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### ***Fashions Gather at Burrandowan***

Across southern Queensland there are hats being chosen and heels being tested to parade trackside at Burrandowan Picnic Races on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. City and bush gather for a day of fabulous bush racing under the eucalypts around three hours west of Brisbane.

Each year the Fashions on the Field are hotly contested, and it is expected that 2019 will again be a spectacle of high fashion in bush racing. The four categories include Classic Lady, Contemporary Lady, Couples and Gentleman's, providing everyone with an opportunity to try their hand at the fashion event.

"Over our 97 years we have always seen men and women make a real effort for the picnic races, and we know they'll do it again this year," Fashions on the Field coordinator Hannah Leu said.

"In recent years there has been a resurgence in race day fashions, with many planning their outfit months ahead of race day, taking into consideration the latest styles as well as the practicalities of navigating a bush racetrack!

"At bush picnic races, locals also love to dress up, and are often on the catwalk alongside those from Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts."

Burrandowan is a race day when the local community volunteer committee hosts people from far and wide – even Melbourne – and many patrons return year after year for their 'fix' of real country racing.

"Burrandowan is a weekend where families and friends gather, where all ages are welcome and new friends are made - many camp at the racetrack, making it a full weekend in the bush," explained club president Brendan McCormack



“For our community, this is the event of the year – we work to prepare the grounds and organise the event, then dress up and join our friends and family for a great day out.

“Come and support a fantastic day in the bush - Burrandowan is one of Australia’s iconic picnic race meetings and as we are only 3 hours from Brisbane, so it is an easy weekend away.

So, if you are looking for a great day out, take a look at the Burrandowan Picnic Races on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – the race track is 60km west of Kingaroy, in Queensland’s South Burnett. You can catch a shuttle bus from Kingaroy or bring your caravan or swag and sleep the night at the race track.

There are a range of food options available, including grazing boxes and cheese platters available through pre order, Devonshire tea at the Chaphingah Café, and the famous pit fired barbecues, where you buy a magnificent steak and cook it yourself. For all these details and more, check the website.

Racing kicks off at 1.30 pm but the local tip is to be there well before to set up your picnic, be spotted for the Fashions on the Field, collect your grazing box and take in the race track sights.

A fully licensed bar (no BYO) operates all day – pre order details for grazing boxes and cheese platters and all other details are available at [www.burrandowan.com.au](http://www.burrandowan.com.au) or phone 0429 771 411.

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*Please note - Burrandowan is pronounced “Burrandown”*

~ ***Come to the races where legends are made!*** ~