



ABC Bands Together with Farmers in Parkes

As part of the ABC's ongoing commitment to help farming communities facing the drought crisis, ABC Radio is supporting the ***Band Together Farmers*** concert to raise money for rural mental health and suicide prevention.

This **Saturday, 17 November**, a number of Australian musicians are coming together to perform at the Parkes Showground to raise funds for the [Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health](#), a state-wide organisation committed to improving the mental health, wellbeing and resilience of rural and remote communities.

To coincide with the concert, **ABC Radio** will broadcast a special NSW state-wide program that morning, **live from 10am to midday**, at **Cooke Park** in Parkes.

ABC Radio Sydney presenter, Simon Marnie will be joined by the ABC Central West team, ABC New England North West's Anna Moulder and ABC Illawarra's *Drive* Presenter and music legend, Lindsay 'The Doctor' McDougall.

Local community representatives, farmers and mental health experts will all be part of the Cooke Park broadcast and special guests include: the Hoodoo Gurus, Mark Seymour from Hunters & Collectors, 1927 and Darren Middleton from Powderfinger, who are all donating their time to perform.

They'll be playing an acoustic set to give listeners a taste of what's coming up at the fundraising concert, being held at the Parkes Showground that afternoon.

ABC Head Regional & Rural Network, Andrew Fisher believes the Band Together Farmers concert is an excellent initiative to raise funds for mental health programs and resources: "The ABC plays an important role in sharing rural and regional stories, and the broadcast is a great way to let the wider Australian community know how they can help support people in drought-affected communities.

"As we demonstrated with the recent ABC and Red Cross drought appeal that raised more than \$1.2 million, we have the platforms and the people on the ground to tell the stories. We can also play an important role in raising awareness of how others can support and donate."

Join the ABC Radio team and some of Australia's music legends at Cooke Park from 10am this Saturday, 17 November, before heading to the [Band Together Farmers concert](#) at the Showground.

WHAT: ABC Radio live broadcasts

WHEN: Saturday, 17th November 10am–midday / Sunday, 18th November 10am-midday

WHERE: Look for the ABC banners in Cooke Park, Parkes. (near Welcome St)

Come on down to catch some live music, interesting conversations and a sausage sizzle, to show your support for Aussie farmers.

ABC Radio's Simon Marnie, Anna Moulder and Lindsay McDougall will be emceeing at the Band Together Farmers concert.

For more details on the [Band Together Farmers concert](#) and to book tickets, click [here](#).

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