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Burrandowan Picnic Races - Saddle Up for 2009

The Burrandowan Picnic Races are a legendary day in Queensland's South Burnett – when the race day was threatened a few years ago, city and country dwellers alike turned out to protest its demise and helped save the race day.

In 2009, the horses will again be saddling up on Saturday 9th May at the bush race course, for a full day of professional racing amid the Australian bush, complete with fashions, food and plenty of frivolity!

“We know the day is very special to many people as some travel from interstate every year and even more travel from Brisbane and the Sunshine and Gold Coasts for the weekend,” race club president Brendan McCormack explained.

“It appeals to all ages, with some camping, others travelling out for the day and even more rolling out their swag where they can find room at the end of the day!”

Burrandowan is about 60km west of Kingaroy, and after the last race has been run, the partying begins in earnest, with local band “Fat Cow” playing into the night, while pit fired barbecues cook the steaks available at the track.

“There is something pretty special about standing in the middle of the bush with all the glamour and colour of the race day, then kicking back beside the barbecue with a great steak,” Brendan said.

“You can dance with the stars – there’s a million in the sky above the dance area, and you can really enjoy some time with your friends and family.

For information on your day at the Burrandowan Picnic Races phone 07 416 6272 or go to www.burrandowan.com.au

~~Traditionally, the attendees at country race meeting, tend to be the young who are looking for a great day out with their friends, and excuse to kick up their heels and to generally have a good time.~~

~~catering and welcoming another type of racegoer – the young at heart gray nomads!~~

~~Club president Mr Ken Stone said, "the caravanning industry is growing into a huge market for our race club, and one which we have been encouraging for a number of years. The great day of true country racing coupled with friendly crowds, great facilities and free camping go along way in enticing them to come and experience the day".~~

~~Mr Stone also said, "We have people who come back year after year from as far a field as Victoria and New South Wales. They arrive as early as Thursday to ensure they get the perfect spot! Bring your caravan, set up your tent or just sleep in the back of your Ute, but make sure you get in early to enjoy the day." Ken said.~~

~~For more information on the races, the facilities or to pre-book tickets, please visit the official website at www.burrandowan.com.au or contact the Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre on (07) 4162 6272~~

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