

RIVER DRAGON

9-11 Sept 2022
St George QLD

Festival



2022 Official Program

riverdragonfestival.com.au





About the Festival

The River Dragon Festival is a three-day event celebrating the community spirit of St George, QLD, and showcasing the beautiful Balonne River. This is a celebration of river activities, dragon boat racing and diverse culinary experiences with a focus on St George's connection to the dragon.

Founded by local doctor William Rimmer, the festival was created as an opportunity to celebrate the history of the town and the present day community. The first festival was held in 1967 with a street parade, Dragon Festival ball with the Dragon Queen competition and the slaying of the dragon.

The now symbolic Dragon Boat Races were introduced to the festival in 2007 as a way to create awareness of breast cancer within the local community following the diagnosis of a community member.



Care Balonne

The River Dragon Festival is organised and run by the Care Balonne Association Inc, a community non-profit organisation.

Care Balonne Association Inc. (Care Balonne) was established in 1994 and is primarily an information and referral service covering the whole of the Balonne Shire, based in the town of St George. Our vision is to be recognised as a progressive organisation that aspires to increase the viability of our community by being aware of the community needs and developing strategies to meet these needs. For more information visit carebalonne.com

QLD Child Protection Week Colour Run



The 7th Annual Colour Run will be held Saturday from 9am.



Act for kids



Protecting **children** is
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BUSINESS



QUEENSLAND
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK

Classic Cars Parade

The classic car parade will start in Beardmore place and meander along the St George's Terrace led by our beloved dragon



Spring Fling

Join in the fun with
the St George State
School Spring Fling

- Markets
 - Kids Activities
- Face painting



Boxing Demo

Boxing Demo from the kids at
In the Box Boxing Club Saturday from 12pm



Dragon Boats

Join in the fun and get a team together for the
Dragon Boat Regatta Saturday from 12pm





DAY 1

Friday 9th September Riversands Wines

6:45pm

Welcome to Country

7:00pm

Official Opening of Festival

7:30pm

**Fashion Parade
Wine and Cheese Night**

8:00pm

Moldie Oldies

DAY 2

Saturday 10th September Balonne River /Amphitheatre

9am

QLD Child Protection Week Colour Run
Amphitheatre
A family friendly colour run in support of
Child Protection Week. Free entry and BBQ
Inflatable Obstacle Course

11am-3pm

State School Spring Fling Markets

11am

Classic Car/ Motorbike Street Parade
Starting in Beardmore Place and finishing
at the Amphitheatre

12pm

Boxing Demonstration
In the Box St George

12pm-2pm

Skiing demonstration

11am-3pm

Dragon Boat Regatta

11am-3pm

Moldie Oldies
Live music

DAY 2

**Saturday 10th September
St George Showgrounds**

Tickets available www.eventbrite.com.au

6pm Venue opens

7:30pm **Kerry Kennedy and Double Barrel**

8:30pm **Cass Hopetoun**

9:30pm **Fanny Lumsden**

10:30pm **Kerry Kennedy & Double Barrel**

DAY 3

**Sunday 11th September
Ampitheatre**

7am-9am **Rotary bbq breakfast**

7am-9am **Music with the Moldie Oldies
Amphitheatre**



Entertainment



Fanny Lumdsen

Saturday 10th | Showgrounds
ARIA Award, 8x Golden Guitar, AIR Award winning artist Fanny Lumdsen released her third studio album, *Fallow*, on Cooking Vinyl Australia/Red Dirt Road Records, which recently took out Best Country Album at the 2020 ARIA Awards, and swept the field taking home five CMAA Golden Guitar Awards including Album of the year, Female artist of the year, Single of the year (*Fierce*), Video clip of the year and Alt Country Album of the year, was shortlisted to the Australian Music Prize top 9 albums of 2020 and took out the Country Album of the Year at the AIR awards.

Kerry Kennedy & Double Barrel

Saturday 10th | Showgrounds
Kerry Kennedy's rich vocals and polished presentation of original and popular country music has been selling out shows since 1989. A regular at the world famous Tamworth Country Music Festival, Kerry has performed across Australia as well as touring Europe with his band, Double Barrel. Kerry Kennedy and Double Barrel are one of Queensland's premier bands, playing a range of country and rock with a song for everyone.



Cass Hopetoun

Saturday 10th |
Showgrounds

2020 was a breakthrough year for Cass. In January she won the Tamworth Songwriter's Association talent quest before releasing her debut single 'Shots' independently in March. In April she signed to Compass Bros Records, the label that launched the careers of Adam Brand, The Sunny Cowgirls and others. In May she opened for Casey Donovan at Australia's first ever pandemic drive-in concert, performed live on Channel 7's Sunrise and 'Shots' reached #4 on The Music Network Country Airplay Chart. In September Cass's follow up single 'Typical Bride' peaked at #1 on that same chart before she closed out the year with another hit single 'Fortune Teller'.



Moldie Oldies

Saturday 10th | Amphitheatre Sunday
10th | Amphitheatre

Seasoned husband and wife duo, Peter and Vicky Denovan, provide enjoyable and memorable entertainment for audiences of all ages with a repertoire of over 800 sounds spanning from Country to Rock & Roll. Peter has twelve successful CDs to his credit, has been support band to Mental as Anything and has been presented with an award from TASMA, for his dedication and performance with his music.



Getting to St George

The Balonne Shire is located west of the Great Dividing Range and east of the outback. From here, it won't take you long to get to the bigger centre of Toowoomba, or to the Outback. This nook of Queensland offers the perfect combination of small town culture with excellent facilities for visitors - whether you're staying overnight or for a few weeks.

By Road

The heart of the Shire, St George, connects five highways including the Moonie, Carnarvon, Castlereagh, Barwon and Balonne Highways, which provide perfect road access. In addition to this, the Balonne Shire is also located on the Adventure Way and Great Inland Way highway tourist routes.

For up to date road conditions, contact the Balonne Shire Visitor Information Centre on 07 4620 8877, visit the Queensland Government Traffic and Travel Information website 131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

By Air

Regional Express (Rex) Airlines provide a twice weekly air service, which will get you to St George from Brisbane, Toowoomba, Cunnamulla and Thargomindah. For bookings and/ or more information call 13 17 13 or visit rex.com.au. Alternatively a two hours' drive north to Roma, there are several daily REX flights into Brisbane with car hire facilities on offer.

Moree is two and a half hours south with direct flights from Sydney and car hire facilities, while Brisbane West Wellcamp airport near Toowoomba is four hours east with car hire facilities available.

By Bus

The Balonne Shire is also serviced by regular Murrays bus services to and from Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Lightning Ridge and Cunnamulla, with connecting services to and from Brisbane. For bookings and/or more information call 13 22 51 or visit murrays.com.au



Accommodation

When the day's exploring is done, rest and unwind by checking into one of the many accommodation options available in St George and the surrounding Shire. You are guaranteed to find accommodation to suit you and your budget with relaxing caravan parks, fully self-contained cabins, immaculate motels, peaceful bed & breakfasts and basic unpowered camping spots available.

For more information and to book visit balonne.qld.gov.au

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