

MAREEBA, CAIRNS HINTERLAND 1-3 OCTOBER 2021

# SAVANNAH in The ROUND

## SAVANNAH IN THE ROUND DROPS MASSIVE SECOND ARTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

*2021's BIGGEST COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL SECURES BRAD COX, TEX PERKINS, SHANNON NOLL, KIRSTY LEE AKERS, SOUTHBOUND, RACHAEL FAHIM, MISSY LANCASTER, COL FINLEY, DAVID HUDSON AND MORE FOR THE TROPICAL NORTH!*



Tropical North Queensland's **Savannah in the Round** leapt out of the gates with the **Savannah Summer Series** teaser show in October, becoming the **first COVID Safe country music event in Australia** and showing a never-say-die spirit in the face of what was one of the nation's most challenging years.

Today, **Savannah in the Round**, taking place at the **Kerribee Park Rodeo Grounds in Mareeba** from **October 1-3**, adds another eighteen **Aussie country superstars** to its inaugural event, including chart-toppers **Brad Cox, Tex Perkins: The Man in Black**, and **Shannon Noll**, plus **Kirsty Lee Akers, Southbound, Rachael Fahim, Missy Lancaster, Col Finley, Will Day, David Hudson, The Roadtrippers, Yazmindi, Sammy White, Abbie Ferris, Chelsea Berman, Jake Davey, Felicity Kircher**, along with a who's who of the hottest new talent and good-time outback favourites.

The new additions join a long list of country stars including Australian iconic **John Williamson**, country favourite **Lee Kernaghan**, **five-time Golden Guitar winner Fanny Lumdsen**, two-time Golden Guitar winners **The McClymonts, The Wolfe Brothers, Graeme Connors, Troy Cassar-Daley, Casey Barnes, Busby Marou, James Blundell, Jasmine Rae, Darlinghurst, Jetty Road, The Buckleys** and many more.

With the full line-up now topping over 40 artists, the three-day celebration of everything country will be the premier music destination on the **Queen's Birthday long weekend**

“It has been a tough time for everyone over the last year, but **Savannah in the Round** is committed to making sure Australia has a large-scale country music event in 2021 and we are proud to show the strength of Australia’s great talent pool with our announcement today, said **Sound Australia’s James Dein**. “With the capacity to add international talent as borders open, **Savannah in the Round** will serve the country music community and shine a light on the beauty of the Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region, not just in 2021 but for years to come.”

The event will not only boast its musical line up, but also host an **Indigenous cultural program, community entertainment**, local produce and goods, paddock to plate, and a full range of **accommodation options**, from drive-in campsites and ‘on-site ‘glamping’ tents right through to luxury options and transfers through accommodation partners in Cairns and Port Douglas.

“This spring, Mareeba will be the place to see the biggest names in country music, while experiencing First Nations culture in Queensland’s Year of Indigenous Tourism,” **Member for Cook Cynthia Lui** said.

“As we unite and recover from COVID-19, major events like Savannah in the Round are an opportunity to celebrate our resilience, while showcasing homegrown artists and contributing to regional economies.

“I hope Queensland and interstate attendees extend their stay beyond the long weekend, supporting local tourism operators, while exploring the many natural splendours of the Tropical North.”

**Tourism Tropical North Queensland Chief Executive Officer Mark Olsen** said Savannah in the Round would give country music fans a compelling reason to holiday in the Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region.

*“A dose of great Aussie music combined with a week or more exploring the accessible outback, the Great Barrier Reef and the world’s oldest rainforest will help beat the pandemic blues,”* he said.

Originally scheduled for the Queen’s Birthday Weekend in 2020, **Savannah in the Round** was postponed during the COVID-19 outbreak to ensure the safety of patrons, artists and workers, and later reimagined as the **Savannah Summer Series** mini-festival. Securing a carefully curated selection of Australia’s country music talent, the festival was able to keep the music playing in a COVID-safe way for 2020 while giving Tropical Northerners the first taste of what was to come in 2021.

**As country music continues to explode around the world, Savannah in the Round will be 2021's biggest Australian live country music event.**

**Tickets for Savannah in the Round are on sale now via:**

**[www.savannahintheround.com.au](http://www.savannahintheround.com.au)**

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Kerribee Park Rodeo Grounds, Mareeba

★ October 01 - 03 ★

JOHN WILLIAMSON ★ LEE KERNAGHAN

TEX PERKINS 'THE MAN IN BLACK'

TROY CASSAR-DALEY ★ GRAEME CONNORS

SHANNON NOLL ★ BUSBY MAROU ★ THE MCCLYMONTS

BRAD COX ★ THE WOLFE BROTHERS ★ CASEY BARNES

FUNNY LUMSDEN ★ JAMES BLUNDELL ★ FELICITY URQUART

JASMINE RAE ★ DARLINGHURST ★ KIRSTY LEE AKERS

JETTY ROAD ★ THE BUCKLEYS ★ SOUTHBOUND

RACHAEL FAHIM ★ MISSY LANCASTER ★ COL FIN ★ WILL DAY

BLAKE O'CONNOR ★ CHRISTIE LAMB ★ DAVID HUDSON

RAEHEL WHITCHURCH ★ MURPHY'S PIGS ★ ROUTE 33 ★ TONY Q BAND

CAMILLE TRAIL ★ THE ROADTRIPPERS ★ YAZMINDI ★ SAMMY WHITE

CAMERON CUSACK ★ ABBIE FERRIS ★ CHELSEA BERMAN

JAKE DAVEY ★ FELICITY KIRCHER ★ JEREMY FLETCHER

TNQ TRAILBLAZER SHOWCASE

PAMAGIRRI DANCERS ★ DEE JAY BUX

*Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, previously announced artist Kasey Chambers will no longer be performing at Savannah in the Round.*

Savannah in the Round is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and Tourism and Events Queensland and features on the *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar.

