



## Media Release

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### **Drama At The Gasfields celebrates 'The Spirit of the Land'**

The award-winning community festival Drama At The Gasfields returns next month with an exciting line-up of free family entertainment headlined by a premiere theatre production celebrating "The Spirit of the Land".

QGC's annual afternoon of music, drama and fun for communities surrounding the gasfields of the Surat Basin will be held on the grounds of Windibri Homestead at Berwyndale South Gasfields, near Chinchilla, on Saturday, 13 March.

The highlight of this year's festival is a musical to be performed by Brisbane's acclaimed La Boite Theatre Company and written for the occasion by Sean Mee, a former La Boite artistic director.

Sean says that "The Spirit of the Land" was inspired by Australians' enduring fascination with the bush.

"Through story, poem and song, our storytellers have sought to define this unique part of the world; its toughness, its beauty, its sense of humour and its resilience," Sean says.

"From the earliest times to the modern world, from Henry Lawson, Banjo Paterson, Steele Rudd and Bill Scott to Slim Dusty, Kasey Chambers and Lee Kernaghan, each generation of Australians has tried to describe the unique spirit of the Australian bush and the people who work the land."

Drama At The Gasfields has become a must-see annual celebration, with state and national awards from the Australia Business Arts Foundation in 2006 and 2008. Last year's event attracted about 2,500 people as La Boite premiered a musical celebrating the rise of singer-songwriter Pete Murray from his boyhood in Chinchilla to international success.

The event features free entry, QGC gift bags for children, rides and family entertainment including a rock climbing wall, jumping castle, slides and swings, face-painting, bands and other attractions. School students and an indigenous dance troupe will perform on the open-air stage and "The Spirit of the Land" will begin at 5pm.

Food and drink can be purchased from the bar and at stalls run by community clubs and organisations. BYO alcohol is not permitted. Free buses will transport people to and from Miles, Chinchilla, Dalby, Tara and Roma. Onsite parking will also be available. For bus timetable and reservations please contact Maguire Coaches on 4662 7634.

#### **AT A GLANCE**

**When:** 2-8pm, Saturday March 13

**Where:** Windibri Homestead, Berwyndale South Gasfields via Chinchilla (see map)

**Cost:** Free entry and entertainment. Food and drink available for purchase



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