

## **Karoonda Farm Fair 2010**

Karoonda Farm Fair, the Murray Mallee's premier field day event is fast approaching.

Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> are the dates to mark on your calendar because you wouldn't want to miss it. We've packed the two days full of great entertainment, competitions, information and displays.

Those who have attended before will attest to the wonderful country community spirit and welcoming atmosphere of the Karoonda Farm Fair. The event is fully and affordably catered by a mix of local organisations and commercial caterers, with full bar facilities also available. Plenty of shelter and great facilities make for a comfortable day, no matter the weather.

The 2010 Karoonda Farm Fair will be on the Karoonda Oval on the main road, Karoonda.

Friday Admission 9am-5pm

\$12 for Adults

All children and Students Free

Friday Night Community Event 5pm-Late

Free Entry

Saturday Admission 9am-5pm

\$12 for Adults

Children under 5 Free

\$6 for students aged 5-16

\$30 for a Family Ticket.

Two day adult passes are available for \$18.

**See our website [www.farmfair.com.au](http://www.farmfair.com.au) for more information or call Ray on 0408 813 452.**

## **Country Lifestyle on Show**

Experience the Heart of the Murraylands and that great country community atmosphere at the Karoonda Farm Fair. The wool and dust will be flying as the competitors battle it out in some great competitions. The State Yard Dog Championships will enthral you as the highly trained sheep dogs go through their paces. While the State Wool Handling Championships will entertain as competitors vie to be the fastest and the cleanest. Along with the shearing contests, ram display and working dog competitions you can expect plenty of local produce and craft.

Farmers and those who love the 'big' toys will not be disappointed with the vehicles, machinery, tools, tanks, pumps, and all the other 'essentials' on display.

However, don't neglect to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to pick up information and advice to assist in running an efficient and profitable farming or rural enterprise. With multiple specialists on site you can compare advice to find what best suits you and your enterprise set up. Free access to this type of advice can be invaluable, as can be proved by Keith farmer Dean Dunsford who reports;

"I went to the Karoonda Farm Fair for the first time in 2009. I was merely a passenger as my wife Adair was helping to staff the Women in Agriculture and Business stand. I was therefore free to roam the Fair for the day and found that the format of the Fair allows for the entire Fair to be easily explored in one day. The major crop on my property is Malting Barley and I have been direct drilling it for a number of years. However, the crops have suffered with rhizoctonia root disease, affecting yields. After receiving advice from Primary Industries at the Karoonda Farm Fair I changed seeding points and noticed a marked increase in yields with much less rhizoctonia. So not only was my day at the Karoonda Farm Fair enjoyable due to the friendly atmosphere of the field day but it also proved profitable."

## **It's Not Just About Farming**

Everyone is catered for at the Karoonda Farm Fair.

You can treat yourself in our Lifestyle Pavilion and then take time to relax while our ever popular fashion parades entertain you. The parades have a beach theme this year and will bring some great past and present beach fashion. We also have all of your garden needs met with a large variety of nursery exhibitors.

There is craft, great food, and don't miss Mike Stone (runner up King Gee Jack of All Trades) with his home maintenance demonstrations and paving tips. Mike loves putting on a show and his knowledge is vast and his more than willing to sit and discuss any queries or problems you need help with.

The male in the family should take the time while at the Fair to undertake a 'Men's Health Check' and they can update their wardrobe too.

Take a trip back in time with our ever expanding Yesteryear Displays and indulge a little at 'Nanna's Kitchen'. With school bands, karate displays and belly dancing demonstrations to finish off the Fair you definitely will have a great day out.

## **Free Children's Entertainment**

Children have not been forgotten and won't want to leave as they enjoy the 'Free' entertainment we provide. There are not many places you can take your children these days where they partake in multiple activities for free during a day out. And don't forget, if you bring them on Friday they get in free as well. We have craft, face painting and entertainment in the BankSA Kids Entertainment Pavilion. There are also train rides, jumping castles, an animal nursery, a maze, an obstacle course, the Mallee Stump Trail and clowns. Don't let them miss the fantastic ventriloquist Lindi Jane, from Snap's Kakadu Club, and her 'friends' on Saturday.

## **Friday Night Community Event**

Why not go the full experience at the Karoonda Farm Fair this year and stay Friday night for our Free Community Event. The Farm Fair is teaming up with the Karoonda East Murray Council and others to provide great night for families.

After the main Fair closes at 5pm we ramp up the entertainment in the Food Court, Apex Park and Greeny's Shearing Shed. There is a Live Band, Clown, Kid's Disco, Train Rides, a Pig Race, the highly entertaining Speed Shear contests and demonstrations from Shannon Warnest, as well as the Yard Dogs Under Lights. Open from 5pm till midnight it is a great country night out.

Camping sites are available for those wanting to stay the night, just call Ray on 0408 813 452 prior to the event to book in or look on our website for further details. [www.farmfair.com.au](http://www.farmfair.com.au)

## **Racing Pigs??????**

Our sheep are having a rest this year and those adorable and amusing Racing Pigs that you may have seen at the Royal Adelaide Show are making their debut at the Karoonda Farm Fair.

They will be racing twice on Friday, once Friday evening and twice again on Saturday.

Punters will be bidding to 'buy' a pig for the duration of the race and if their pig wins, they get the prize.

It is great fun cheering them on to the finish line and people of all ages can't help but smile just because they are so cute!



Come and see the amazing  
**RACING PIGS!**