centre	Outback Show	Animals, Skills, Stories and Songs by the Outback Man himself – Lachie Crosser.
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Port of Bourke	Sunday Sippers	Lachie Crosser's Country Music Sunday afternoon
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Jandra	Riverboat Cruise	An afternoon paddleboat cruise on the Darling River – history of the river relayed from the helm by Captain Stephen Coade.
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Port of Bourke	'The Toorale Room'	Story Telling Event featuring the stories of locals and invited guests.
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Kidmans' Camp	Poetry on a Plate	Dinner and Poetry around the Campfire featuring Frank Povah
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Senior Citizens Centre	One-Eyed Film Festival	Short films made locally (Dubbo) projected onto the big screen

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

9:30 am - 11:00 pm	Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre	Come Walk With Me	Local Indigenous-led tours along the Darling with Cultural Guides the Dixon Brothers.
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Back O' Bourke Centre	Outback Show	Animals, Skills, Stories and Songs by the Outback Man himself – Lachie Crosser.
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm	Bourke Cemetery	Cemetery Tour	Historian Paul Roe takes festival goers through the amazing stories lying buried within the cemetery at Bourke
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Bourke Library	Book Launch – Tony Pritchard – Paddling Down the Darling	Partly truth, partly fiction, Tony Pritchard's 2 nd instalment of his ongoing affair with the Darling River – launched in Bourke
	TBC	Festival Pop-Up Band	Appearing around the town at random
8:00 pm- to Late...	Bourke Bowling Club	Closing Night Concert John Schumann	Over and above his passion for the work of Henry Lawson, John Schumann holds a distinguished place in the Australian music industry. Probably best known for his leadership of the legendary folk-rock band Redgum, and I Was Only 19, John Schumann has received almost every award the industry has to offer – some twice over. <i>Free Concert – tickets required (Bourke Bowling Club)</i>