

Dingo Creek



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\$14,000.00 helps build “stairway to the stars”

Gearing up for the sixth annual Dingo Creek Wine, Jazz and blues festival at Traveston has been made easier with the event again benefiting from funds made available by Queensland Events Regional Development Program. Association president Marg Gillespie said the \$14,000.00 would be used to update the website including a secure on line booking system and promotion. The Online booking system will make a huge difference as the majority of ticket purchases over past years have been via phone bookings as people realize the need to book early. Marg added the committee was very appreciative of the great contribution from Queensland Events and that it showed the great faith Queensland Events has in the event.

The next event is set for the 18th and 19th of April at the Dingo Creek Vineyard at Traveston and the theme is “Stairway to the stars” featuring the music of Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Col Porter Song Book.

A feature at the festival will be the festivals first international artist Adrian Cunningham who now resides in the city that never sleeps New York, along with Australia's greats of Jazz and Blues including John Morrison, John Nicol, Jackie cooper, Delilah, Dan Barnett, Wil Sargisson, the Police Band of Blue and Mason Rack and many others.

Tickets will be available prior to Christmas as they make a great Christmas gift with the added bonus of knowing you are supporting a great cause in SIDS and Kids Qld. Early bird prices are available until the 14th of February.

Events across regional Queensland have been the big winners, with the announcement of \$779,000 worth of funding to support 41 events as part of Round 15 of the Queensland Events Regional Development Scheme (QERDP).

“Many of these events have proven their worth in years gone by and through their funding under the scheme we have been able to assist them in further developing.

"The QERDP supports a mix of well known and lesser known events, but they all have proven their ability to boost their local economies, bring communities together and raise the profile of their region throughout the state, country and, in some cases, across the world."

"Encouraging and supporting these events will help them reach their full potential, so improving the spirit of local communities and boosting tourism and industry that bring economic benefits to all of us in Queensland."

The Premier said that events would use the allocated funding for initiatives such as employing marketing personnel, producing promotional material and websites, and hiring infrastructure.

In Round 15, 41 events received funding, bringing the total of funded events since the beginning of the scheme in 2001 to 548. The Government has invested \$11.5 million through the QERDP.