

Mukinbudin Centenary

Friday 16th September – Sunday 18th September 2022

On Friday 16th September 2022, hundreds of people funnelled into Mukinbudin from near and far to celebrate the Centenary. The Centenary marks 100 years since the townsite of Mukinbudin was first gazetted back in 1922.

With an overflowing caravan park, caravans around the oval and the main street abuzz with busy chatter and excitement of the weekends coming activities, there was an enthusiastic energy in the air.

Friday evening kicked off with the first event: Yarns by the Campfire. This event was well attended as it was sold out with a capacity of 350 people. With four campfires blazing, the sun setting over the picturesque Golf Club and the serenades of local talent Alison Nixon, Hayden Sprigg and Dale Cronje in the background, the night was off to a beautiful start!



The Yarns began with stories from Reg Maddock and were followed by memories from Narrelle Jones, Jo Farina, Gary Shadbolt, Leanne Clune (nee Marony) and Lara Ballantyne (nee Dawson).



The crowd was silent with listening ears, while exchanging some knowing glances at old friends as parts of their childhood was retold and remembered. Stew and damper were served for dinner and the Little Pink Van served the drinks. The opening event for the Centenary weekend was one to be remembered!



The following morning was an early start with the Long Table Breakfast. Set up began at 6am, and the breakfast began at 9am. There was a kids area with facepainting, balloon twisting, colouring in and bubbles.

The adult's table was set for 250 people and was lined with Wyworrie Flowers as well as fresh and vibrant brunch grazing platters with a mix of fresh fruit, cheese, nuts and pastries. Alternate drop brunch boxes were delivered to the tables, with each box containing 4 items such as haloumi skewers, egg and bacon pie, breakfast wraps, asparagus bundles, tomato and bocconcini salad... the list goes on! The food was absolutely amazing and was courtesy of Christine Hill Catering.



After the breakfast, the CRC had put together a spectacular range of local and out of town market stalls which kept the street buzzing until about 2pm on Saturday. With everything from candles to alpacas, gin and a tool truck – there really was something for everyone at the markets! The Little Louie truck managed

to keep the kids entertained with rides up and down the street.



Finally, the Old School Dance began at 5pm on Saturday evening. This event was also sold out with 350 tickets being purchased! It was a slow start with arrivals but by 5.30pm the dance floor was beginning to take off. It began with some barn dancing and line dancing and then worked up to some of the harder dances. The dance floor was full of couple, kids and families all giving the dances a go! At 7pm, the

band kicked off and the dance moves became a little more... freestyle!



There were food vans outside (Fire and Slice Pizza and Casablanca Moroccan Cuisine) a well-used photobooth, a nostalgic lolly table and the Little Pink Van once again serving drinks.



On Sunday, if you hadn't already left town or weren't too tired (hungover), the Golf Club ran an Ambrose event for everyone – even those with no experience.

Overall, it was a once in a hundred-year event and was a huge success! Thank you to everybody who attended and we hope that you all enjoyed it just as much as we did!

An event of this capacity is always underpinned by an army of volunteers and community member contributions, so a big thank you to the following people is in order:

- The Mukinbudin Shire, staff and councillors who all worked tirelessly with organisation and set up/pack down
- The Centenary committee
- The District Club (especially Sandie Ventris and Cam White)
- The Mukinbudin CRC staff and committee for organising the markets
- Local talent Alison Nixon, Hayden Sprigg and Dale Cronje
- Yarns by The Campfire speakers: Reg Maddock, Narrelle Jones, Jo Farina, Gary Shadbolt, Leanne Clune and Lara Ballantyne
- Mukinbudin Golf Club for use of Venue
- Steve Paterson for use of the stage (truck!)
- St Johns Ambulance for the lighting tower
- Mark Congdon for use of his coolroom
- Katie Sippe (Wyworrie Flowers)
- Mukinbudin DHS for use of the Picnic Rugs
- John and Debbie Shadbolt for the porta loo
- REED Mukinbudin for use of the kids furniture
- Hutton and Northey for use of the fire drums
- Kev the Butcher for donating sausages
- Judd Farina and Funworks for donating lollies
- Mukinbudin Transport for accommodation

Finally, the financial sponsors: Lotterywest, Shire of Mukinbudin, Mukinbudin P & D, Bendigo Bank, and CBH.

