

Media release

***Back Block Bards* recitals 'tour' at Hungerford**

Back Block Bards poets continue their recitals 'tour' at Hungerford Field Days Qld on Friday 7 June 2018.

The Hungerford Field Days follow on from successful recitals at Booligal, Hay and Hillston during April and Casino Beef Week in May.

Back Block Bards is a book of bush poetry produced by members of the Vagg and Parker families from the Hillston/Ivanhoe district of NSW. The book is part of a campaign to raise funds for the Dementia Australia Research Foundation. The campaign has already donated \$40,000 to Dementia Australia Research Foundation from the sale of 1,500 books, 30 pieces of artwork and a quilt all produced by the family members.

Hungerford is on the Dingo fence on the NSW/Queensland border. The Hungerford Field Day provides a social event for the local community and visitors as well as raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). In addition to nearly 80 exhibitors from Queensland, NSW and Victoria, the Field Days will include a band, a mechanical bull, health checks as well as recitals from some of the *Back Block Bards*

Hungerford resident Moc Parker, a *Back Block Bard* and Field Day Co-ordinator said he was excited that the recitals 'tour' was coming to his community. Mr Parker will be joined by Jon and Allan Vagg.

"The Hungerford Field Days are a great community event that supports the RFDS, which is crucial to our community. I am looking forward to catching up with my Hillston cousins presenting bush poetry. Unfortunately dementia affects so many of us and sales of *Back Block Bards* will help fund research into this terrible disease," Mr Parker said.

Books will be on sale at the Hungerford Field Days or can be purchased for \$25.00 each at backblockbards.org.au.

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