

FRIDAY MARCH 20

Cafe Culture

2pm til 4pm

Enjoy a coffee at a local cafe and perhaps you'll run into a bush poet who's also stopped in for a brew?

Venue: various cafes

Bingo

7pm

Held in the John O'Brien Hall, a night of fun for everyone including the serious "dobber".

Light refreshments available.

Doors open 6pm, eyes down 7pm.

Venue: John O'Brien Hall, Larmer Street

Jam Session

from 7pm

Your chance to join in with the Tin Shed Rattlers and others (BYO instruments) or just chill and listen.

Venue: Charles Sturt Hotel, East Street

Cost: Free

SUNDAY MARCH 22

Bush Poet's Breakfast in the Park

8am – 10.30am

Join our poets for a hearty breakfast in the park, hosted by the Lions Club.

Venue: Marie Bashir Park

Cost: \$7.50 for breakfast

Town Tour aboard the Lions Train

10.45am

An insightful tour of the sites of Narrandera aboard a community icon. Departs Marie Bashir Park at 10.45am.

Cost: \$5

Monsignor Hartigan's High Tea with Irish Sing-a-long

2pm – 4pm

Join Joan and Mary for a traditional Irish sing-a-long, interspersed with our other entertainers, followed by High Tea at the John O'Brien Heritage House. Hosted by Monsignor Hartigan himself (Noel Stallard).

Venue: John O'Brien Heritage House, Audley Street

Cost: \$25

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 Narrandera Lions Club



Friday March 20

2pm - 4pm	Cafe Culture
7pm	Bingo @ the John O'Brien Hall
from 7pm	Jam Session @ Charles Sturt Hotel

Saturday March 21

	MAIN STAGE	JOHN O'BRIEN STAGE
10am		John O'Brien Poetry Recital Comp
10.30am	School Performance	
11am	A Tribute to Anzac	
12.30pm	School Performance	Bush Poetry Competition
1.30pm	Leeton Town Band	
2.15pm		Greg North
3pm	Bidgee Beard Competition	Tribute to John O'Brien
3.30pm		Noel Stallard show

from 5pm	Tin Shed Rattlers The Bottlers The Dead Maggies
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7.30pm	Henry's Alive! Geoffrey Graham at the Bowling Club
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Sunday March 22

8am - 10.30am	Bush Poet's Breakfast in the Park
10.45am	Town Tour aboard the Lions' Train
2pm - 4pm	Msr Hartigan's High Tea & Irish Sing-a-long

This program may be subject to change.

SATURDAY MARCH 21

Enjoy breakfast at a local cafe before joining us in the Marie Bashir Park for an entertaining day celebrating Australian bush culture, the art of word and song and the memory of local poet John O'Brien.

10am 'til 4pm in the Marie Bashir Park

Entry: adults \$5 | children \$2 | family (2 adults, 4 kids) \$15
children under 5 years FREE

Wristbands mean you can stay the whole day or come and go as you please

Activities for all include: arts & crafts, market stalls, free face painting, bubbles, interactive roving acrobatics, coffee, food, busking, a kids fun area, amusements, vintage vehicle display and more...

John O'Brien Poetry Recital Competition

10am on the John O'Brien stage

An open competition for the recital of one of John O'Brien's poems, hosted by the man himself Fr Hartigan (Noel Stallard).

School Childrens' performances

10.30am & 12.30pm on the main stage

Students from local primary schools will be performing pieces of creative works including songs and prose.

A Tribute to Anzac

11am on the main stage

Tributes to our Anzacs in music and poetry from all our performers.

Bush Poetry Competition

12.30pm on the John O'Brien stage

The Festival's traditional competition featuring original poems both serious and funny, presented by each entrant. Poets have the chance to win the coveted Jim Angel Award, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Narrandera.

Leeton Town Band

1.30pm on the main stage

With an endless repertoire of "big band" music, the Leeton Town Band is sure to entertain with some classic favourites!

Hartigan's Irish Pub

2pm til late

Sponsored by Yenda Beer, kick back and enjoy a beverage in a designated licensed area (though keep an eye out for Henry Lawson... he's supposed to be "drying out")

Greg North and Noel Stallard on stage

from 2.15pm on the John O'Brien stage

As Fr Patrick Hartigan, Festival stalwart Noel Stallard will entertain you with some John O'Brien favourites as well as teaming up with Greg North who also brings his original and favourite poetry.

Bidgee Beard Competition

3pm on the main stage

Sponsored by the Italian Barber, we're having a bit of fun and celebrating the glory of whiskers that don the chins of the likes of Michael Finnegan! Categories are:

- Beards:
- longest (measured bottom lip to the tip)
 - best natural/feral
 - best "Ned Kelly"
 - best groomed/styled

- Moustaches:
- best groomed/styled
 - most diabolical
 - best "Henry Lawson"

Walk up on the day – entry is free – prizes and bragging rights are definitely up for grabs!

Evening events are separate ticketed events

Live Music Fest

Entry: adults \$8 | children \$5

Tin Shed Rattlers

from 5.30pm

A Festival stalwart, the Original Downside and District Municipal Tin Shed Rattlers (with Vocal Refrain) have been entertaining crowds from the Riverina area and beyond since 1971. The Tin Shed Rattlers provide a top night of fair dinkum bush dancing with a wonderful selection of folk songs, entertainment and music, from Ireland, Scotland, England, America and of course, Australia. All dances are called and no prior experience could be an advantage!

The Bottlers

from 7.30pm

The Bottlers are a nine piece, hard playing, all acoustic folk punk from Sydney, Australia that have been performing at major pubs, clubs and festivals across the country, gaining a noticeable following and momentum amongst audiences and venues alike.

The Dead Maggies

from 9.30pm

Story tellers, music makers, The Dead Maggies weave tales from Van Diemen's Land's dark and turbulent history amongst heavy drums, gang vocals and fast, wild and powerful folk-punk music. Drawing from stories of old oppression they highlight the often unspoken plight of modern Australia.

Henry's Alive!

7.30pm

Geoffrey Graham returns to the Narrandera Folk Festival presenting a dynamic look at Henry Lawson, the man mooted as being a literary giant. In this remarkable performance Geoffrey brings Henry to life along with his passion, challenges, disabilities and conflicts with alcohol, and women in the world around him.

Venue: Narrandera Bowling Club

Cost: \$10