

# Important Media Release



## Burra County Music Festival

After six consecutive years of running the Burra Country Music Festival, the Burra Country Music Events (BCME) committee have been faced with the difficult decision to fold, thereby halting the annual Festival.

This decision was not made lightly and came after several lengthy discussions. The driving factor for this outcome, apart from dwindling committee numbers, is funding. And of course, the many contributing adversities brought on by COVID, particularly during the last two years.

We were very fortunate to have major sponsor, AGL on board with a \$5000 kickstart, and part funding for the ensuing Festivals. Dwindling financial and alliance support from local Council has caused undue strain on the committee to offer our Goyder region the opportunity to benefit from the successful Festival.

BCME extend heartfelt gratitude to the companies, businesses and individuals that have supported the Festival since its inception, particularly those who donated raffle items and in-kind support. A special thank you also goes to those who supported the funding efforts by purchasing raffle tickets each year.

Countless hours have been dedicated to the planning and execution of the event which is a year-long process, from procuring funds, much of which was enabled through the raffles and jumping through the continuous 'hoops' to bring a successful premier event to life.

It has been such a joy to see such a high standard of talent showcased through the Talent Quests, which saw young and senior artists able to attend Tamworth Country Music Academy and the chance to compete at Norfolk Entertainer of the Year Awards.

While a three-day event is certainly not a viable option at this stage, BCME is striving to keep the show going, in some form or another. This may be through a one day/night or an 'in-house' event. Whatever eventuates, we haven't given up and we will keep you in-the-loop once we have news to share.

To you, our dear patrons who have come to be more like a big country music family than numbers through the gate, we have missed seeing your faces and sharing the love of country music.

For now, keep those toes tapping and we hope to see you again soon.

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