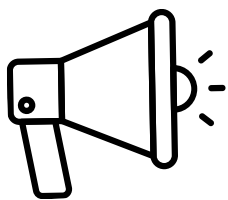


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TYRRELL TIMES



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday August 25

SRC Crazy Sock Day

Monday September 1

Year 7 & 8 Rubicon Camp

Wednesday September 3

**Secondary Mallee Division
Athletics**

Monday September 8

Fathers Day breakfast

Tuesday September 9

**Parent/Teacher Interview
bookings open**

Wednesday September 10
**State School Spectacular
Camp commences**

Term Dates

Term 1: 29 Jan - 4 April

Term 2: 22 Apr - 4 July

Term 3: 21 Jul - 19 Sep

Term 4: 6 Oct - 19 Dec

Purpose Statement & Values

To provide a safe, positive and challenging environment where everyone aspires to aim high and become responsible, caring and contributing community members.

Respect

Responsibility

Honesty

Aim High

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Wergaia peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Tyrrell College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging – and we acknowledge their deep care of the lands we live on. We also acknowledge that for tens of thousands of years our First Nation's peoples have engaged in – and passed on – excellent teaching and learning practices on the spaces upon which our community members learn today.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Tyrrell College Community,

Thanks for the significant 'clean-up' at the working bee that was held the weekend before last.

At School Council last night, we discussed the fact that it was only a small representation of our families who attended this important event and seek your feedback with reference to improving numbers.

Last week, I was fortunate to visit the school 'farm' sites and noticed the long-necked Kerry Alpaca, the odd couple cattle and a few older ewes...as well as the cropping spaces. It's been a very long time since I was the 'gate opener' at my uncle's farm in Apsley, so I was glad Wrigthy didn't expect me to demonstrate my skills!

I thought I'd try to add a little quote to each newsletter.

We were supervising the entry to the school from the bus stop in the primary area, and patiently waiting for one of our younger Kinder kids to step off the bus – it took a little while and then we heard her say - "I was stuck in the buckle!" which I thought was very funny.

This week has been equally as busy as the past four, and the Book Week dress-up never fails to show the ingenuity of our community to create costumes!

We are planning to improve the profile of reading at Tyrrell, and I'll share some ideas.

#1 How about if every child brings home a new word – every day – that's around two hundred new words a year!

The senior school subject selections have been entered into the 'timetabling system' and a huge thanks to Abby Walklate for helping us with this initial draft. I'm aware that it's an extensive process, and I appreciate the support of 'those who know' how these things need to work.

Sally Naylor
Principal

Secondary Interhouse Athletics



Secondary Interhouse

Athletics



Congratulations to all students who participated enthusiastically in the Secondary School Athletics Thursday August 14. Many students arrived in bright costumes to support their house colour which included M&Ms, full yellow body paint and many more. The Year 11 and 12 students really set the scene for the day with their costumes and enthusiasm.

It was fantastic to see students encouraging their team mates and opponents throughout the carnival. As always, the behaviour of our students was exemplary. The races remained close throughout the day and included some outstanding performances. Milton Bailey broke the only record for the day in the 14 year-old boys triple jump.

The 18 year-old relay took it to a new level this year, with the Year 12's organising participants to pass a small video recorder from one participant to the next in place of the traditional baton. This made for some very interesting viewing!

Congratulations to the individual champions (below), and to Banyan on their win. Thanks to the volunteer helpers on the day and to Carol Elliot for the photography.

The interschool Athletics will be held on Wednesday September 3, in Ouyen. Please ensure that you bring your permission forms to the office by August 29.

-Mr Kerrin

Griffiths

Age Group Champions

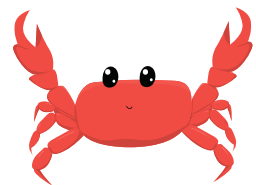
	Champion 1st	Runner up 2nd
13 Years Girls	Indie Landry (40 points)	Alyssa Smith (36 points)
13 Years Boys	Finn Austerberry & Harry Wight (38 points)	Milton Bailey (32 points)
14 Years Girls	Elise Barry (40 points)	Phoebe Bailey (32 points)
14 Years Boys	Aydan Smith (40 points)	Jack Hodgson (38 points)
15 Years Girls	Teyana Barton (40 points)	Mia Austerberry (34 points)
15 Years Boys	Ryder Newick (40 points)	Coby Wight (34 points)
16 Years Girls	Zaida Tait (40 points)	Sienna Allan (30 points)
16 Years Boys	Nate McClelland (40 points)	Jacob Cox (33 points)
17 Years Girls	Scarlett McGarry (40 points)	Georgia McClelland & Jada Symes (30 points)
17 Years Boys	Judd Durie (40 points)	Callum Mott (32 points)
18-20 Years Girls	Dayna McKenzie (40 points)	Jenna Alday (30 points)
18-20 Years Boys	Tye Griffiths (40 points)	Jack Stacey (38 points)

House Points Total

Banyan	Springfield
1466	1312

Winning House: BANYAN (by a margin of 154 points)

Winning House Captains: Scarlett McGarry & Jack Leo (Banyan)



VM FUNDRAISER



THE GREAT YABBY DERBY: A TALE OF CRUSTACEAN CHAMPIONS

A true and thrilling account of the most spectacular aquatic racing event in Tyrrell College history

Friday August 15 will go down in Tyrrell College history as the day yabby racing fever swept through the school like wildfire. What started as a fundraising idea transformed into an epic showdown that had the entire secondary school community buzzing with excitement.

Under the pergola at the start of lunch, chaos reigned supreme in the most delightful way possible. Thirty brave competitors lined up with their crustacean champions, while every other student and teacher in the secondary school pressed forward to witness the spectacle. At the centre of this aquatic pandemonium stood Tom Irwin, arms flailing like a demented octopus, his voice booming across the makeshift racetrack with the enthusiasm of a sports commentator who'd had one too many energy drinks.

The atmosphere was electric. Cheers erupted from every corner as the yabbies scuttled, crawled, and occasionally sprinted their way toward glory. Students who had never shown interest in aquatic racing found themselves on the edge of their seats, shouting encouragement at creatures they'd never imagined could be so entertaining.

But this wasn't just about the thrill of competition. The VM boys had organized this extraordinary event with a noble purpose: raising funds for homeless people in the Mallee region. By the end of the races, their efforts had generated an impressive \$208 – proof that fun and fundraising make an unbeatable combination.

When the dust (or should we say, mud) settled, three champions emerged from the field:



Third Place: *Trudy Symes claimed her spot on the podium and took home a hair and beauty voucher to celebrate her success.*

Second Place: *Taj Borlase secured the runner-up position, earning himself a \$25 Sky Mirror voucher for his efforts.*

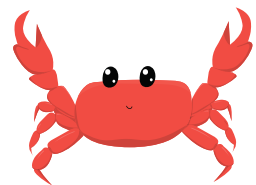
First Place: *The crown jewel went to Archie Alday, whose yabby proved to be the fastest crustacean in the west. His victory earned him a magnificent hamper, generously donated by The Juke.*

The success of the event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from the school community and local businesses. Special thanks go to Mr. Leo, who brought his microphone skills and helped with the setup, and Ms Cook, whose organizational expertise kept everything running smoothly. A special mention must go to Tye, who not only captured the contestants but marshalled them to the starting line, in addition to organising the event itself. The generous prize donations from Tammy Tait, Sky Mirror, and The Juke added an extra layer of excitement that had competitors and spectators alike dreaming of victory.

Perhaps the greatest testament to the event's success came from the students themselves, who immediately began asking if the Yabby Derby could become a regular fixture on the school calendar. Their enthusiasm suggests that Tyrrell College may have just discovered its newest and most beloved tradition.

The Great Yabby Derby of 2025 proved that sometimes the most unexpected ideas create the most memorable experiences. It brought together competition, community spirit, and charitable giving in a way that left everyone asking the same question: when's the next race?

-Ms Leanne Cook



VM FUNDRAISER



And the Winner is...



Primary Cluster Athletics



Primary Cluster Athletics



On Friday August 15, we held our annual Tyrrell Cluster Primary Athletics Day – and what an awesome day it was!

We kicked things off on a chilly morning with the 200-metre race for our 9–12 year-old students. All runners gave it their absolute best, and it was fantastic to see students from both Tyrrell College and St Mary's encouraging each other every step of the way.

After the 200 metres, students rotated through the field events, showing great team spirit, energy, and enthusiasm. Once the field events were completed, everyone enjoyed a well-earned lunch break before jumping back into action for the 50 and 100 metre sprints and the always exciting relays.

It was heartwarming to see all participants having fun, supporting each other, and giving everything a red hot crack!

A massive well done to all students who took part in Athletics Day. Your effort, attitude, and sportsmanship were truly something to be proud of.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day run so smoothly:

- Jane and Rene – our admin officials. A huge job handled with care and efficiency!
- Sam – for assisting with the coordination of the day.
- Staff- for assisting with set up early in the am!
- All staff from Tyrrell College and St Mary's – for leading groups, cheering kids on, and keeping things running smoothly.
- Alison – our fantastic photographer, capturing all the memorable moments.
- Mr Leo- for setting up the PA system.
- Parents and carers – for helping run events and supporting from the sidelines.
- St Mary's Parents and Friends – for keeping everyone fuelled with delicious catering.
- Families and friends – who came down to watch, support, and be part of the day.

Special mentions:

- Mr P – for having a red hot crack in the 100-metre sprint!
- Joel – for taking on the starter and marshalling duties.
- Nathan and Janet – for helping marshal the relay events.

The day simply wouldn't run without you all. Thank you!

– Coach G

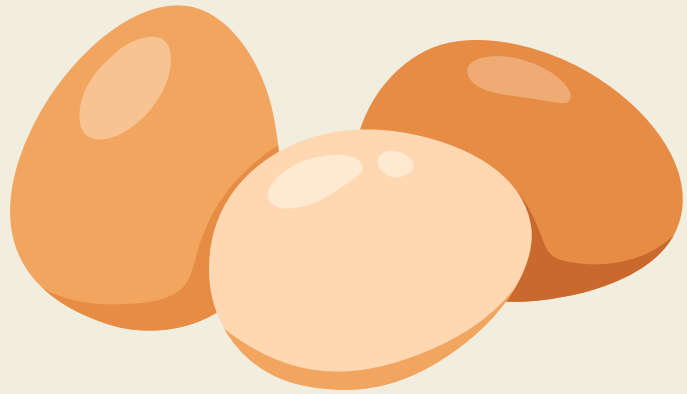
2025 Age Group Champions and Runners Up

Age Group	Champion	Runners Up
5/6 Year Old Girls	Isla Wight	Kelsey Wight
5/6 Year Old Boys	Izzy Lanumata	Dustin Prange
7 Year Old Girls	Hannah Kiley	Quinn Brady
7 Year Old Boys	Olly Martin	
8 Year Old Girls	Tessa Allan	Emmy Roberts
8 Year Old Boys	Arlo Donnan	Hugh Prange
9 Year Old Girls	Mia Elliott	Alyssa Cavanagh
9 Year Old Boys	Lucas & Wyatt Tomney	
10 Year Old Girls	Leni Donnan	Eva Roberts
10 Year Old Boys	Keylan Barton	Toby Kiley
11 Year Old Girls	Stella Hodgson	Noraa Fairclough & Evie Gallagher
11 Year Old Boys	Jackson Halliday	Flynn Tomney
12 Year Old Girls	Layla Kiley	Tana- Mia Barton
12 Year Old Boys	Kaiden Wight	Gerrin Durie



We are looking for donations of eggs for our Fathers Day breakfast on Monday September 8. If you can help, please contact Janet at the school.

We appreciate your support



Taken Moments



Friday August 15

Foundation- Violet
Grade 1/2- Theodore
Grade 3/4- Alyssa
Grade 5/6- Randy
Year 7- Alyssa
Year 8- Aydan
Year 9- Elise
Year 10- Darcey
Year 11- Jack
Year 12- Tye



Congratulations



Congratulations to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week:



August 19- Charlotte Gallagher

August 20- Jada Symes

August 23- Matilda Gormann

Emma Allan

Reading Awards



75 Nights: Aria.T

125 Nights:

James

100 Nights:

Winnie

Amelia

150 Nights:

Matilda



Congratulations



Congratulations to these students and keep up the great work!

CRAZY SOCKS DAY!

MONDAY, AUGUST 25



In memory of Maggie Stacey

Students are encouraged to come to school
wearing their craziest socks!

****Please note that full school uniform is still
required to be worn.**

The VM Boys will be selling Pizza,
Choc/Strawberry Milk and Primas every
Wednesday, alternating each week between
Primary and Secondary.
Starting with *Secondary August 13* and then
Primary August 20



\$2 Slice of Pizza

\$5 Whole Pizza

\$2 Choc/Strawberry Milk

\$2 Primas





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast

ALL FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS
AND SPECIAL FRIENDS ARE
WELCOME

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

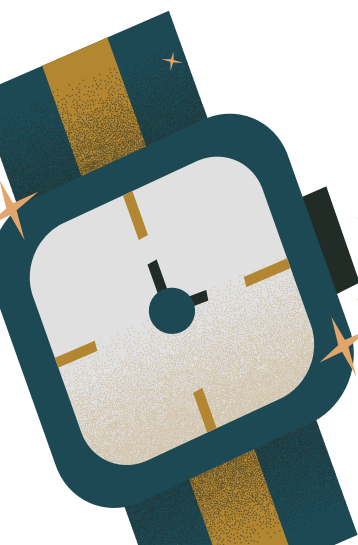
8AM-8.45AM

IN THE SECONDARY PERGOLA

*Egg & Bacon Rolls
for Breakfast*

COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED

****ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE
CONTACT JANET AT THE SCHOOL**





Youth Fest

HIGH TEA



save the date

WEDNESDAY THE 17TH OF SEPTEMBER
11AM - 1PM

**RSVP KELLIE ON 0407135889
(BY THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER)**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO YOUTH FEST: HIGH TEA — A REFINED AFTERNOON HOSTED BY THE YEAR NINE STUDENTS OF TYRRELL COLLEGE IN HONOUR OF R U OK? DAY AND THE BLUE TREE PROJECT. AMIDST TIERS OF DELICATE ÉCLAIRS, ARTISAN PASTRIES, AND SAVOURY DELIGHTS, TAKE A MOMENT TO RECONNECT, REFLECT, AND ENJOY MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS. JOIN US IN DRESSING UP, SHOWING UP, AND STANDING TOGETHER — BECAUSE SOMETIMES, A SIMPLE CATCH-UP OVER TEA CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS + YEARS 10 & 11



Sea Lake NHH (Carinya)



Classy (Formal Attire)

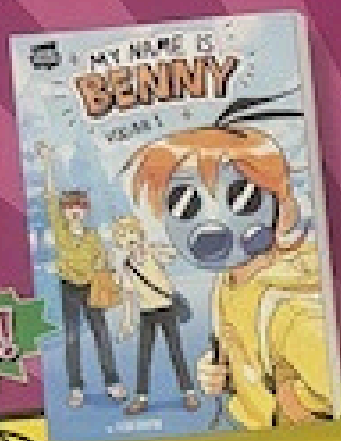


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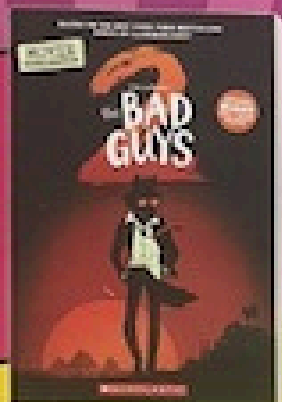
Book Club

PULL OUT
POSTER
HANG ME
UP IN YOUR
CLASSROOM!



WIN!

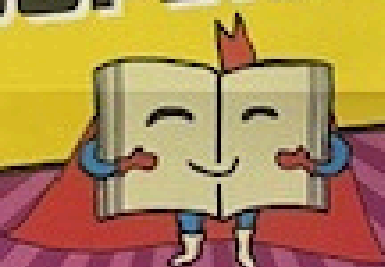
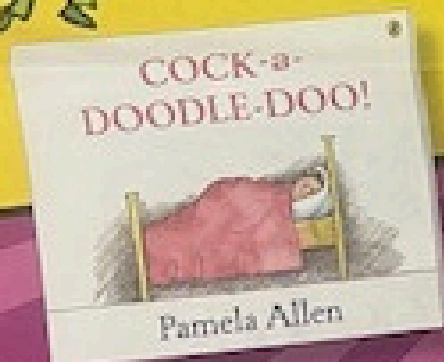
1 OF 40
FAMILY PASSES
TO SEE THE
BAD GUYS 2
IN CINEMAS!
See Book Club
catalogue for
more details.



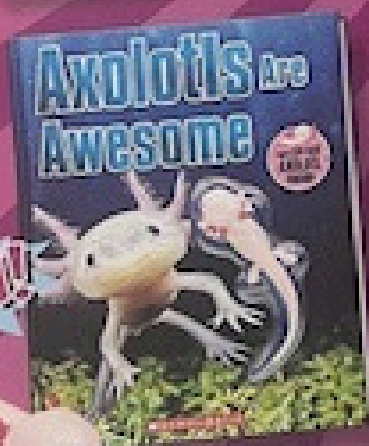
LOL!



READING is a SUPERPOWER!



LEVEL UP WITH BOOK CLUB!



WOW!

BOOK INCLUDES
A STRETCHY AXOLOTL TOY!



WUTTY?



SCHOLASTIC

ORDERS DUE! Monday
1st September

Community Survey: Christmas Events in Sea Lake



We want your feedback on existing Christmas events in Sea Lake to help us plan for future festivities!



Purpose: Advance Sea Lake Inc is conducting a survey to gather feedback from the Sea Lake and district community about which Christmas events should continue and what they should look like.

Instructions: Respondents are asked to complete the survey online (using the QR code) or by hard copy (to be returned to Sea Lake Foodworks). Please respond by **Sunday 31 August 2025**.

Survey Questions *(Please circle your responses where appropriate)*

1. Household Profile:

In your household, do you have (select all that apply):

- ☐ Preschool children Primary
- ☐ school children Lower secondary
- ☐ school children Upper secondary
- ☐ school children No children
- ☐ Retirees
- ☐

2. Event Continuation:

☐ **The Christmas Street Party:**

- ☐ Have you attended this event in the last three years? (Yes/No) Do you believe this event
- ☐ should continue? (Yes/No/Unsure) If yes, what should the focus of the evening be? What activities would you like to see take place?

(Continued on next page)

o **The Sea Lake Christmas Lights Competition:**

o Have you participated in this event in the last three years? (Yes/No)

o Should this competition continue? (Yes/No/Unsure)

If yes, suggestions for improvement:

o **The Sea Lake Dollars promotion:**

o Should this promotion to support local businesses continue? (Yes/No/Unsure)

If yes, suggestions for improvement:

3. Volunteer Involvement:

o Are you willing to lead/be involved in the organisation of any of these events? (Yes/No)

o If yes, please advise us of the following contact details:

o Name: _____

o Mobile: _____

o Email: _____

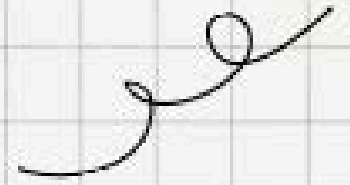
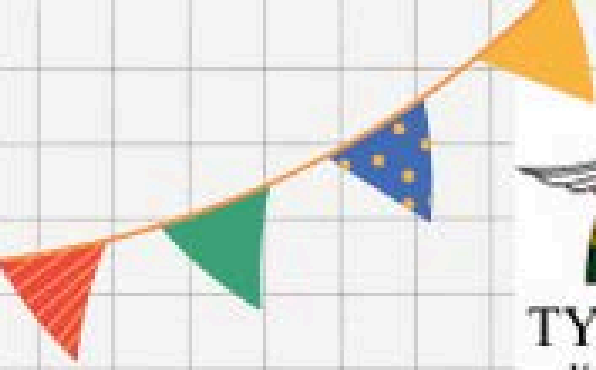
4. Christmas Events in Sea Lake

o On a scale of 1 to 5, how important are Christmas events to the community spirit of Sea Lake?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not Important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Important

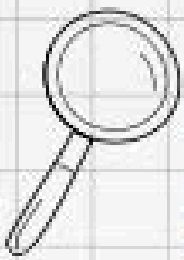
o What other suggestions or comments do you have for improving existing Christmas events or for new event ideas?

Your feedback is crucial for planning the future of these events. Thank you for participating!



FOUNDATION 2026 COME AND TRY DAYS

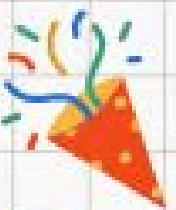
Come along to experience our school, meet
our friendly staff and have some fun!



WHEN:

1. **FRIDAY 1ST OF AUGUST 9:30-11:00AM**
2. **FRIDAY 22ND OF AUGUST 9:30-11:00AM**
3. **FRIDAY 12TH OF SEPTEMBER 9:30-11:00AM**

Please bring a water bottle and a fruit
snack.



Contact our front office staff if your child
will be attending
(03) 50702106

It's Speech Pathology Week!

The theme for this year is 'Impact through Communication'. *Speech Pathology Week* promotes the speech pathology profession and the work done by speech pathologists with the 1.2 million Australians who have a communication disability. Communication can be verbal, non-verbal, listening, written and visual. Research has shown that non-verbal cues and body language, facial expressions and tone of voice account for almost 55% of all communication.

The benefits of speech pathology for our clients include:

- Improved communication with others
- Improved ability to make friends
- Improved ability to learn at school
- Improved work and social opportunities in the future

Addressing a child's speech, language and literacy skills early can lead to better outcomes. Please contact Robinvale on (03) 5051 8160 for more information on speech pathology services.

Here's some ways that communication can help us all;

Connection through communication

Communication helps build and sustain relationships and communities.

Confidence through communication

Communication enables people to express themselves clearly and proudly.

Inclusion through communication

Advocating for accessible, diverse communication for all.

Empowerment through communication

Communication helps individuals self-advocate, and make their needs known.

Opportunity through communication

Communication opens pathways in education, work, and community life.

Wellbeing through communication

Highlighting the link between communication and emotional, mental, and social wellbeing.

Independence through communication

Communication fosters autonomy and self-expression throughout life.





The Eleventh Annual



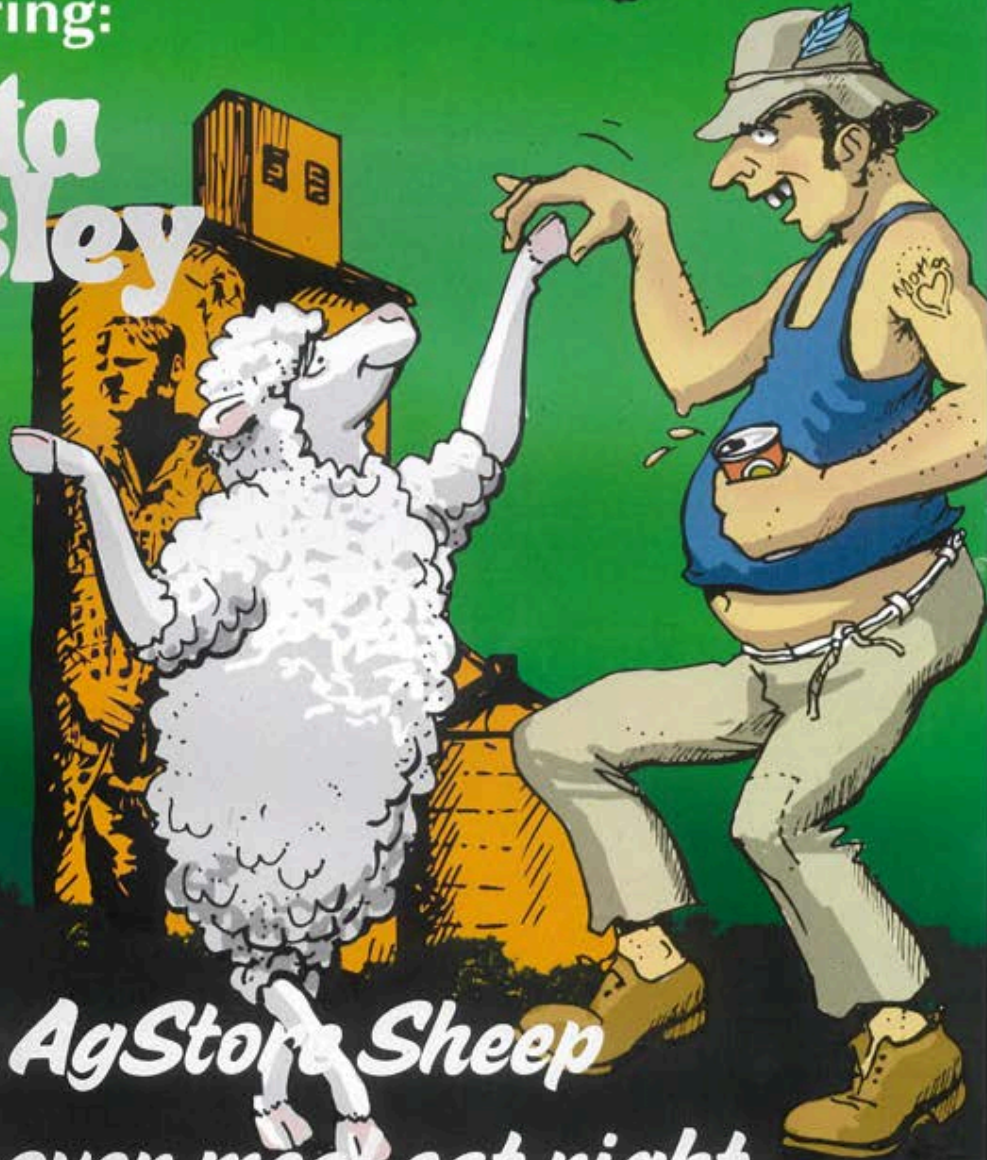
Patchewollock MUSIC FESTIVAL

17-19 October 2025

Live Music Featuring:

Paul Costa
Bret Mosley

Rhys Crimmin
Micahel Ward Trio
Small town Romance
Phil Coyne & Wayward Aces
August River Band
Brylie Chivell
Julia Woodall
Roy & Sarah
plus more...!



*~ Raffle ~ The AgStore Sheep
Races ~ Camp oven meal sat night
~ Food Stalls and markets ~*

Tickets available on Eventbrite or scan the QR code to be taken to
www.patchewollockmusicfestival.com.au



Website

