

# Back Block Bards

## Wool bonanza for bush verse fundraising for dementia research

The proceeds from the sale of two bales of wool at auction in Melbourne on 12 July have been donated to a fundraising campaign that centres on a collection of bush verse written by the Vagg and Parker families from western NSW.

The bales of wool that raised \$2,000 were donated by Brendon Proud of BN Proud & Co, Griffith NSW.

The poetry collection, *Back Block Bards*, to be officially launched on 13 October 2018 in Hillston NSW, is part of a fundraising campaign for The Dementia Australia Research Foundation, that also involves artwork sales and other activities throughout 2018.

A spokesperson for *Back Block Bards*, Jon Vagg of Roto NSW said the donation was a welcome surprise.

“Brendan has provided wool broking services to our family for many years. His kind gesture is appreciated. Thank you Brendan”, Mr Vagg said.

*Back Block Bards* continues the tradition of bush verse in Australia. This book is a family affair compiled by descendants of two families who settled in western NSW in the 1870s and 1880s.

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>

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