

# *2008 Galston Country Music Festival*

## **FESTIVAL CHARTER**

### **Introduction**

The Galston Country Music Festival is held annually on the second Sunday of September to raise funds for charity and community groups, and to promote Australian Country Music. It is of professional quality while retaining the community focus of Rotary International.

### **Aims & Objectives**

- To provide local charity and community groups with a venue in which to showcase their services and an opportunity to generate funds to assist in their work in the community.
- Provide wide public exposure for other local service groups.
- Provide a safe and enjoyable family oriented event.
- To generate an overall surplus for distribution to selected charities.
- Promote Fagan Park and its attractions to all the people of Sydney.
- To promote Australian Country Music to a large Sydney audience.
- To support and encourage independent emerging Country Music artists.
- To establish the Festival as the premier Sydney based Country Music Festival.

### **Mission Statement**

The Galston Country Music Festival is a community based annual event organised by the Rotary Club of Galston. The Rotary Club aims to generate a substantial surplus of funds that will be donated to selected charities and also to promote Australian Country Music particularly in the following categories:

- Gospel
- Country Swing
- Country Folk
- Bush Music
- Country Rock
- Traditional/Heritage
- Bluegrass
- Bush Poetry

### **History**

Originally organised by the Rotary Club of Galston in 1982 as a community based fair to provide an opportunity for local groups to showcase their services to the public at large.

It was realised in 1996 that quality entertainment had to be provided to attract larger crowds and to compete with the many other events held in Sydney at that time of year. Australian Bush Poetry was trialled successfully in 1996. The internationally renowned Australian entertainer Frank Ifield was the catalyst that led to Country Music being the preferred option for the main entertainment from 1997. This is the Festival's eleventh year.

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| • 1982 -1985  | Galston Community Fair         | Galston Park, Galston |
| • 1986 - 1990 | Galston Spring Fair            | Galston Park, Galston |
| • 1991 - 1996 | Galston Spring Festival        | Fagan Park, Galston   |
| • 1997 - 2007 | Galston Country Music Festival | Fagan Park, Galston   |

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