

Winton prepares for outback celebrations

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 On your marks the Quilton Australian Dunny Derby will be a festival highlight.



THE Outback Festival is back again and Winton is pulling out all the stops to host an extra special event from September 22 to 26.

The festival's hilarious signature event, the Quilton Australian Dunny Derby, will top off five days of sporting challenges, nightly concerts and a very special sunset charity dinner extravaganza.

The hilarious derby includes a competition for the fastest dunny; the best presented team and outhouse; and the constipation stakes.

This year's festival highlight will be a Sunset Charity Dinner under the Outback stars on Thursday,

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September 24 held on the Jump Up at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs (AAOD) museum, 24 kilometres outside Winton. Featuring a three course meal, entertainment by the IRAR Rock Band and a charity auction to directly benefit Queensland soldiers and their families in need of support.

Australia's famous Djuki Mala (Chooky Dancers) will kick off five nights of live music. From Elcho Island in Arnhem Land, Djuki Mala became a YouTube sensation after a clip of them performing Zorba The Greek went viral. Nightly concerts will feature the IRAR Rock Band, country stars Tania Kernaghan and Karrie Hayward, Hill Billy Goats, Celtic Fyre, Montserrat: The Australian Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show, Australian INXS Show and a Neil Diamond tribute show. Bush poets from across Australia will also keep the crowds entertained at a series of breakfasts.

Sports fans can test their skills with some gruelling sporting challenges including the Outback Century Cycle Challenge – a metric (100km) or imperial century (160km) ride on a fully sealed road.

Or how about having a go in the Outback Iron Man, Iron Woman or Iron Junior titles or compete in the Masters of the Outback? There's egg throwing and wobble board painting for the kids, whip cracking and True Blue sports, a test of classic Aussie sporting skills like kicking a footie, darts, bowls, marbles and cow pat discus.

Truckies across the country are invited to make tracks to Winton in Outback Queensland for the 7th Truckies Reunion being held in conjunction with the Outback Festival in late September.

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Current world record whip cracking holder Nathan Griggs will amaze with his skills on a whip more than six metres long and a fire whip. Nathan will host free two hour whip cracking workshops on Thursday, September 24. If you fancy your skills, why not take part in the Outback Whip Cracking Championships on Saturday, September 26?

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