

Back Block Bards

Charity Wool Auction

Back Block Bards is a book of bush verse by a group of related poets following in the rich history of bush verse in Australia. The book will be officially launched on 13 October 2018 in Hillston NSW.

This book is part of a fundraising campaign for The Dementia Australia Research Foundation, that also involves artwork sales and other activities throughout 2018.

All the poets featured in the book were born and bred in western NSW and their verse is largely based on experiences from this area.

Two bales of wool have been donated by Brendon Proud of BN Proud & Co, Griffith NSW to be auctioned on 12 July in Melbourne. The proceeds will be donated to the Back Block Bards fundraising campaign.

The wool will be sold as part of the annual charity wool auction by the Michael Manion Wool Industry Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2015 as a reach-out support service for rural families or children in need. This foundation is here to support rural families in need due to the likes of illness or accidents.

A spokesperson for Back Block Bards, Allan Vagg said “We are excited to announce the auction of the wool and thank Brendon for his generous contribution. It is a wonderful way to start the Back Block Bards campaign for such a worthy cause.”

The Dementia Australia Research Foundation funds researchers across all stages of their career but maintains a particular focus on supporting Australia’s talented new and early career dementia researchers.

For more information about The Dementia Australia Research Foundation, go to

<https://www.dementia.org.au/research/foundation>

and for Michael Manion Wool Industry Foundation see

<http://www.woolindustries.org/MMWIF.htm>

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