

# Graham Rodger Tag-Along Tour 2015

*Miles to the Red Centre*





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# *Our Hosts* *Graham & Deirdre*

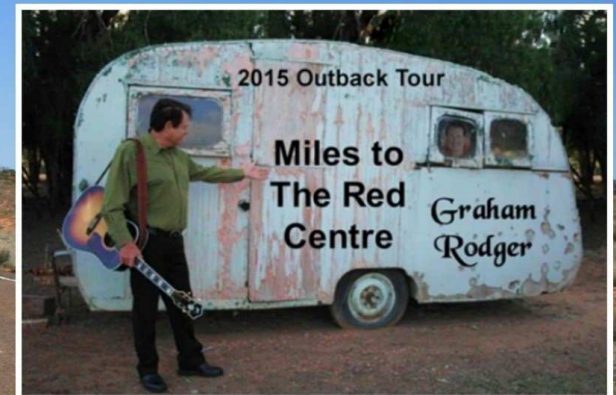


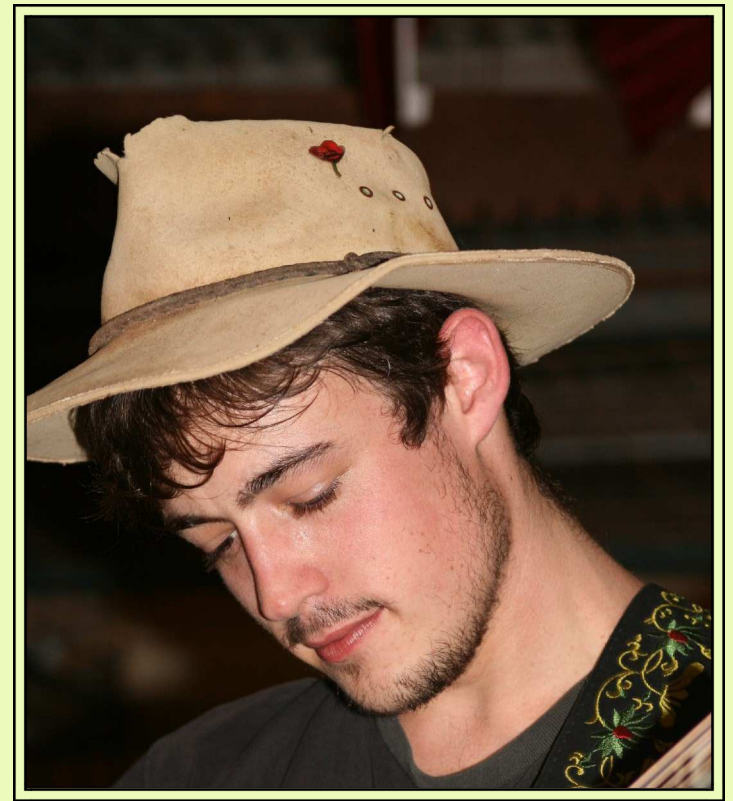
## **Aussie Country Music at its Best** **Tag-Along tour #2**

*Miles to the Red Centre*

**"Come and Join me."**

Details at [www.grahamrodger.com.au](http://www.grahamrodger.com.au)





## *Our Entertainers*



# Graham Rodger

Proudly presents

**Australian  
Country Music at its Best**



**Touring  
the outback  
from Miles to  
The Red Centre**

Miles Fri 22 May  
Mitchell Sat 23 May  
Charleville Sun 24 May  
Tambo Tue 26 May  
Yaraka Wed 27 May  
Windorah Fri 29 May  
Longreach Mon 1 June  
Winton Tue 2 June

Cloncurry Fri 5 June  
Mount Isa Sat 6 June  
Camooweal Tue 9 June  
Wycliffe Well Fri 12 June  
Wycliffe Well Sat 13 June  
Alice Springs Sun 14 June  
Ross River Wed 17 June

# *Miles*



**Aussie Country Music at its Best  
Starring Australia's Leading Balladeer**

**Graham Rodger**

**Conference Centre Miles**

**50 Constance St  
Friday 22 May at 7 pm.**

**Tickets \$20 at the door.**





Members of our tour begin to arrive at Miles.



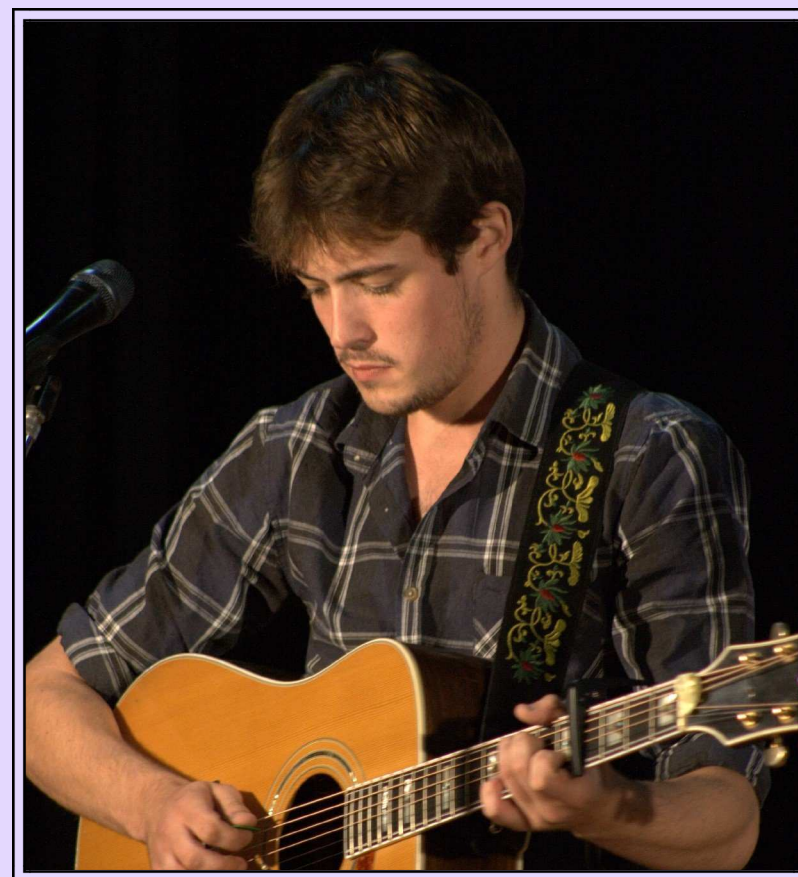


**Graham Rodger**  
Australia's Leading Balladeer  
Presenting  
***AUSSIE COUNTRY  
MUSIC AT ITS BEST!***  
*Guest Artist - Laura Downing*

**Mitchell Shire Hall**  
**Saturday 23 May at 7pm**  
Tickets \$20 at the door



# Mitchell



Australian Country Music  
and Comedy at its Best

Graham Rodger  
Laura Downing

Charleville RSL Club  
Sunday 24 May at 2 pm.



# Charleville

## Charleville RSL Club

On Sunday the 24th of May, Charleville RSL Club became the venue for Graham to pay his respects to our Anzacs, past and present. In this concert Graham's tribute CD "They Answered the Call" was predominant, featuring songs which honour the actions of our serving men and women over the last 100 years.



## *The Unbreakable Bond*



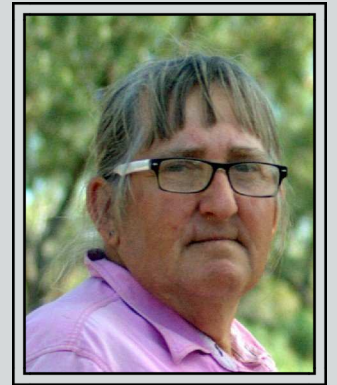
**Graham Rodger**  
Salutes our  
Anzacs

Lest we forget





Sarah (pictured on the right) was one of the most fascinating people that we met whilst on tour. She is an experienced drover herding sheep, cattle and horses for over four decades throughout many parts of Australia.

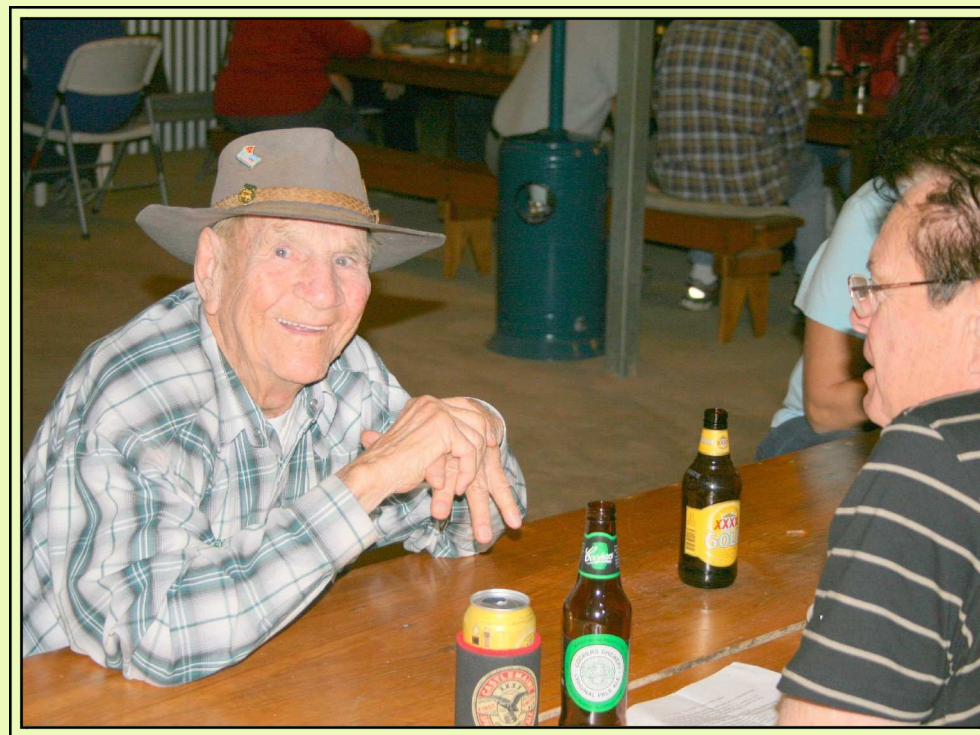


Sarah took time out on Monday morning to introduce Graham to her pack horse and to demonstrate how, with modern technology (cryovacing, dehydrating, etc) with the exception of water, she could pack sufficient supplies in just two saddlebags for a four month trek.

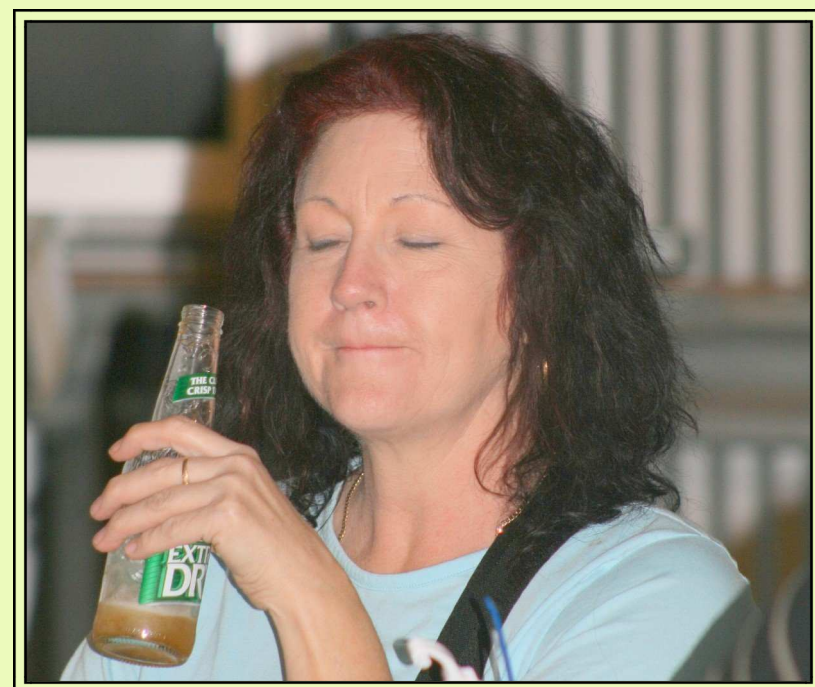




Dinner from the Camp  
Kitchen at the Evening Star  
Caravan Park



Impromptu after-dinner  
entertainment.



**Graham Rodger**  
 Presenting  
**"Australian Country Music at its Best"**

**Tambo Shire Hall**  
 Tuesday 26 May at 7 pm.

Guest Artist  
**Laura Downing**

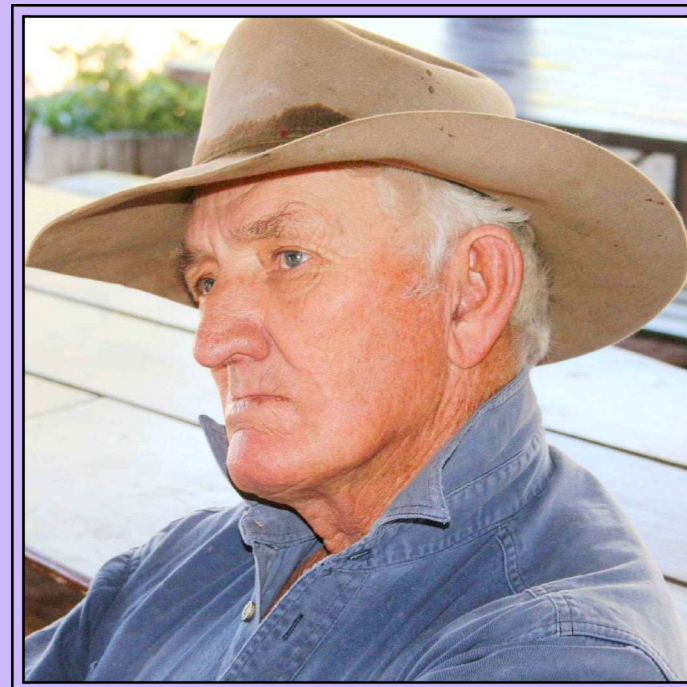
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# *Tambo*





Stewart Benson

En-route to Yaraka from Tambo the tag-along tour had a morning tea break at Blackall.

Stewart Benson, the last of the Blackall Drovers and inspiration for Graham's ballad "He's Droving Once Again" (a finalist in the Tamworth Golden Guitar Awards 2015 ) provided Billy Tea and Damper for a fair-dinkum Aussie smoko.

After morning tea Stuie gave a talk to the group followed by a demonstration of his considerable horse handling skills.



# *The Little Town of Yaraka*

*'A Gem of the west.'*

**Australian  
Country Music at its Best**

**Starring  
Australia's Leading Balladeer**

**Graham Rodger**

**Sunset Concert  
Mount Slocombe Yaraka**

**Wednesday 27 May  
at 4pm**

**For tickets contact Nick  
at the Yaraka Pub -  
4657 5526**



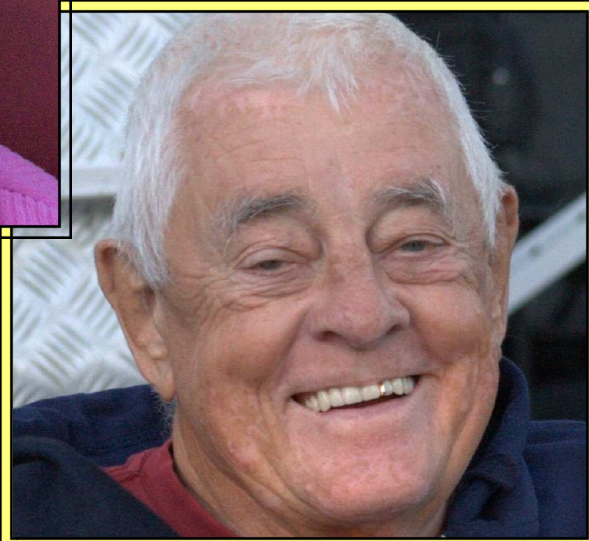
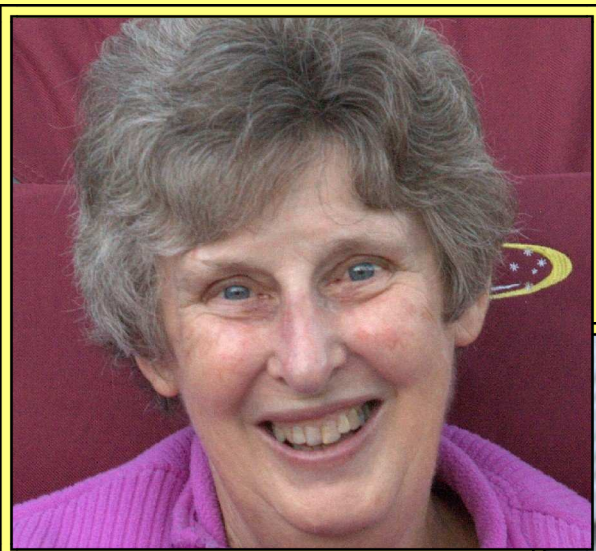
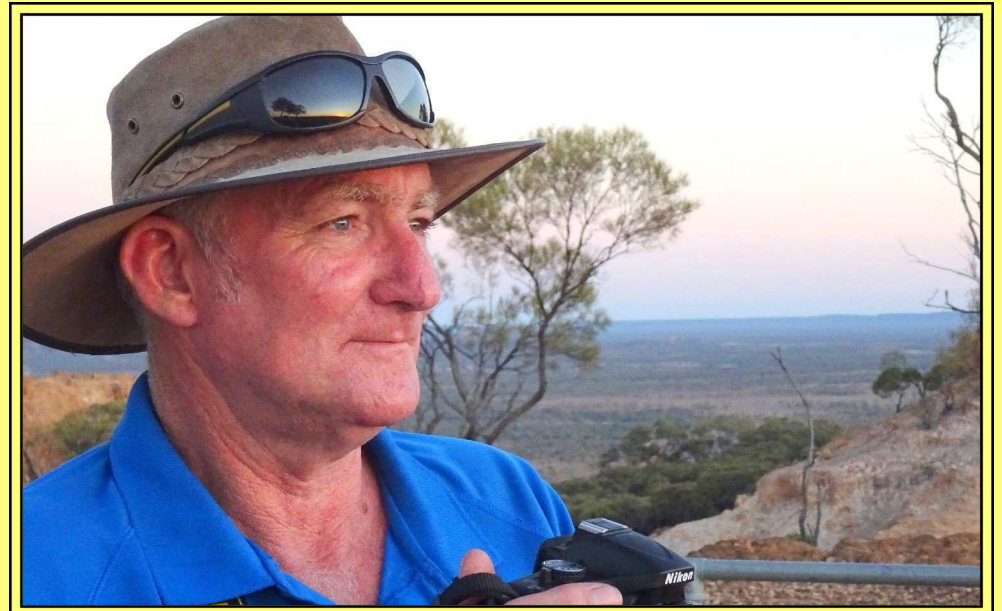
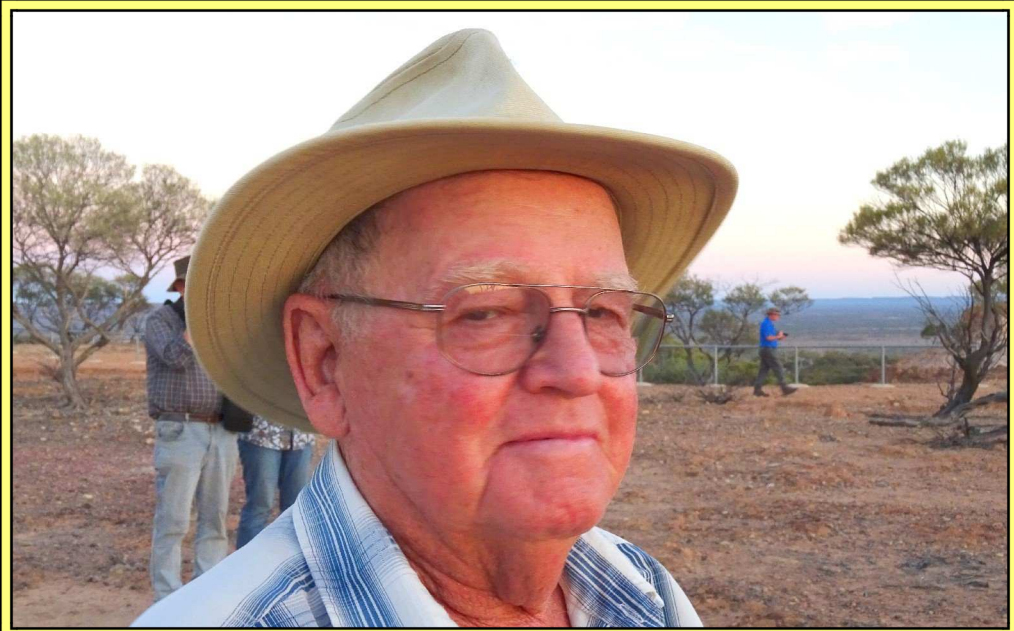
Views from Mount Slocombe as Graham and his team of entertainers presented concert number five.

The festivities began with great expectations and the concert concluded as the sun set and the beauty of Mount Slocombe and the valleys below came alive with the rays of an incredible setting sun.





A selection of photographs of members of  
our tag-along just out and about in Yaraka.



# Graham Rodger



## The Ghost of The Yaraka Line



Our host and local publican,  
Nick



Two or three years ago during a short visit to Yaraka, Graham was so impressed with this town that he was inspired to write a ballad about the town's train. This was subsequently released on the album "Dust and Leather".

To commemorate our visit Graham proudly presented Gerry, Chris and Rick, the owners of the Yaraka Pub with a framed, autographed poster depicting this ballad. It now holds pride of place on display on a wall in the Yaraka Hotel.

# Windorah

THE PARTY TOWN

**Australian Country Music  
and Comedy at its Best**

**Graham Rodger**

**Laura Downing**

**Western Star Hotel**

**Windorah**

**Friday 29 May at 7 pm.**



# Australian Country Music at its Best

Starring  
Australia's Leading Balladeer

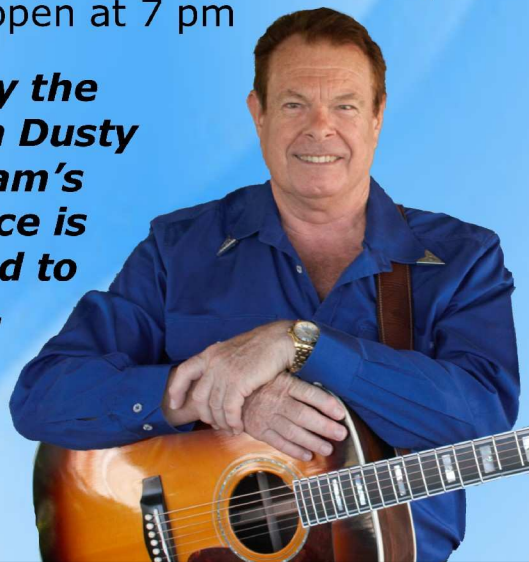
## Graham Rodger

Qantas Founders Museum  
Longreach

Monday 1 June at 7.15 pm.

Doors open at 7 pm

*If you enjoy the  
music of Slim Dusty  
then Graham's  
performance is  
guaranteed to  
please.*



Pancake breakfast at

# Longreach



Graham, Dee and Phil are some of the tag-alongers who had success catching good size Yellowbellies out at the Rio Waterhole







Concert number seven was a dinner/show held at the Qantas Founders Museum. Unfortunately this was to be Laura's last show with us, but we had the very talented and lovely Laurel Calvert standing in the wings, waiting to take her place in the entertainment team.



# Winton

The home of Watzing Matilda



**Australian  
Country Music  
at its Best**

**Starring  
Australia's Leading Balladeer  
Graham Rodger**

**Royal Open Air Theatre  
Tuesday June 2 at 7 pm**

**Tickets through StPaul's Church, the  
Matilda Centre or at the door. \$20 each.**

***Guest artists  
Susan Carcary and Melanie Hall***





Some of our tag-alongers at the Royal Open Air Theatre in Winton. A very popular venue (even though a little chilly) for concert number eight.

The picture on the right is a view from the top of a jump-up just out of town where we gathered for morning smoko.





A trip out to a local jump-up for morning tea, taking time out to enjoy the views. After a cuppa we headed for Bladensburg Homestead which has now been declared a National Park to ensure it is preserved for future generations to appreciate the life and times of Queensland's earlier pioneers. Lunch on the veranda and a quick visit to the woolshed.





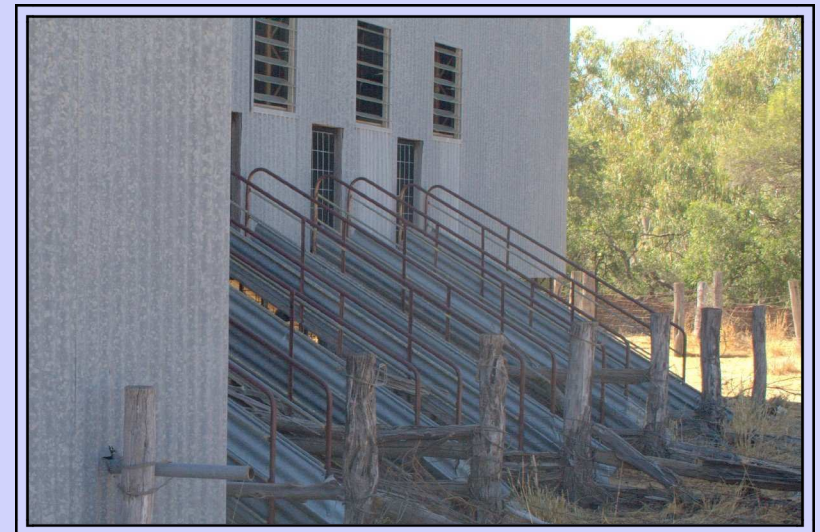
Bladensburg  
Homestead



Lunch on the  
homestead verandah



The old sheep yards  
and shearing shed of  
Bladensburg Station



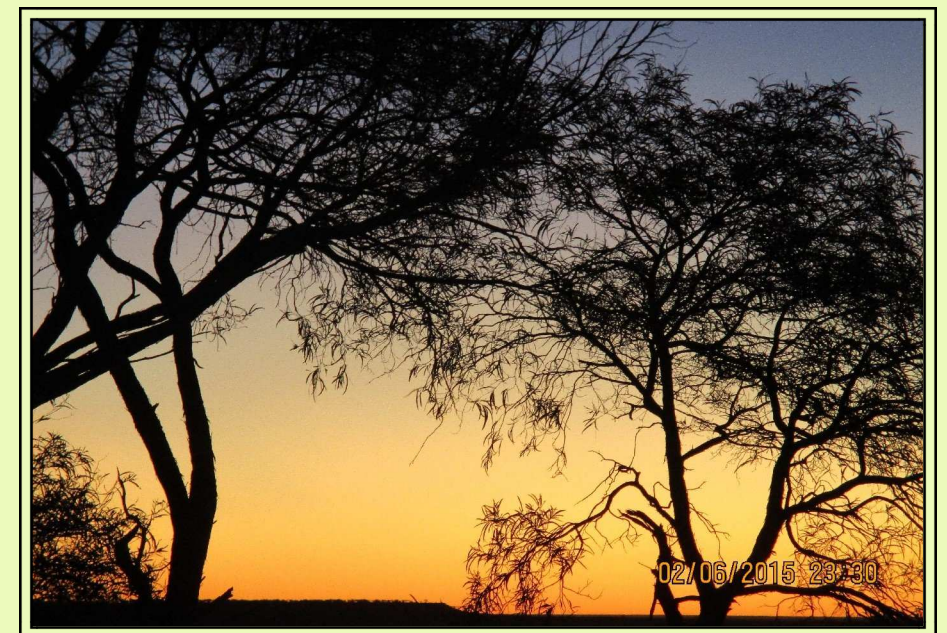


Two good mates enjoying a special moment at sunset on top of a jump-up in Queensland's west.



Photographer John Elliott, invited us to join him on a special tour out to a jump-up on a private property just out of Winton. We arrived just before sunset and for the next forty-five minutes or so the views were just breathtaking.

For many this short tour was amongst the very best of the highlights of our trip.





**Graham Rodger**  
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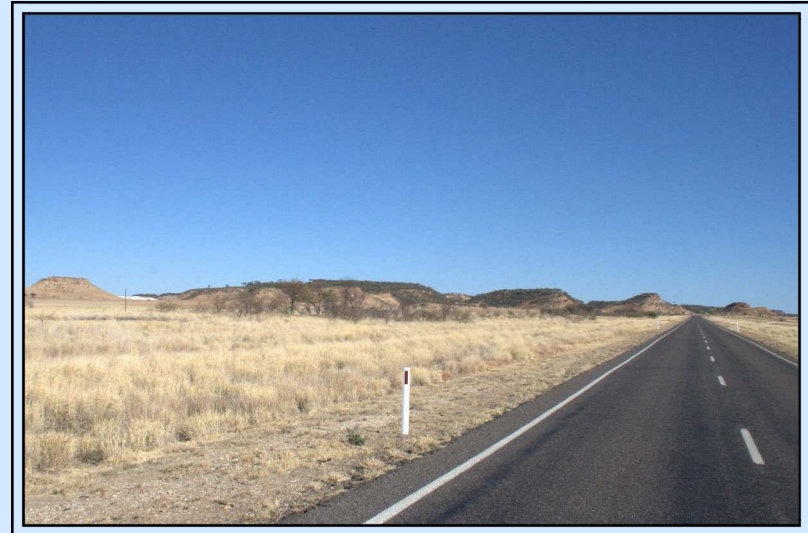
**Cloncurry Shire Hall**  
Friday June 5 at 7pm

Tickets \$20 at the door

**Guest Artist**  
**Laurel Calvert**



"On the road again" to  
*Cloncurry*






# Mount Isa

**AUSSIE COUNTRY  
MUSIC AT ITS BEST!**

Starring  
Australia's Leading Balladeer  
**Graham Rodger**  
and X Factor Sensation  
**Brothers 3**



**The Civic Centre**  
23 West Street Mount Isa Ph: 4747 3300  
Saturday 6 June at 7pm  
Tickets from Civic Centre and at the door unless previously  
sold out - \$35.00 15 yrs and under \$25.00  
Group bookings - buy 10 get one free



The mayor of Mount Isa called in back stage during rehearsals to extend a warm welcome to Graham, his fellow performers and the members of the tag-along.

# Graham Rodger

Proudly Presents

## X Factor Sensation *Brothers 3*

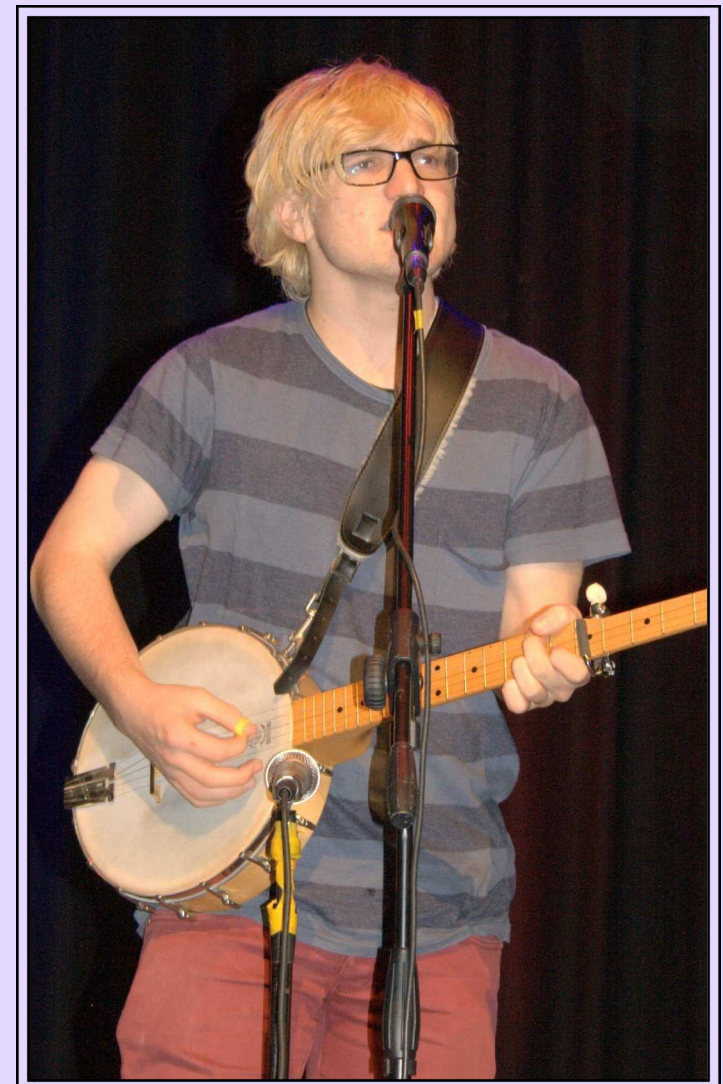


**Mount Isa Civic Centre**

**Saturday 6 June 2015 at 7pm**

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**Australian  
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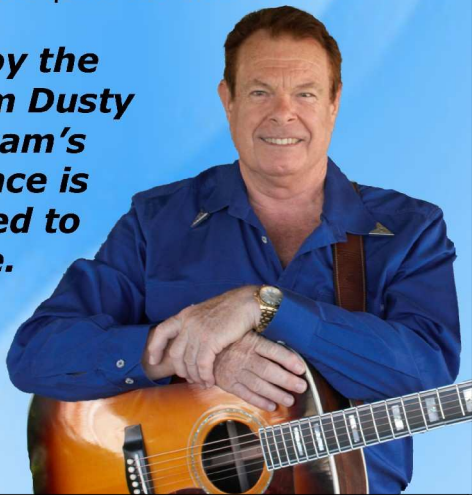
**Starring  
Australia's Leading Balladeer**

**Graham Rodger**

**Camooweal Shire Hall**

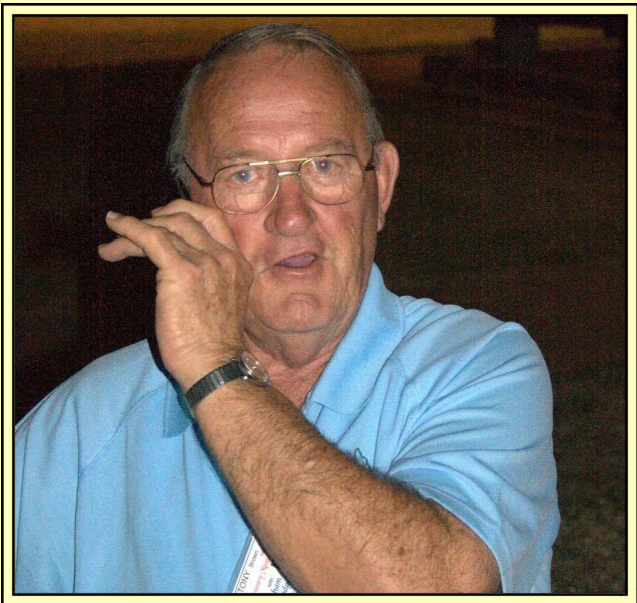
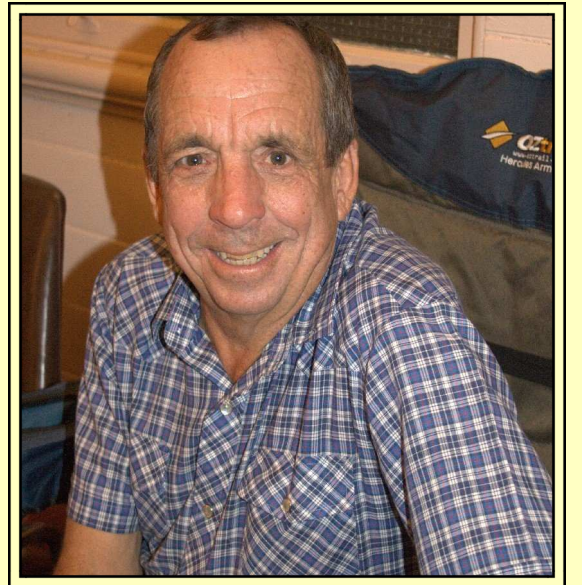
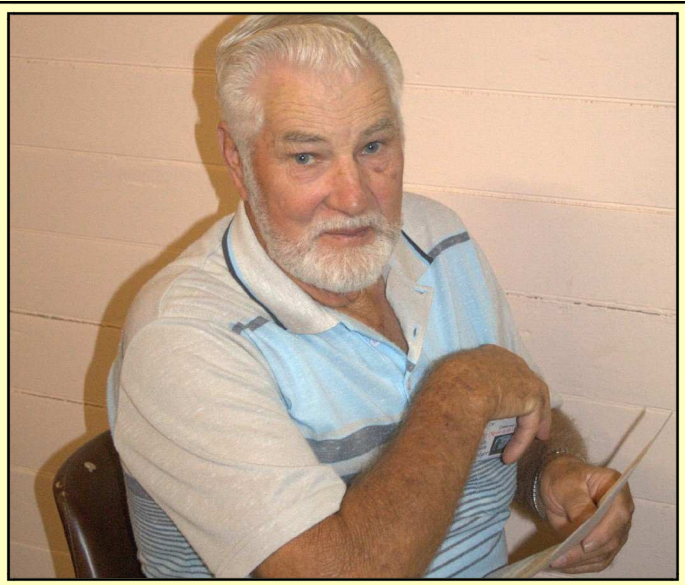
**Tuesday June 9th at 7pm  
Tickets \$20 at the door**

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*Camooweal*

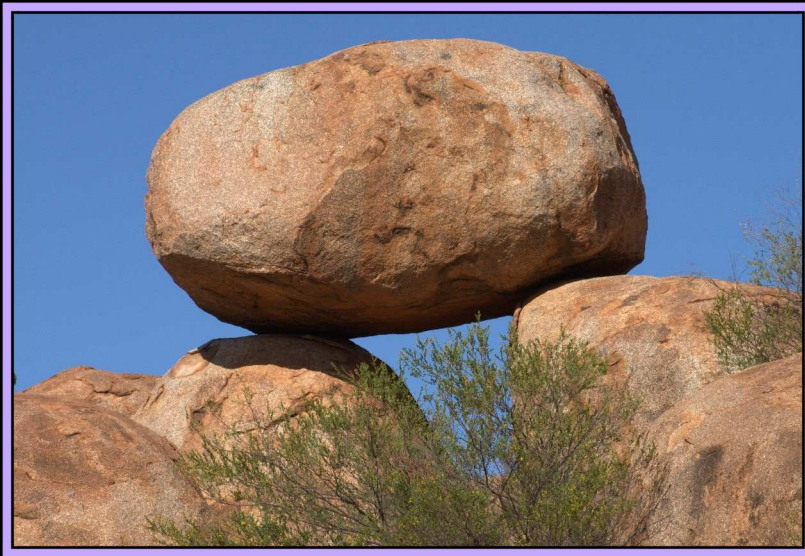




Concert in the caravan park at  
*Tennant Creek*



# *Devil's Marbles*

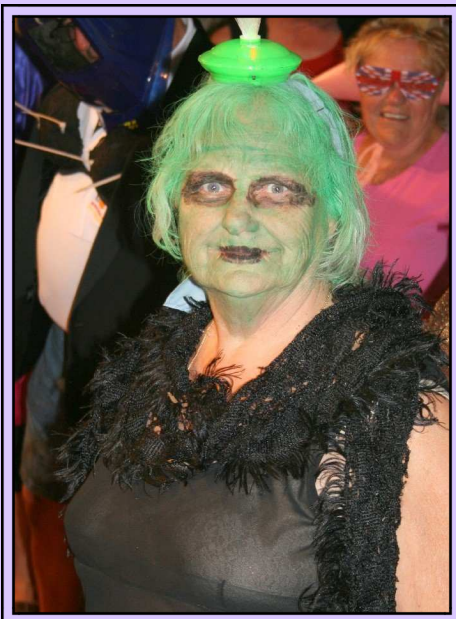


# Wycliffe Well

**Graham Rodger**  
Presents  
**Australian Country Music at its Best**

**Wycliffe Well Holiday Park**  
**Friday 12 June**  
**Saturday 13 June**  
**Show time 7.30pm**

 **Guest Artist**  
**Laurel Calvert**



# What a wonderfully special night, concert number eleven at Wycliffe Well.

The duelling of the 'The Master and his Apprentice' was one of the many special highlights of the concerts of the tour.











**Graham Rodger**  
 Australia's Leading Balladeer  
 Presents  
**Australian Country Music at its Best**  
 Gap View Hotel  
 Alice Springs  
 Sunday 14 June at 3pm  
 Tickets \$20 at the door.  
 Guest Artist  
 Laurel Calvert

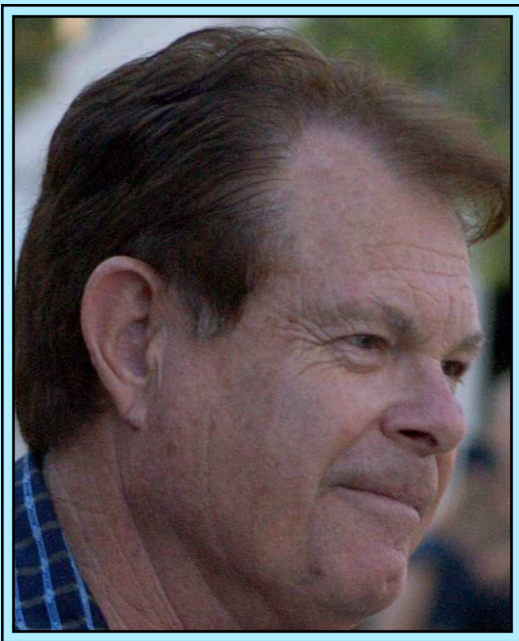


*Red  
Centre*

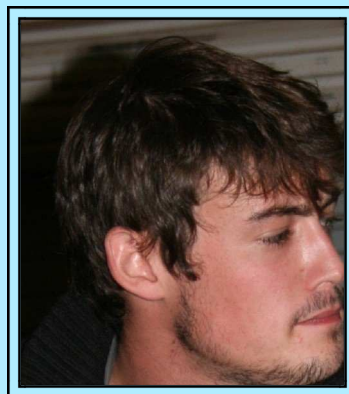


*Alice  
Springs*





During our stay at the G'Day Mate Caravan Park at Alice Springs we joined in with some locals, providing an impromptu concert as part of a fund-raiser for four year old Alex, who has a severe medical problem. Such a sad situation, she is a delightfully sweet child.



# *Western MacDonnell Ranges*









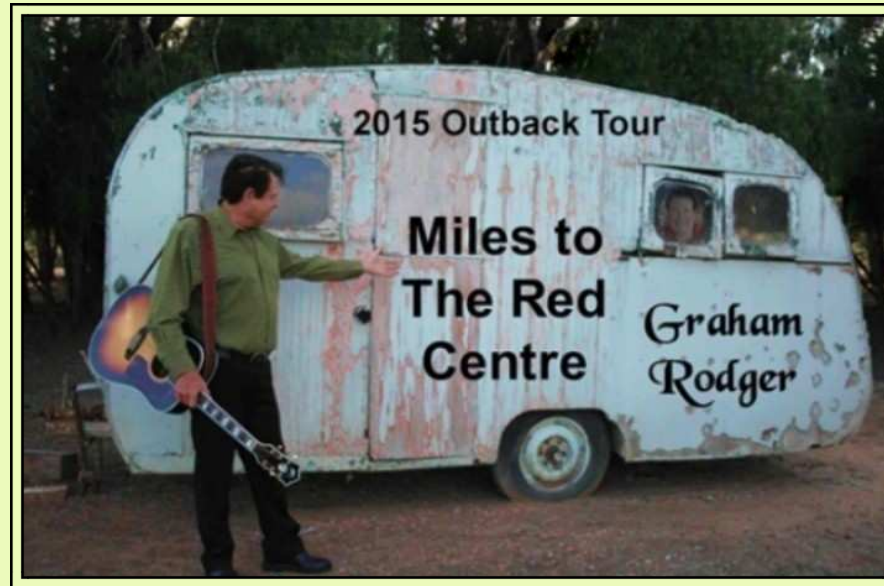
As the sun sets on the rocks our tour draws to a close. We have enjoyed our last concert and our last Happy Hour.

Tomorrow we will head off to all corners of our country, wealthier for our experiences and looking forward to tag-along number three in 2016.









*"Thank you Graham and Deirdre for introducing us to even more special parts of our great country.*

*We indeed have a big, beautiful and exciting back yard in which to play and it is a game of which we will never tire."*





