



MEDIA RELEASE

It's All About Participation in this Year's Wollombi Small Farms Fair!

Boasting the largest programme of events to date, the 2013 Wollombi Small Farms Fair is all about audience participation with events specifically targeted at the local and wider community such as the Scarecrow Competition, Lantern Parade and Mower Mardi Gras.

Kicking off at dusk (around 7.45pm) the extremely popular Lantern Parade will weave its way around the Wollombi Village with the night sky being lit up by the hundreds of decorated, candlelit lanterns.

"It's become such a popular event on the social calendar," said Lantern Parade organiser and chief lantern maker, Sally Sullivan. "The theme for this year is 'Animals' so get ready to see some camels, giraffes and a giant Noah's Ark!"

Lantern making workshops will be held on Sunday 6, 13th, 20th and 27th October with a lantern making stall on the first day of the Fair, Sat 2 Nov for visitors to the Fair to be able to make their own lantern and participate in that evening's event. Or visitors can come prepared and download instructions from the Wollombi Small Farms Fair website (www.wollombismallfarmsfair.com.au)

On Sunday 3 November we have the inaugural Mower Mardi Gras!! Locals will be donning their finest dress ups and decorating their ride on mowers in the style of floats for a unique and memorable parade past the famed Wollombi Tavern and around the fairground.

This highly anticipated parade will culminate in a blessing of the mowers by local pastor Father Graham. There will be prizes for the best mower float and best dress up. It will be something else, a perfect reflection of the unique quirkiness of Wollombi and the creative people who inhabit this fair valley.

Organisers of the Scarecrow competition, Jamilla Ablett and Natalie Moore are asking for the community to put their creative thinking caps on and have a go at making a scarecrow for display in the main village of Wollombi from Saturday 21st October to Sun 3 November when the winner of the competition will be announced.

“Over the years we’ve had some amazing scarecrow entries,” said Jamilla and Natalie. ‘but this year will be the first time that all the scarecrows will be displayed in the main village of Wollombi and that there will be an opportunity for visitors to the Fair to be able to make their own scarecrow and enter it in the competition.”

Judging commences at 11am on Sunday 3 November.

For further details on all these events and terms and conditions for participation please visit www.wollombismallfarmsfair.com.au or visit our Facebook page.

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