

Mary Gilmore Cultural Festival



Art, craft, music and poetry

RUNNING from Friday to Sunday, October 19-21, Ariah Park's Mary Gilmore Cultural Festival is a weekend of art, craft, music, poetry, food and wine, farmers markets, market stalls, vintage cars, family fun and open country garden viewin – so there is something on the agenda for everyone.

With Ariah Park situated on the crossroads of the Mary Gilmore Way and the Burley Griffin Way, the Festival is a way to celebrate the life of formidable dame, Mary Gilmore, as well as for the Ariah Park community to celebrate their 'never give up attitude' and help the small village exist for another year.

Mary Gilmore, a poet and writer, grew up in the Wagga district in the 1860s and 1870s, in a time of

profound social and ecological change in the southern region.

During her life, Mary Gilmore, was the author of more than 20 books, the subject of a Dobell portrait, and later featured with Banjo Paterson on the first polymer \$10 note.

In recognition of Mary Gilmore's impressive list of poetry, the Mary Gilmore Cultural Festival has a number of poetry and music events on the program.

The Mary Gilmore Committee has left no stone unturned in providing a range of activities and entertainment and the Ariah Park community supports the festival.

The Mary Gilmore Festival has run over the last eight years and fosters the artistic and community spirit of Ariah Park.

Weekend of fun for the family

Wednesday, October 16
6.30pm: Campfire sing-a-long at the camping ground with Cliff Berry and the Drift-alongs.

Thursday, October 17
3.30pm: Bowls at the Ariah Park Bowling Club
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Friday, October 18
3.30pm: Bowls at the Ariah Park Bowling Club
6.30pm: Walk-up Artist Night at the Showground Pavilion

Saturday, October 19
Music Festival at the Showground.

8am: Poets Breakfast featuring Wally Mitchell of Louth along with local poets and storytellers
10.30am: Music Festival featuring Stephen R Cheney, Michelle Little, John and Christine Smith, Ged and Trudi Hintz and Cameron Mason.
Cost: Adults \$20 student (16years and over) \$5, children free if accompanied by adult. BYO chair and alcohol (no glass)

10am-4pm: Patchwork and Quilt Display at the Memorial Hall supper room. \$2 entry.

Sunday, October 16

8am: Breakfast at the White Rose Cafe.
9am: Coolamon Street markets, food Stalls, bushcraft activities, wagon rides, buskers, vintage cars.
9.30am: Gospel music with Stephen R. Cheney Peppers Senior Housing
10am-4pm: Patchwork and Quilt Display at the Memorial Hall supper room. \$2 entry.

Community causes cash in on legendary big bush bash

FOR 29 years the Ariah Park Bachelors and Spinsters Ball has served as a meeting place for single lads and ladettes from the land looking for love, or – as most would say – just a good party.

Last year's event raised \$10,550, which was donated to local charities and community organisations, including Ariah Park Golf Club, Ariah Park Window Ladies, Ariah Park Show Society, Mirrool Hall Trust, Ariah Park Aquatic Club and Ariah Park Memorial Hall.

Traditionally the couples used to dress formal to attend a ball, but now the code is much more relaxed. Some may go in fancy dress, most men wear akubras, boots and county gear.

Committee member, Terry Walker estimates that since its inception more than \$280,000 has been raised for the community.

"The first year (1985) was fairly small with about 200 people. But the following year this doubled, and last year 1600 turned up" he said.



Shirley Bell of Ariah Park on the Mary Gilmore Country Music float.

Polish up your dancing boots

THIS year Ariah Park's Mary Gilmore Cultural Festival has attracted a world class line up of Australia's country music talent to perform at Music Festival at the Showground.

Booked to play are Ged and Trudi Hintz, Cameron Mason, Michelle Little (pictured), Stephen Cheney, Wally Mitchel, Joe Reeves, John Smith, John Peel and George Farnham.

Michelle Little has the

country firmly in her heart and the Country Music Industry firmly in her sights.



Recently she received a nomination for Best Female Vocal at the TIARA awards in Tamworth with her single *Free To Be Me* which received national and international support on country music radio. With her big voice and "stand and deliver" style of performing, Michelle mesmerises audiences.

A glimpse of the past

JUST 20 minutes west of Temora, Ariah Park is a 1920s heritage village which offers the traveller a glimpse of living history. The main street has been renovated to

preserve the avenue of peppercorn trees, and seating, the commercial centre is little changed from the peak of the village's prosperity in the 1920s.

Ariah Park Bowling-Recreation Club
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CHINESE RESTAURANT OPEN
DINNER THURSDAY - SUNDAY 5PM-9PM
LUNCH FRIDAY - SUNDAY 12 NOON-2PM
28-34 Coolamon Street, Ariah Park NSW 2665
PH 02 69 741 092

ARIAH PARK 'Mary Gilmore' Cultural Festival

16-20 October 2013
Great music, friends and activities to enjoy
Join the country music festival circuit from Bedgerebong to Temora and stop in at Ariah Park's Mary Gilmore Festival

<p>ARTISTS INCLUDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen R Cheney • Michelle Little • Cameron Mason • Ged & Trudi Hintz • John & Christine Smith • Compere - Grant Luhrs <p>Commences, 10.30am Saturday</p>	<p>COME & ENJOY OUR FAMOUS POETS' BREAKFAST</p> <p>featuring Mr Wally Mitchell of Louth acclaimed bush poet along with other local poets & storytellers</p> <p>Commences, 8.00am Saturday Food available for purchase</p>	<p>Cost: \$ 5 student (16yrs & over) \$20 Adult, Children Free (accompanied by adult) 2 Camping Grounds \$10 per night -No bookings Powered sites available BBQ & kiosk facilities available BYO Chair and Alcohol (no glass allowed) Food & Refreshments available</p>
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Further details can be found at: www.ariahparkfestival.com

The Mary Gilmore Festival commences Wednesday 16 October. Activities include country music festival, campfire sing-a-longs, a walk-up artist night, the Bush Poet's Breakfast as well as **Sunday markets, TASTE of Ariah Park** Food stalls, Buskers, Craft stalls, Farmers markets, Wagon rides.

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Ariah Park 16th-20th October
ariahparkfestival.com

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Ariah Park B & S Ball

26th October 2013

Always The Last Weekend in October

Tickets - \$120
sold on the day from 12:00 Noon

INCLUDES
20 drinks (Beer & Spirits)
Hat, Live Entertainment, Food, Sticker,
Cattle Tag, Breakfast

Gates Open - 8:00pm

The Viper Creek Band
Luke Dickens
Craig Woodward & The Lonely Dogs

Whether or not you know their name, have no shame & enhance your game

At the 2013 Ariah Park B & S Ball

Dress Code - Black Tie
Men - Black Pants, White shirt, Black Tie
Ladies - Dress Pants, Skirt or Dress
Enclosed Shoes are compulsory

Strictly No Entry In: Jeans, Shorts, Dress Ups or Without a Tie (Boys)

Strictly 18+: No glass permitted in the car park
No Circle Work | No Food Dye