



MEDIA RELEASE

Jimmy Barnes headline act for Kimberley Moon Experience

Australian music legend Jimmy Barnes has been secured as the headline entertainer for the sixth annual, multi award winning 2008 Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience.

Against a backdrop of a magical full moon on Saturday May 17, 2008, Jimmy Barnes will delight thousands of concert goers, tourists and corporate guests who enjoy the Kimberley's night of nights.

In a major coup, Barnes' daughters Mahalia and Elly-May will also travel with their father and perform at the gala outdoor event.

President of the Kununurra Chamber of Commerce Frank Rodriguez said he was thrilled Barnes and his daughters would headline the evening's entertainment.

"Jimmy Barnes is an iconic performer in Australia who appeals to a massive cross section of the community," said Mr Rodriguez.

Barnes leads the evening's entertainment which also includes the Australian Army Band – Darwin, popular Perth party band Peace Love and All That Stuff featuring Tod Johnston, as well as a host of talented Kimberley musicians and entertainers.

Barnes said he was excited to be part of such an iconic event.

"I'm honoured to be invited to perform in Kununurra," said Barnes.

"I love the Kimberley region and its people. The girls and I are really looking forward to the night."

The Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience is the stunning finale to the two-week Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster, which runs from May 2-18, 2008 and features more than 30 events, special tours, sporting challenges and activities in and around Kununurra.

Event Coordinator Taneille Anderson said full details of the program will be available shortly.

"Everything's coming together and it looks like the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster is going to be yet another fantastic two week showcase of the Kimberley region. We just can't wait for it to kick off," said Ms Anderson.

Event Background

The Ord Valley Muster has grown to become one of the state's most iconic events and one of the region's most acclaimed entertainment spectacles attracting more than 3,500 visitors to Kununurra.

An initiative of the Kununurra Chamber of Commerce, the event was created to extend the East Kimberley's peak tourist season. The event has received numerous awards including:

- Three WA Tourism Awards for 'Significant Festivals and Events' in 2007, 2004 and 2003 (in 2008 will become a Hall of Fame inductee)
- Australia's North West regional tourism organisation's Best Attraction in 2006
- WA Regional Achievement and Community Award 2006

Barnes will join a star studded list of past performers at the Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience including Marcia Hines, Kate Ceberano, Richard Clapton, Wendy Matthews, Dave Mann Collective and Australian Idol's Jessica Maulboy.

Jimmy Barnes

Jimmy Barnes will light up the stage of the Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience performing songs from his 35 year music career which began in the 1970s and 80s from his time with Cold Chisel and continues today with his current acclaimed 14th solo album, Out In the Blue.

Early in 2007, Jimmy underwent open-heart surgery to repair a congenital heart defect. The recovery from the surgery necessitated several months of bed rest. It was during this time that Jimmy began writing for the album 'Out In the Blue'.

"Basically I had to spend time on my own and six months in bed," he said. "Suddenly a floodgate opened. I was writing two or three songs a day. I guess in the process of being close to death this whole creative urge came back."

The recording of the album was done in eight days with Nash Chambers (Kasey Chambers, Troy Cassar-Daley, Paul Kelly) producing.

Ticket Information

Tickets to the 2008 Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience are \$75 for adults, \$25 for children 3 to 15 years, \$160 for families of 2 adults and 3 children under 15 years. A strictly limited number of VIP tickets to the Kimberley Fine Diamonds Corporate Circle will be released at \$390 per person. All tickets will go on sale in mid February, full details to be advised.

Once tickets are released, ticket bookings, travel, accommodation and local tour reservations can be made through the Kununurra Visitor Centre on (08) 9168 1177.

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